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Upcoming Events

SWE Monthly Luncheon
November 13, 2008
Chabuca's – NASA Rd 1

December 11, 2008
TBD

Next Event
Holiday Party
December 6, 2008

TEXAS SPACE CENTER
Society of Women Engineers

Invites you to:

Our sixth Annual

HOLIDAY SOCIAL!

For the promotion of Women in Engineering
Among students, professionals, friends, and colleagues.
(And for some Holiday FUN!)

Saturday, December 6th 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the
home of Anita Gale (18506 Upper Bay Road
Nassau Bay), a.k.a. "The Party Palace"

Food, Prizes, Games, & FUN!

Come meet women engineers and get a glimpse of the future!

To RSVP and get directions, contact Kathy
Hughes (Hughes.Kathleen@att.net) by
December 1st.

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SWE Region C Conference



SWE Region C Conference

Date: February 6-8, 2009

Location: Houston Crowne Plaza Hotel

<http://www.swe.org/regionc/conferences/2009/index.htm>



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Report on the Proceedings of the Council of Representatives

By Lora Lechago

During the 2008 National Conference for Women Engineers, the Council of Representatives met for over ten hours. On Thursday, 140 of 165 COR members attended; on Saturday, 143. The necessary quorum was 83. Debate was lively; many member spoke at various times over the two-day session. The purpose of the meeting was to dispose of several changes to the by-laws, the highlights of which are as follows.

-:- The Council of Representatives will no longer be population-based and will no longer consist of representatives selected from every professional section. It will consist of representatives selected from every region, two professional and one collegiate per region. The terms of the two per region will be two years each, staggered. The COR will now be referred to as the Senate. The freedom to have alternates was preserved by a narrow margin. The quorum of the new smaller body is defined as 25 of the 34 members (up from 51% currently needed). Effective July 1, 2009 (next fiscal year).

-:- Section Representatives will still exist, population-based, from the professional sections, MALs and collegiates, and will become members of a Region Council, at the Regional Level where the Region Governor is the executive. Effective July 1, 2009.

-:- The criteria for Fellows of the Society were changed FROM continuous service and a senior member for eight years (or a member for twenty years) TO significant and long-term service (to allow breaks in service) and a senior member for ten years (or a member for twenty years). Effective January 1, 2009.

-:- Senior Grade membership criteria was changed FROM either an engineering degree and six years of progressively significant engineering experience or eleven years of progressively significant engineering experience (sans degree) TO an engineering degree and ten years of engineering experience or fifteen years of engineering experience. Effective January 1, 2009.

-:- Associate Membership criteria was changed to eliminate the need for an Affiliate Member grade, allowing anyone who supports the goals of the society to become an Associate Member. Most usefully, this allows anyone involved in the training of engineers and anyone sponsored by a section or MAL president, region governor or corporate member to hold this membership grade. Effective immediately.

**SWE Region C Conference –
Volunteers Needed!**

The 2009 SWE Region C Conference needs more volunteers!

The Region C Conference will be held in Houston at the Crowne Plaza, February 6-8, 2009. The planning has started for what promises to be an exciting event, but we still need some committee members to help us make it a reality. Joining a conference committee is a great way to get some event planning and leadership experience outside of work. You can help make this year's regional conference fun and rewarding for all involved. I look forward to working with you!

Contact: heather.l.jones@nasa.gov or
rachel.jones@swe.org for more information.



Help Needed for Holiday Social!

We are looking for small gifts or gift certificates \$10 range-bought or donated. You can bring them to the social on the 6th or get them to Kathy Hughes.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hughes:
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OTHER GREAT EVENTS

AIAA Houston Section Lunch and Learn: Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS)

Presented by

Dennis A. Stone/NASA-JSC



DATE: **Friday, November 21, 2008**
PLACE: JSC Gilruth Center Alamo Ballroom
TIME: **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Appetizers (Italian Antipasto), iced tea, & water
Compliments of AIAA Houston Section**



This event is open to aerospace professionals and students. Badges are not required. AIAA membership is not required. If you plan to attend, registration is recommended online at www.aiaa-houston.org. For additional information, please e-mail events@aiaa-houston.org or phone 281-244-3925.

Do You Have Inputs for the SWE-TSC Newsletter?

Please Email Kat Coderre at
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Lunar & Planetary Institute (LPI) Cosmic Explorations: A Speaker Series

November 13, 2008

From the Big Bang to Big Brains: The Origin of Structure in an Evolving Universe By Dr. Jeff Hester

Time: 7:30pm

FREE Admission

Location: USRA, 3600 Bay Area Blvd, Houston

www.lpi.usra.edu/education/lectures

SWE TSC Monthly Luncheon

New Location:
Chabuca's International Grill
316 NASA Rd 1
<http://www.chabucas.com/>

Come enjoy the Ribs to Redfish Buffet
with fellow SWE TSC members!

“Have your way with our home-style prepared assortment of Ribs, Crab Balls, Coconut Shrimp, Burgundy Beef Tips, Chicken Fajitas, Fried Cajun Redfish, Shrimp etouffe, 16 wonderful salads and more. A boutique buffet with a world full of flavor.”

Cost: \$8.95



Have a recommendation for a future luncheon location? Email swe_texaspacecenter@swe.org