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## **SUMMARY for Director of Region's Report:**

Region G held a very successful conference on March 23-25, 2007. Several representatives from all but one professional section attended the conference. Many professional region G members served important roles as speakers, facilitators, company representatives at the career fair, and as COR, officer, and committee representatives at the Region G meeting. Collegiate sections had the largest attendance at the conference, lead by University of Pittsburgh (host section), Carnegie Mellon University, Penn State (2008 host) and Akron (2009 host). We had under-estimated the number of people for the seminars, thus, the seminars were over-flowing into the hallways with standing room only. Speakers discussed the topics of finite element analysis, nuclear power, six sigma and lean manufacturing, diversity, salary, work-life balance, tools of excellence, ethics, micro-electronics, sustainability, and global engineering; all of these important to our future as engineers. With windows overlooking the football field, the annual banquet at Heinz Field was the highlight of the weekend. The stadium personnel treated us to a tour of the football field and the locker rooms of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the University of Pittsburgh Panthers, and the away teams. SWE National President, Jude Garzolini gave an inspiring keynote speech.

Four of six Region G professional sections have submitted their roster of FY08 officers (they are listed at the end of the report).

One Region G section (G006) has submitted section bylaws to the national bylaws committee, other sections are in various stages of moving to the new bylaws template.

**Northeast Ohio G003** continues to remain very active and Executive council meeting are held every month.

In February, members attended the Akron Engineers Week Banquet, the University of Akron Society of Women Engineers Professional and Alumni Dinner, and participated in an outreach event at Cleveland State University aimed at increasing interaction between the NEOH professional sections and local collegiate sections. On March 1, 2007, ten people (eight members) attended the SWEET (Society of Women Engineers Engaging Together) membership meeting. G003 officers gave a presentation which included details about the SWE organization, elections and events were discussed, along with ideas for the future. In April, eight members and one non-member participated in Goodyear Picture Yourself as an Engineer, where NEOH SWE set up an information booth and participated on panels. Female 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in panel discussions (led by professionals) and hands on activities that expose them to the many engineering disciplines, area colleges, universities, and corporations.

**Pittsburgh G004** The section had two meetings, and several special events, with the annual banquet on May 29, 2007. The January meeting was a tour of the Union Switch & Signal facility on Pittsburgh's scenic Monongahela River. In February, the section concentrated on

National Engineers Week by sponsoring the balloon rocket activity and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual presentation of “Women Engineering the Future”, a program designed at introducing middle school students – mostly Girl Scouts – to engineering. The Region G Conference was held in Pittsburgh; several members of the professional section helped in the planning and also acted as workshop speakers and moderators. A speaker from the Pittsburgh Green Building Alliance talked about the basics of green design, how it’s being used, and the future of green building in Pittsburgh at the April meeting. This event was also a “student upgrade” meeting. In April and May, the section continued its annual Certificate of Merit program, honoring high school students from forty four schools in the Pittsburgh area.

**South Ohio G005** The section has held three outreach activities, four monthly networking meetings and one tour. The outreach activities included Girl Scout Engineering Day at Miami University with 100 girl scouts on February 3, Girl Scout Aerospace Badge for Junior Girl Scouts at Wright State University Feb 10, with 28 girls, and Cadet Girl Scout Career Day at Camp Butterworth outside Cincinnati for 60 girls on March 31. South Ohio will also conduct a “Wow That’s Engineering” event for 50 students on June 9 in Cincinnati. Networking events included dinners, Spa Night, an evening of Chocolate & Wine Tasting, and a game night. A 9-hole Golf Scramble is scheduled for June 18 at the Meadow Links course in Cincinnati. An Ethicon Endo Surgery Tour and Demo was held in Cincinnati, the highlight was a demonstration of the revolutionary Da Vinci Surgical Robot.

