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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!

### Welcome FY17 Officers!



**President: Maggie Scow**

**Current company:** Performance Validation

**Current role:** Senior Validation Engineer

**Why do you love SWE?** I enjoy getting to know the members at each of the events. It's been extremely valuable to surround myself with smart, talented women at all different leadership levels and in all different industries. Everyone has a unique perspective but can find common struggles and frustrations as a female engineer; finding a work/life balance without apologizing for it, getting comfortable speaking up when you're the only female in the room, and asking for opportunities in a professional way. It's an incredibly powerful network to be a part of.

**What is your favorite SWE event?** I love the outreach events. I've participated in all of the annual AirZoo events and love the opportunity to expose young people to engineering and STEM activities. Math and science were always my favorite subjects, but I didn't really know what an engineer does until I started working. I like being able to show girls what opportunities are available and get them engaged!

**What are you most excited about for SWE in FY17?** I'm really excited to tackle the challenge of leading such a great group of women! It's a little intimidating, but I know what great resources we have in the group and look forward to finding even more talented ladies. SWE offers a cool opportunity to have a leadership position within the organization, even if you haven't reached that level in your career yet. I'm looking forward to attending as many events as I can, organizing some great activities, and getting to know each and every one of you better.

## **FY17 Officers, cont.**

### **Vice President: Jessika Yankovic**

**Current company:** Eaton

**Current role:** Vehicle Systems Integration Engineer

**Why do you love SWE?** I love inspiring the next generation of engineers!

**What is your favorite SWE event?** The Air Zoo event. So much work and passion goes into making that event a success, and anyone who has attended has seen how much the girls love it and learn from it.

**What are you most excited about for SWE in FY17?** I am excited to get to know the new members in SWE SCMI, and to outdo last year's accomplishments!



### **Treasurer: Megan James**

**Current company:** Stryker

**Current role:** Senior Principle Engineering. Right now, I'm the lead design engineer for a new handpiece for our Neuro, Spine and ENT group.

**Why do you love SWE?** I love meeting all the different people we have in our female engineer community. I also really enjoy the outreach events, both the working with other SWE members and passing along the passion for engineer to younger generations.

**What is your favorite SWE event?** Last year my two favorite event were the Murder Mystery at Henderson castle and the Women's panel. The Murder Mystery was a great social time with our group and fun to meet some of the significant other. I left the Women's panel feeling energized and less alone in the world of being a mom working in a male dominated field.

**What are you most excited about for SWE in FY17?** I've found that every year our SWE section heads in a slightly different direction and changes up the events and people a bit. I'm excited to see where this year will take us and to meet some new people.



## FY17 Officers, cont.

### Section Representative: Tonya Killick

**Current company:** Perrigo

**Current role:** Continuous Improvement Engineer Group Leader

**Why do you love SWE?** SWE is a great way to connect with individuals that have similar educational backgrounds with many different paths allowing us to come together to grow and share.

**What is your favorite SWE event?** Outreach events that promote STEM

**What are you most excited about for SWE in FY17?** I am excited about engaging with the WMU SWE Chapter.



### Alternate Section Representative: Leslie Rowmanowski

**Current company:** Stryker

**Current role:** Manager, Advanced Operations

**Why do you love SWE?** I love SWE because it gives me the opportunity to give back. Educating young girls about the possibilities and opportunities that technical careers has to offer is exciting. It opens up their eyes to areas of exploration that they may not have known before.

**What is your favorite SWE event?** I love the National Conference. It's so empowering to get that many women together in one place, at one time to celebrate women in engineering. I always walk away from conference feeling invigorated and passionate, having spent some time with fellow engineering friends, attending great talks and hearing from fascinating women who have set the bar in their respective industries.

**What are you most excited about for SWE in FY17?** I've just re-located with Stryker and am looking forward to getting involved in the local SWE chapter and meeting the extraordinary women running the group!

## FY17 Officers, cont.



**Secretary: Michelle Scott**

**Current company:** Performance Validation

**Current role:** Validation Engineer

**Why do you love SWE?** I've enjoyed being a part of SWE for the networking opportunities both personally and professionally, and the outreach programs for STEM fields.

**What is your favorite SWE event?** The Corporate Engineering Challenge at the AirZoo

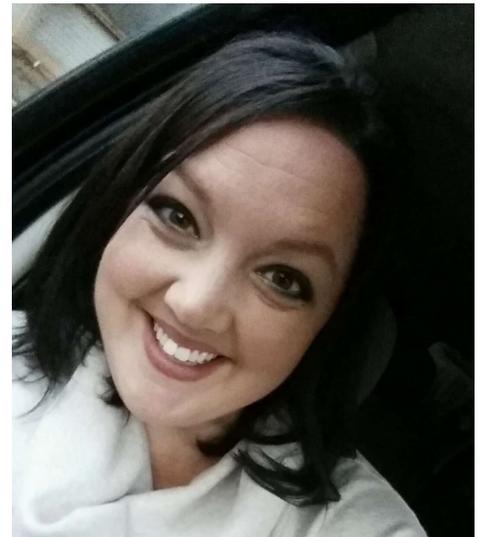
**What are you most excited about for SWE in FY17?** I'm excited for all of the great events that we are starting to plan for the year and getting the chance to know everyone.

