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Quick Notes:

- ◆ Make sure to add our admin email to your safe senders' list so you don't miss out on any new/activities!
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- ◆ Get more out of your SWE membership by volunteering for one of the many opportunities to get involved!

It's a new year—Welcome to FY18 Officers!

Our FY18 leaders are hard at work to make sure this coming year is just as wonderful as FY17! Welcome (or welcome back) to our FY18 Officers!



President—Maggie Scow

Maggie Scow has been a Validation Engineer with Performance Validation for 3 years. During that time, she has had the opportunity to provide validation services for both pharmaceutical and medical device clients. Maggie has been involved in SWE SCMI for 4 years. She enjoys the STEM outreach activities, facility tours, and networking opportunities the organization provides. In her free time, she enjoys going up north for outdoor activities in all of Michigan's beautiful seasons, watching and playing sports, and home improvement projects.



Vice President—Ben Meikle

Ben currently works as a Commercial Business Unit Mgr. with Tenneco's Clean Air Division, helping vehicle manufacturers achieve regulatory compliance in emissions and pass-by noise requirements, while improving their vehicle image. He has been active with SWE since 2012, organizing many events for SCMI and attending the Region H Conference for the past 3 years. While being aware of SWE at MTU (where he graduated from in 2001), Ben initiated involvement due to an awareness of equality challenges in STEM careers, his wife's technical career, and an interest in helping his daughter (and son) grow up understanding the satisfaction and opportunities that STEM careers hold. In his spare time, Ben enjoys all four seasons of outdoor activities and motorsports, most with his family.

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Treasurer—Megan James

Megan James is currently a Senior Principle Engineer at Stryker, where she designs drills and ultrasonic handpieces for use in neurological and spine surgeries. Megan has been an active SWE member for the past 5 years, was the Outreach Committee chair for FY14-15, and treasurer for FY15-17. She organized the SWE/Air Zoo Corporate Engineering Challenge Outreach event in both 2014 and 2015, and was a major contributor in 2016. Megan enjoys being an officer because she wants to help keep our section growing. She loves SWE for helping women engineers in the area come together and for the outreach our section does to encourage young girls to consider engineering careers.



Secretary—Michelle Scott

Michelle is currently a Validation Engineer with Performance Validation, working in the medical device and pharmaceutical industry for the past three years. She graduated from the University of Akron with a BS in Biomedical Engineering in 2012. She has been a professional member of SWE for the past two years and was secretary of SWE SCMI for FY17. She has enjoyed being a part of SWE both in college and professionally for the networking opportunities both personally and professionally, and the outreach programs for STEM fields. She is excited to continue spreading the word about SWE in SW MI and build relationships with other local engineers.



Section Representative—Robyn Cornish

Robyn is currently a Senior Industrial Engineer at Pfizer Inc. As a Kalamazoo native, she attended Western Michigan University. Her career has traversed several industries: automotive, educational and pharmaceutical. She has had the opportunity to be CAD/Drafting instructor, a Validation Engineer/Site Manager and an Industrial Engineer, and each industry has given her a different perspective of an engineer's role and impact. She has enjoyed being a member of the South Central Michigan section for the past 2 years. The SWE Airzoo Corporate Engineering Challenge was a rewarding experience and she has enjoyed participating in it for the past 4 years. It is a phenomenal opportunity to reach out the youth of the area and allow them to see options for women in the field of engineering. She looks forward to the opportunity of this

position, Section Representative, to help grow the chapter both in fellowship and networking of the members along with the education of the youth in the area.

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Alternate Section Representative—Leslie Romanowski

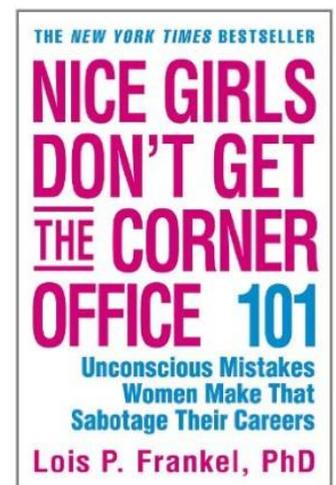
Leslie has been a member of SWE since 2002, as a student at MSU. She has since been a part of SWE New Jersey where she has held several positions including President, Region Conference Chair and Section Rep before being a member of the Senate at the National level. She just recently transferred back to Kalamazoo with Stryker with her family, husband Jordan and their 3 small children, Luke, Cody, and brand-new baby, Grace Ann. She's looking forward to getting involved in the Kalamazoo section!

**Thank you to our FY18 officers for your hard work on behalf of our chapter!
We look forward to another wonderful year!**

July Book Club

Article by: Cheryl Fritz

A small group of us met in July to discuss the book for our book club, which was "Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office: 101 Unconscious Mistakes Women Make That Sabotage Their Careers" by Lois P. Frankel. The weather was beautiful, and we sipped on delicious coffee drinks on the patio at Black Owl Café in Kalamazoo as we engaged in conversation about the similarities of our experiences in the workplace to the scenarios that Dr. Frankel described in her book. It was a very interesting read, and we highly recommend it!