**Bluegrass G006** The Executive Council continues to hold regular meetings. Bluegrass SWE held a fundraising event in February that featured Mary Kay Cosmetics and Tastefully Simple. They hosted the SWE Webinar, “Leading with Authenticity” at Kentucky Utilities on 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Bluegrass SWE supported the University of Kentucky’s E-week activities on 2/24 with the very popular “Clue into Engineering”. At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting, EON-US (Kentucky Utilities and LG&E), presented environmental compliance issues and accomplishments at EON-US. On the 7<sup>th</sup> a joint meeting was held with the University of Kentucky’s SWE with speaker topic “The Key to Accessing the Corporate Man’s Business”. Social events included scrap booking meetings and bowling with University of Kentucky. Two members of Bluegrass SWE attended the University of Kentucky’s spring banquet on the 11<sup>th</sup>, sponsoring membership upgrades for two graduating seniors. A member of Bluegrass SWE was nominated for a national award by fellow members of Bluegrass SWE.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS and SECTION SUMMARIES:**

**Central Ohio SWE 001** no report filed. The G001 COR representative has relocated to Pittsburgh PA.

### **Kentuckiana G002**

New officers for FY08 are elected and reported. No activities reported

### **NortheastOhio G003 Stephanie Miksche**

01/10/2007: Six members attended the monthly G003 Executive Council meeting

02/22/2007: Three members attended the Akron Engineers Week Banquet

02/27/2007: Seven members attended the University of Akron Society of Women Engineers Professional and Alumni Dinner

02/28/2007: Eleven people (three members) participated in an outreach event at Cleveland State University aimed at increasing interaction between the NEOH professional sections and local collegiate sections

03/01/2007: Ten people (eight members) attended the SWEET (Society of Women Engineers Engaging Together) membership meeting. A presentation included details about the organization at the local, regional, and national level for both collegiate and professional divisions. Information was presented by the current officers regarding the elected and appointed positions within the local chapter. Upcoming elections and past events were discussed along with ideas for future social and professional development events.

03/14/2007: Five members attended the monthly G003 Executive Council meeting

03/24/2007: Three members attended the Region G Conference in Pittsburgh

04/11/2007: Seven members attended the monthly G003 Executive Council meeting

04/24/2006: Seven people (five were current members of SWE) attended a resume roundtable with collegiate and professional SWE members

04/28/2007: Eight members and one non-member participated in Goodyear Picture Yourself as an Engineer, where NEOH SWE set up an information booth and participated on panels. Female 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in panel discussions (led by professionals) and hands on activities that expose them to the many engineering disciplines. The information fair allowed the students to interact with area colleges, universities, and corporations.

05/09/2007: Six members attended the monthly G003 Executive Council meeting

05/30/2007: Seven members attended a networking event at Mavis Winkles.

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#### **Pittsburgh G004**

The section has had two meetings, and several special events since our last report with the final banquet on May 29, 2007.

The January meeting was a tour of the Union Switch & Signal facility on Pittsburgh's scenic Monongahela River. .

In February, the section concentrated on events surrounding National Engineers Week. Once again, the section sponsored an activity booth in which people could build, then race, paper airplanes. Several members also participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual presentation of "Women Engineering the Future", a program designed at introducing middle school students – mostly Girl Scouts – to engineering.

In March, the Region G Conference was held in Pittsburgh. The University of Pittsburgh Student section hosted the event, helped by members of the professional section. Members of the professional section also acted as workshop speakers and moderators.

For the April meeting, the section brought in a speaker from the Pittsburgh Green Building Alliance to talk about the basics of green design, how it's being used, and the future of green building in Pittsburgh. This event was also a "student upgrade" meeting, as two student members were chosen by a drawing to receive a free SWE membership upgrade courtesy of the professional section

In April and May, the section continued its annual Certificate of Merit program, honoring high school students in the area. Forty-four schools participated this year, nominating students.

Election of officers for the 2007-2008 FY was held in mid-May. The new officers were introduced at the end-of-year banquet. An executive meeting will be held in early June to wrap-up the current year's activities as well as orient the new officers and start planning for next year.

#### **South Ohio Section G005.**

The section has held three outreach activities, four monthly networking meetings and one tour.

The outreach activities included Girl Scout Engineering Day at Miami University with 100 girl scouts on February 3, Girl Scout Aerospace Badge for Junior Girl Scouts at Wright State University Feb 10, with 28 girls, and Cadette Girl Scout Career Day at Camp Butterworth outside Cincinnati for 60 girls on March 31.

South Ohio will also conduct a Wow That's Engineering event for 50 students on June 9 in Cincinnati.