## Letter from the President

Welcome to the 2016/2017 SWE year!

I'm excited to get started and get to know each of you better this year! My favorite part of every SWE activity is getting to see new and familiar faces at each event. YOU make our section fun, successful, and interesting!

The board met earlier this month and put together the schedule of events for this year as listed above. A group of us met for our first social on September 28 and signed up to sponsor and help organize some of the events. We're still looking for some volunteers to help organize each event. If you're interested in getting involved in an informal way or have a great idea for us this year, please feel to reach out or sign up and help us be successful!



I'm looking forward to a great year!



## FY17 Planning Meeting

SWE SCMI met at Brewsters in Kalamazoo on September 28th to kick off the new year! It was a great networking and socializing event where we discussed the fantastic opportunities for professional development, community service and outreach in the coming year. It was so wonderful to reconnect with our SWE family again after the summer, and we are all looking forward to some amazing opportunities this coming year!



## Tentative FY17 Calendar

### October

- Fall Social with WMU SWE section (October 23)
- National Conference (October 27-29, Philadelphia)
- Webinar

### November

- Outreach at the Food Bank
- Women's Panel

### December

- Facility Tour
- Social

### January

- Book Club

### February

- Air Zoo Corporate Engineering Challenge
- Engineer Week
- Social

### March

- Youth Symposium
- Regional Conference
- Spring Fling Social

### April

- Speaker w/ WMU chapter: How to Dress for Work
- Social

### May

- Facility Tour
- Book Club

### June

- Winery Tour



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\*\*Please note that all of these events (with the exception of those that have dates already specified) do not yet have dates and are subject to change. Keep an eye out for emails and calendar invites for final event dates, times and details!

## SWE New Faces Award Nominations

Want to recognize yourself or another amazing female engineer for their outstanding talents, skills and abilities? The **New Faces of Engineering Award** gives national recognition for the exceptional work that the next generation of engineering leaders has done to significantly impact public welfare or professional development.



Nominees must be 30 years or younger, and must be a SWE member. If you are interested in nominating someone, please go to this link: <http://www.discovere.org/our-programs/awards-and-recognition/nominate-someone>

Please consider nominating someone! This is a fantastic way to raise up your fellow female engineers!



## Call for Air Zoo Committee Members!

Have you been looking for a way to get more involved in your SWE Section and your community? The Air Zoo Corporate Engineering Challenge is SWE SCMI's biggest outreach event of the year, and is a fantastic opportunity to show off engineering to young girls!

The event occurs in February, and the planning has already begun! If you love this event and want to be a part of planning it, please consider joining

the Air Zoo Planning Committee! There are several open roles that all play a very important part in the planning of the event.

If you are interested, please sign up at the following SignUp Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aadaf2ea0fe3-2017>

## Call for Event Sponsors!

Event sponsors are a vital part of our SWE SCMI organization, as they organize each of the exciting events that we have going on throughout the year! From smaller commitments (such as sponsoring a book club) to larger commitments (such as organizing the Women's Panel), being an event sponsor is a great way to build your leadership and networking skills while having a blast and helping other women to grow professionally and personally.

Please see the tentative calendar on page 4 of this newsletter for a list of upcoming events in FY17! If you are interested in being an event sponsor, please sign up at the SignUp Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4eacaf23a7fd0-events>

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## FY17 OFFICERS

***Maggie Scow, President***

***Jessika Yankovic, Vice President***

***Megan James, Treasurer***

***Michelle Scott, Secretary***

***Tonya Killick, Section Rep***

***Leslie Romanowski, Alternate Section Rep***

If you would like to contact any of the FY17 officers, please reach out to [scmi.swe@gmail.com](mailto:scmi.swe@gmail.com)!



## Mark Your Calendars for the WE16 National Conference!



WE16, the world's largest conference and career fair for women in engineering and technology, is being held in Philadelphia on October 27-29th! This conference is a fantastic opportunity to connect with other female engineers, learn and grow in your professional development, and realize new prospects in your career. From inspiring key note speakers, to stimulating lectures and panels about issues facing women and engineering today, to an engaging and exciting career fair, WE16 gives women engineers the chance join with 9,000 other women from around the world and in all stages of their engineering careers.

Please consider attending the conference! More information about the conference can be found at the WE16 website:

<http://we16.swe.org/about-we16/>



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