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Forms available outside W20-447

A farewell from the Presidents...

Well, we're heading into our last general meeting of the term. It's sort of a special one for Tassanee and I because it's the last general meeting we'll be holding as Presidents of MIT SWE. We'd like to thank you all for your interest and enthusiasm throughout!

Maybe it'd be appropriate at this time to summarize some of the highlights of our term of office. As always, the Career Fair was the big event for us and we'd like to thank everyone who was involved. Other events included the Networking Lunch with Boston SWE in the spring, and the Financial Workshop in the fall; they were both quite successful and we hope those activities are continued in coming years. Our membership increased by about 50 members over last year. We came away with the Region F Best Student Section award at the National Convention in Houston this summer. Our webpage was revamped into a well-organized form. Our scholarship program continues to award SWE members for their achievements. Our contributions to the Women's Lunch Place through our altruistic activities continue to support less fortunate women in the Boston area. We participated in community service events like the Walk for Hunger and the Science Expo. The achievement that is certainly least visible to our members was the general cleanup of the office; we purchased a new computer and reorganized the office several times, and we're able to make much more efficient use of it. In particular, the membership database is organized as never before and we expect this to save a great deal of time and trouble in the future.

We'd like to thank our officers for all their hard work this year. The successful events listed in the above paragraph is a result of their hard work and dedication; it's because of them that SWE continues to grow. We'd also like to thank you for being involved; we certainly feel that SWE has a lot to offer, but it only does because of your continuing participation and support.

We'd like to encourage you to run for office this spring. Please don't hesitate to call, email, or talk to us or any of the officers about it. Being an officer for SWE is definitely an exciting and worthwhile experience, and we hope you'll run.

Anyway, thanks again.

Yuka & Tassanee
MIT SWE Co-Presidents, 1998

Don't forget to vote!

December 2-4, Student Center

Committees You Can Run For...

Submit letters of intent by Jan. 1

Altruistic Chair(s)

The Altruistic Chairs are responsible for organizing activities that SWE members and others can participate in for the benefit of the community. Often this involves candygram sales, clothing drives, and whatever other creative things the altruistic chairs want to do! The Altruistic Chairs work to funnel the energies and talents of SWE members and others into community service.

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Communications Chair(s)

This office conveys information to SWE and the general public via the monthly newsletter and homepage. Useful skills include HTML and desktop publishing packages.

Financial Chair(s)

The Financial Chairs are responsible for periodically sending letters to companies requesting donations for MITSWE events. This typically involves sending out one general letter per year and collecting responses.

Outreach Chair(s)

The Outreach Chairs organize community service activities for SWE members. It involves coordinating a few volunteering opportunities per term, usually through already existing organizations, and then encouraging SWE members to participate in the activities. The time commitment is not too terrible, and the experience is quite rewarding.

Professional Chair(s)

The Professional Chairs help build bridges between classroom learning and the real world. We organize company tours, such as Genzyme Corporation, and MIT laboratory tours. We also maintain SWE's company database. There are lots of possibilities for new activities as well, such as workshops on resume writing, summer internships, and career decisions. It's one of the best opportunities to network with companies, and one of the best ways to get involved in SWE.

Scholarship Chair(s)

The Scholarship Chair organizes the MITSWE scholarship in the fall (getting the application forms ready, asking professors to be judges, etc). Also, she has to publicize and make available scholarships from national SWE, AMD, etc., and in addition, organizes the SWE Bible Library.

Social Chair(s)

The Social Chair provides an outlet of relaxation for the MITSWE community. She is in charge of planning non-academic events, similar to study breaks, regularly to allow for stress release, socializing, and of course to take part in delicious food.

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Address correction requested

Apply for a Scholarship!

Hi everyone! MITSWE offers an annual scholarship which is awarded at the first general meeting of the spring semester in February.

The prizes are as follows: 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$200

In order to apply for the scholarship you must submit:

1. Application Form: Complete "MITSWE Scholarship Application," available outside of the SWE Office (W20-447).
2. Transcript: Official copy showing grades for the entire enrollment, plus a copy of the most recent "unofficial transcript" (grade report) with GPA.
3. Essay: No more than 500 words, addressing feeling/opinions on both:
 - a. Describe why you chose a technical field of study and/or why you feel that the particular field you chose is important.
 - b. In your opinion, how can you contribute to engineering or women in engineering?
4. Reference Letters: Two required, chosen from the following three sources: faculty advisor; an engineering professor who taught you; or a present or former employer who is not a relative.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship you must:

1. Be a non-executive SWE member of the MIT Student Chapter.
2. Be in a position to accept the scholarship toward studies leading to a Bachelor's degree in the school year of the award presentation.
3. Have an overall GPA of 4.0/5.0 or better. Students on first year pass/no record must pass at least 36 units in the fall semester.
4. Submit official and complete application for scholarship on, or before, **December 4, 1998**.

Recipients will be notified by February 3, 1999.