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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings SWE Philadelphia!

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of our SWE year. Another outstanding SWE year is under our belt with many accomplishments added to our sections history. We increased our Outreach footprint by awarding 9 scholarships made possible by our generous sponsors, Merck and Company, Dow and Quaker Chemical, and reached over 140 young ladies through three SWE-sponsored Professional Development Grants (PDG). Two of the grants sponsored activities geared towards STEM awareness for over 115 Girl Scouts and our upcoming activity will assist our Certificate of Merit recipients with the transition to college. The event will be held on Saturday, July 25th and we're looking for our SWE members to volunteer with sharing information about their careers and assisting with team building activities. If you are interested, please contact tanodide@gmail.com.

We had an outstanding year of Professional Development events. Our 'Lean In' event held in partnership with the Association of Women in the Metal Industries (AWMI) was a tremendous success and met our goal of partnering with another diverse organization in the Philadelphia area. AWMI is interested in continuing this partnership next year so stay tuned for another exciting event in the fall.

We baselined a new funding opportunity to support our section and outreach activities through Amazon Smile and we're looking to grow this next year. If you haven't had a chance, click on the link (<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2604522>) to sign up and help support SWE Philadelphia!

The section continued the tradition of outstanding communications in the Philadelphia section and received the Outstanding Communications Award at the Celebrate SWE banquet at WE14 and received the Outstanding Communications Award for Region E at our Region E conference in February. And, to top it off, our Communications VP added a SWEet addition to her family this winter adding to our working mother/work-life balance success!

And last but not least, we closed our WE15 history books by adding another member to our Hall of Fame, Heather Bernardin.

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I would like to take a moment to thank all of the ladies that made this year possible. The commitment and dedication given by our Executive Board, Committee Chairs and Volunteers is remarkable and I would encourage any one in the Philadelphia Section who is debating about getting involved to step up to the plate for FY16. An exciting event that is on the horizon is the WE16 Conference which will be held in Philadelphia in the fall of 2016.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our newly elected Executive Board which will become effective on July 1, 2015. I am confident our board will continue to build on the success of our Philadelphia section and bring a full lineup of engaging activities for next year.

- President: Amanda Weissman
- Senior Vice President – Professional Development: Elisha Rios
- Vice President – Communications: Julie Williams
- Vice President – Outreach: Tori Morgan
- Secretary: Maria Legato
- Treasurer: Sharon Vuong
- Section Representatives: Mary Beth Biddle, Erin Kiselica and Cassandra Zook

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to SWE and for contributing to another outstanding year.

All the best,

Tessa

SOCIETY NEWS

FY16 Leader Election Results

We are pleased to announce the results of the election for our FY16 Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Senate Leadership, Senators and Region Governors. We would like to thank the Nominating Committee and Chair, Alyse Stofer, as well as Teller Liz Mancuso, for their hard work and dedication in developing and submitting an outstanding slate of candidates and overseeing the election process.

Please refer to the [Tellers report](#) for election results, which serves as official documentation.

Please join us in wishing all of these SWE leaders much success in their new and continuing roles.

Elizabeth Bierman
FY15 President

Become an Outreach Leader-Parent Educator Learning Modules

Becoming an engineer takes plenty of time and hard work-of course, having a helping hand from those who came before you never hurts either. That's why SWE, along with the generous support of Bechtel, has developed [three learning modules](#) to help SWE members deliver a high-impact outreach program for all our adult advocates.

The [Parent Educator Program](#) (PEP) teaches you how to introduce girls to engineering by providing parents and educators a concise overview of the resources, current research, terminology and key concepts in outreach. These [online tools](#) cover insightful facts about women studying engineering and offer advice from field experts and experiences that empower adults to guide girls toward a STEM career.

[Learn about the PEP program](#) and all our other great outreach resources, available at the [SWE Advance Learning Center](#).

SECTION NEWS

Congratulations to the FY16 Elected Officers!

There were a great number of nominations this year from highly qualified candidates to fill the SWE Philadelphia FY16 Elected Officer positions. Thank you to all who nominated themselves and others!

Below is the SWE Philadelphia FY16 Elected Officers slate. We look forward to another fruitful year for SWE Philadelphia under the leadership of these ladies!