Networking events included dinner at PF Chang's in West Chester January 25, Spa Night at Bamboo Spa in Newton February 21, an evening of Chocolate & Wine Tasting at the Marble Hill Chocolatier, March 21, and game night with Bunco, on April 19th in Centerville. A 9-hole Golf Scramble is scheduled for June 18 at the Meadow Links course in Cincinnati.

Ethicon Endo Surgery Tour and Demo was held Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Cincinnati. A highlight of the evening was a demonstration of the revolutionary Da Vinci Surgical Robot. The robot allows surgeons to complete minimally invasive procedures with the dexterity, precision and 3D vision previously only experienced in open procedures.

Four members of South Ohio attended the Region G Conference in Pittsburgh March 23-25.

SWE Happy Hour and Volunteer Social at the Glendale Pub in Glendale (Cincinnati) May 3 recruited a full slate of candidates for officers for FY08. Election of officers for the 2007-2008 FY will be held shortly. An executive meeting will be held in this summer to wrap-up the current year's activities as well as orient the new officers and start planning for next year.

#### **Bluegrass Section G006**

##### JANUARY

The Executive Council met at Miranda Oaks on the 24<sup>th</sup>. February and March events were discussed and planned such as E-day in February, SWE Webinars, Girl Scout events as well as social events. Bluegrass SWE's participation in the Regional conference was discussed at length as it was only two months away and much needed to be done. A general meeting was

held at Cici's on the 30<sup>th</sup> where the calendar of events for February and March was presented and discussed.

## FEBRUARY

Bluegrass SWE held a fundraising / pamper ourselves event at the home of Shahnaz Shahidain on the 11<sup>th</sup> that featured Mary Kay Cosmetics and Tastefully Simple provided by one of our members, Kristi Kappes. Pam Orlando arranged and hosted the SWE Webinar at Kentucky Utilities, "Leading with Authenticity" on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Members of Bluegrass SWE supported the University of Kentucky's E-week activities on 2/24, or E-day, with "Clue into Engineering". This is always a popular activity for kids of all ages. Miranda Oaks participated in the regional teleconference on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, proposed revisions to the section bylaws were submitted to the national committee for review.

## MARCH

We had many activities the month of March. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, at our general meeting, Sharon Dodson, from EON-US (Kentucky Utilities and LG&E), presented environmental compliance issues and accomplishments at EON-US. The meeting was held at the KU office with 12 members in attendance. On the 7<sup>th</sup> a joint meeting was held with the University of Kentucky's SWE. The guest speaker was Melia Hord who spoke on "The Key to Accessing the Corporate Man's Business". Scrap booking socials were held at the home of Deb MacKay on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March. A bowling social/networking event with UK's SWE took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Last, but certainly not least was the Region G conference in Pittsburgh, PA from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Three members of Bluegrass SWE attended the conference / career fair. One of our members, Deb MacKay participated on a panel titled "Work/Life Balance".

## APRIL

Two members of Bluegrass SWE attended the University of Kentucky's spring banquet on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We sponsored membership upgrades for two graduating seniors. A member of Bluegrass SWE was nominated for a national award by fellow members of Bluegrass SWE.

## MAY

We have formed an election nominating committee for FY08 Bluegrass SWE elections.

## **ISSUES, RECOMMENDATIONS, FEEDBACK:**

none

## **BEST PRACTICES:**

Continue to hold monthly executive officer meetings for planning the business of and running the section.

## **SECTION GOALS FOR FY08 (will be developed over the summer):**

## **REGION and REGION GOVERNOR GOALS FOR FY07 - status**

**Improve communication within the Region.** using email for communication and regular teleconference calls - email was successful, need to hold more telephone calls.

**Hold a successful Regional conference - complete**

**Have a Region G member serve on each national committee (Region G representation on each and every committee)** continue to encourage region G members to serve on committees  
**Issue at least two Region Newsletters** a Fall newsletter was issued, a Spring/Summer one is still “in the works”

**Nominate candidates for Rodney Chipp Award and candidates for DNE and Fellow.** The sections were encouraged to nominate candidates.

**Succession planning for FY08 officers.** Emails have been sent seeking candidates for office, plan to improve on this for FY09

**Update our Region G website** - our webmaster/information officer made several changes, updates to the website.

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