FY18 Planning Event

Article by: Maggie Scow

In August, we kicked off the 2017/2018 year with our annual Planning Party. This year it was at Main Street Pub on West Main in Kalamazoo. We put a little philanthropic twist on the planning party this year and, in exchange for a free drink ticket, everyone brought school supplies to donate to Kalamazoo Public Schools. We collected quite a haul!! The district office was a little taken aback when I showed up with a TRUNK FULL of school supplies, book bags, and gym shoes to donate. Hopefully, we were able to make a few kids' first days of school a little more exciting this year.

Jennifer Williamson, from Discover Kalamazoo (269!), started the meeting with a presentation of interesting things to do and see in the Kalamazoo area. She did a great job putting together a list of local family-friendly activities for the entire year. If you haven't checked out Discover Kalamazoo, I definitely recommend it!



They are a great resource if you or your family is looking for something new and interesting. Maybe a "staycation" is coming up?? They also specialize in helping organizations host larger meetings or conventions. They can help set up activities, discounts, and accommodations if you have a need.



After Jennifer's presentation, we got down to work and put together a schedule of activities for the year. There was a lot of brainstorming, conversation, and productivity. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend! SWE is here for YOU! The more engaged and active you are, the better a section we can be!

Resume Review Night at WMU

Article by: Michelle Scott

On September 14th, seven members attended the Resume Review Night to help prepare members of WMU's SWE section for the upcoming Engineering Career Fair. We gave a quick presentation on helpful tips on how to prepare and dress for the job expo. Our members were



able to review resumes from approximately 25 students throughout the evening that were looking for either an internship or full time jobs. It was a great opportunity for networking for both groups!



SWE Event at Binder Park Zoo Boo

Article by: Michelle Scott

On October 21st, four members and their families attended the 30th annual Zoo Boo at Binder Park Zoo. The zoo was decked out Halloween decorations and had a trick or treat trail with several fun games and treats. They even had a life size Monopoly board with "properties" at each of the animal exhibits! The group enjoyed seeing the park on a hayride. It was a beautiful fall day and great to see everyone out in their costumes for Halloween.



Letter from the President

This year is a year of CHANGE for the Society of Women Engineers. From the top down, the organization is restructuring for better efficiency, communication, and globalization. We no longer will have "Regions" defined by geographical areas. We are a global society with sections all over the world! In place of Regional meetings, we now have WE Local events. The first of these is in March. IN MILWAUKEE!! Because it's relatively nearby, I would love for a group of us to be able to attend! If you haven't been to a Society- or Region-level event, you're missing out!



Michelle Scott and I had the opportunity to meet with the leaders of other Region H sections this fall in Peoria, IL. It was incredibly inspiring to be in a room full of so many successful, driven, *fun* women! While we discussed upcoming Society changes and the opportunities (and challenges) those presented, I was reminded what a powerful network SWE can be. With the global reach of the organization, the friends and connections you make as a member can not only help you be successful in current roles, but also support you during career or life transitions, promotions, or give you the opportunity for new moves.



After meeting the women of Region H leadership, I was able to see them again at WE17 in the Annual Conference, in Austin, TX. Again, I was again blown away by the success, power, and support SWE can provide. We sold out the Austin Convention Center with almost 15,000 attendees!!!! The sessions were geared toward all ages, from collegiate and new grads, to new moms, to those starting to look at

retirement. They were technical. They were focused on leadership. They talked about being able to communicate your value to current and future employers. And setting BIG GOALS!

That's my homework coming home from the conference: Where am I headed? Am I doing enough? Am I thinking big enough? Where do I want to be in 5 years? 10? 20?

Where will the South Central Michigan SWE section be? How can I impact that? What can (or should) we do more of? Less of? Better? How can I inspire more women and men as diversity partners to get involved?

– Maggie



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FY18 OFFICERS

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Ben Meikle, Vice President

Megan James, Treasurer

Michelle Scott, Secretary

Robyn Cornish, Section Rep

Leslie Romanowski, Alternate Section Rep

If you would like to contact any of the FY18 officers, please reach out to scmi.swe@gmail.com!

FY18 Planning Calendar

Mark your calendars with the tentative schedule for FY18—there are a lot of fun events lined up!

November - Pottery Night on 11/16/17, Kalamazoo

December - Food bank on 12/6/17, Battle Creek
Holiday party, Kalamazoo
Expo Food Pantry, Kalamazoo

January - Book Club on 1/11/18, Kalamazoo
Hockey game on 1/26/18, Kalamazoo

February - AirZoo Corporate Engineering Challenge, Kalamazoo

March - Youth Symposium - Kalamazoo
Webinar - TBD

April - Miller Auditorium Tour and Lion King, Kalamazoo
Facility Tour (Denso Bid assembly line), Battle Creek

May - Women's Panel, Kalamazoo

June - Zingerman's Deli, Ann Arbor



The AirZoo Corporate Engineering Challenge is approaching quickly and is in need of volunteers! If you are interested in helping out with this amazing event, contact scmi.swe@gmail.com!