Officer Position	Elected Officer
President	Amanda Weissman
Senior Vice President – Professional Development	Elisha Rios
Vice President – Communications	Julie Williams
Vice President – Outreach	Tori Morgan
Secretary	Maria Legato
Treasurer	Sharon Vuong
Section Representative	Mary Beth Biddle
Section Representative	Erin Kiselica
Section Representative	Cassandra Zook

Philadelphia SWE Officer Spotlight

Check out the answers to these interview questions below to see what they have in store for our section this upcoming year and get to know them a bit better!



Amanda Weissman, SWE PHL President FY16

1) *What company do you work for?*

Lockheed Martin.

2) *Describe briefly what you do.*

I am a manufacturing engineer. I design and develop automated test equipment for radar testing.

3) *What is the most important lesson you have learned throughout your career?*

If you aren't making any mistakes, you aren't challenging yourself enough.

4) What do you think is the biggest benefit of being a SWE member?

Opportunities to gain leadership skills and the amazing women who are an excellent support network for each other

5) What do you look forward to most about being the FY16 SWE PHL President?

Growing relationships with local companies and working with the talented women on the FY16 board.

Seeking Corporate Contacts

If you know someone in your company who is in charge of or interested in making donations to a philanthropic organization, please let the Society of Women Engineers Philadelphia Section know so that we may get in touch!

The Society of Women Engineers is a national nonprofit educational and service organization that aims to 1) engage female students of all ages in math, science, and technology and 2) to support the development of female engineering professionals in today's workforce. To that end, the Philadelphia section solicits donations and allocates the funds to scholarships and programs geared towards professional development and outreach.

Do you shop on Amazon? You could be missing an opportunity to help SWE!

Amazon has a feature called Amazon smile. All you have to do is use a specified link when signing in to Amazon to shop like always and Amazon donates money to the organization you specify. If you shop on Amazon but use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2604522> to log in 0.5% of the price of your purchase will be donated to Philly SWE! It only takes one click and then Philly SWE gets extra money to host events for you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date! SWE Technical Tour & Beer Tasting at Conshohocken Brewing Company

Date: June 28, 2015 (Sunday)

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Conshohocken Brewery, 739 East Elm St (Suite B) Conshohocken, PA 19428

Cost: \$15 per person (includes private brewery tour + 5 beer tasting + 1 keepsake pint glass)

Details: Join Philadelphia SWE for a private tasting and technical tour of the Conshohocken Brewery with brewery owner, Ken Buonocore. This event is open to all SWE members and family/friends (ages 21+). Due to the size of the brewery, this event will be limited to 40 attendees.

Transition to College with Confidence - TC2 - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with a new outreach activity designed for 70 participants within our Certificate of Merit program across the Philadelphia area. The event will be held on Saturday, June 20th at Drexel University and is funded via a Program Development Grant from SWE. We are looking for volunteers to lead several presentations to talk about their career path (STEM related), conduct team building activities and help with the overall organization and coordination of the event. If you have an idea for a team building activity, are interested in leading a presentation or would like to help for an hour or all day, we are looking for you!! Please contact Tessa at tanodide@gmail.com.

PREVIOUS EVENTS



SWE Annual Mother/Daughter Tea

On May 30th four SWE Philadelphia Members and two guests enjoyed the Annual SWE Mother/Daughter Tea event, held at Special Teas Tea Room in Chadds Ford. Participants enjoyed tea, tea sandwiches, pastries and each other's company!

Surveys for Past Events

Check out [SWE Philadelphia's "Get Involved" webpage](http://philadelphia.swe.org/get-involved.html) for Post-Event Surveys, where you can provide feedback (both positive and constructive) for the event(s) that you attended. The SWE Philadelphia board continuously reviews your input from these surveys to incorporate in future events!

<http://philadelphia.swe.org/get-involved.html>

MEMBER NEWS

Do you have exciting news to share? It could be anything from graduations to birthdays, engagements to professional accomplishments. Email the [SWE Newsletter Editor](#) with your exciting news!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
June 20 th	TC2
June 28 th	SWE Technical Tour & Beer Tasting at Conshohocken Brewing Company



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Women Engineers

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Mission: Stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, demonstrate the value of diversity.

The Philadelphia Section was one of the original chartering sections of SWE, chartered on May 27, 1950.