



# MIT SWE

## newsletter

MIT Society of Women Engineers

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*Forms available outside W20-447*

## Message from the Presidents

Dear SWE Members,

Guess what? The deadline for registering for National SWE convention is coming up soon! This year it will be held in Albuquerque, NM, between June 19 - 22. We're hoping for a remarkable turnout from our members, just like last summer. Want more information? Stop by the SWE office, or pick up information at our upcoming General Meeting held in the Mezzanine on Tuesday, April 13th.

Speaking of General Meetings, our last one featured our very own MITSWE advisor, Professor Millie Dresselhaus! She gave us great insight into both professional and personal issues to consider when entering the field of engineering. Great advice from a woman leader who is a National Medal of Science winner, is the ninth woman ever elected as AAAS president- elect, and was treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and president of the American Physical Society.

Well, keep an eye out for our upcoming events for the rest of this term. We'll see you soon at the General Meeting!

Angela Chen & Sally Yu  
1999 MITSWE Co-Presidents

### NEW OFFICE HOURS!!!

Office hours are now Tuesdays through Thursdays from 3 - 5 pm in the SWE office, 4th floor of the Student Center. (W20-447)

# Important! National Convention Details

For those who are interested in attending Nationals (and you know you are!) here is what to do.

## 1. Sign up

Come to the GENERAL MEETING on TUESDAY, April 13, and sign up in person. Tell us when you will arrive and when you will leave Phoenix. Or, if you cannot attend the general meeting, e-mail Jen Law (jenlaw@MIT.edu) by Thursday, April 15 and tell her when you'll arrive and when you'll leave Phoenix.

\*\*\* YOU MUST FINALIZE YOUR DECISION BY Thursday, April 15. Hotel rooms will be booked the next morning. \*\*\*

## 2. Turn in your information

a) Register for the option 2 student member package using on-line forms, the registration booklet you may/may not have received, or using the photocopies of the registration form available in a white folder outside the SWE office. Pay for the \$265 fee with your own money. **KEEP A COPY OF YOUR REGISTRATION, ANY CONFIRMATION YOU RECEIVE, AND A COPY OF YOUR PAYMENT**

b) Book a flight. **KEEP A COPY OF YOUR RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION**

c) Record which SWE meetings and functions you've attended this school year.

d) Write and sign us an IOU to remind yourself that you'll take a leadership role at our Career Fair, October 1999.

By Friday, April 23, put all four above items in an envelope and deliver it to Jen Law's mailbox (Burton 531a) or to Eli Kim's (Next 464). We suggest this method of delivery to ensure confidentiality of the financial info enclosed.

## 3. Pay for it all

If you plan to go to Nationals and you have paid \$15 student dues to SWE National, have, or will have, attended 2 MITSWE functions this year, and promise to take a leadership role in Career Fair, October 1999 then we will reimburse you! \$265 worth of registration cost (this is the entire cost of the Early Bird Option 2 registration), your hotel stay, and \$200 worth of your travel, if you provide us with confirmation of your plans will be covered.

### \*Convention Dates and Deadlines\*

Tuesday, April 13

MITSWE General Meeting. Confirm intent to attend Nat's, tell us your schedule

Thursday, April 15

Deadline for e-mail notification to jenlaw@MIT.edu

Friday, April 23

Give us your copies of registration, travel, attendance, Career Fair IOU

Tuesday, June 22 - Saturday, June 26

SWE National Convention in Phoenix, AZ YAY!

## *Upcoming Networking Luncheon*

The MIT chapter of SWE would like to invite you to a networking luncheon. It's a chance for SWE chapters in the Boston area to get together, share ideas, and enjoy a relaxing lunch. Members of the Boston SWE professionals will also be there. Have you ever wondered what other chapters are doing? Well, here is your chance to find out. Simply RSVP by April 19. The details are as follows:

Date: April 24

Time: 12noon - 2PM

Who: you!!!

Why: meet new people, gather info on other chapters, network with professionals, free food!!

Place: MIT campus - room 34-401A

Please respond to my MIT account, <yxie@mit.edu>. Hope to see you there!

Yi Xie

MITSWE Financial Chair

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### **Walk For Hunger**

Keep an eye out for SWE members doing Walk for Hunger on an upcoming weekend! It'll be a great chance to enjoy Boston scenery while getting to know fellow members. ...and it's for a good cause! Our Outreach Chairs are currently trying to arrange corporate sponsorship so you don't have to beg friends to sign your pledge sheet. :) Questions? Just ask the Outreach Chairs, Nina <nsinghal@mit.edu> and Shalini <sagarwal@mit.edu>.

# Upcoming Events

## MIT

Tuesday, 4/13/99, 7-9 pm: General Meeting

Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center

Anderson Consulting will be here, with Women in Technology Mentoring Group. Afterwards, upperclassmen dispense (painfully) acquired experience to freshmen about choice of majors, over dessert! :)

Saturday, 4/24/99, 12-2 pm: Boston Networking Luncheon

MIT campus, 34-401A

Lunch away and meet other student chapters in Boston, as well as professional members of SWE!

RSVP by April 19 to Yi Xie <yxie@mit.edu>. As usual, free food!

## regional

week of Monday 4/26, Boston Regional Get-Together Dinner

Boston

An informal gathering, where topics of discussion can range from balancing career and family, comparisons of company cultures, to personal career growth. Another opportunity to network with other SWE members, off campus. Contacts: Susan Seale (sseale@pobox.com / 617-242-8797 H) and Trish Adamo (trishadamo@hotmail.com/ (781)246-4130 H).

## national

Saturday 6/19/99 - Tuesday 6/22/99: National Convention

Phoenix, Arizona

Have you been reading this newsletter? Yes, it's the annual SWE convention.

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