



**Society of Women Engineers**

**Member Spotlight** *Wichita*

Wichita SWE Section's very own, Cindy Hoover was recently nominated for **President Elect of SWE!** Cindy has spent over 30 years as a member of SWE and has served at every level including Wichita Section President, Region i Governor, Society Treasurer on the BOD and is currently serving on the BOT. Cindy is not only a bold influence in SWE but also in the community and workplace where she has served on numerous charity and STEM boards and she was recently named the VP and Chief Engineer for Operations at Spirit AeroSystems. Thank you for your service, support and inspiration! A huge congratulations to Cindy, you are a true SWE role model. Keep an eye out for ballots.

**Member News**

**Seeking Nomination Committee** —We are seeking at least 3 members to make up the nomination committee to find great candidates for our FY19 section executive council. The only rule for participating is members of the committee may not become candidates for the slate while on the committee. This is a great position to volunteer for if you have no desire to be on the executive committee but still want to serve the section. If you are interested in participating on the committee, please contact [Wichitaswe@gmail.com](mailto:Wichitaswe@gmail.com). A slate of officers must be submitted to the section no later than April 15th.

**Call for Audit Committee Members**—Our section bylaws require us to audit our finances every three years. This year we are due to perform an audit on our books for FY15-FY17. We are seeking one additional member to help us complete this task. In order to participate, you must be a paid member and not be a current officer of the section. If you are interested, please contact [Jess Stitt](mailto:Jess.Stitt).

**WE18 Speaker Abstracts Are Now Being Accepted**— Are you interested in speaking at Society conference this coming October in Minneapolis? Abstracts are being accepted through March 12th. Apply [here](#). If accepted, speakers receive a discounted registration.

**Seeking Borrowed Laptops**—Engineering Expo needs a few more laptops to be used for people to fill out exit surveys on, the day of expo. Your laptop would be locked using a cable laptop lock and also supervised during the entire duration of expo. If you are willing to temporarily donate your laptop to this cause, please contact [sweictexpo@gmail.com](mailto:sweictexpo@gmail.com).

**Event Highlights**

February, containing Engineer's Week, had a variety of outreach activities to highlight. On Tuesday, February 20th, Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland and Spirit AeroSystems partnered to host Innovation Soars at Spirit. Girl Scouts and their parents were invited to the event to participate in hands-on STEM activities and meet Girl Scouts USA CEO Sylvia Acevedo. SWE volunteers helped girls make paper airplanes, learn about torque, and practice fatigue testing. To the right are some comments from the young attendees.

Attendees also had the chance to meet Sylvia and hear her speak. Sylvia has a background in STEM as her career began as a rocket scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She has been widely recognized for her accomplishments and holds a place in U.S. News & World Report's list of the top 100 American women in STEM (2012). Sylvia was one of the first Hispanic students, male or female, to earn a graduate engineering degree from Stanford University – an MS in industrial engineering – and holds a bachelor of science degree with honors in industrial engineering from New Mexico State University.

On February 24th, SWE and Make ICT partnered to host a group of nearly 15 kids and their parents to learn how to make their own fidget spinners. This event was a test run for a workshop to be hosted at Expo and was a big hit! Many kids had the opportunity to make multiple spinners and try out a variety of materials to see which worked best.

# Monthly Newsletter

## March 2018

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**Upcoming Events**

**General Meeting**—General meetings (GMs) are held the first Monday of each month at Make ICT from 6-7 PM. Everyone is welcome to come help us plan events and discuss SWE business! The next one will be April 2nd.

**Engineering Expo**—The day is finally here! Our 20th anniversary of Engineering Expo will be on March 10th. Please spread the word and bring your kids if you are not signed up to volunteer. We have been planning this event all year and can't wait to share it with you!

**Be All You Can Be Day at Caldwell Elementary**—Join Wichita SWE in empowering 80 4th and 5th grade girls while working through a hands-on activity at Caldwell Elementary on March 15th from 8-9:30 am. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to [wichitaswe@gmail.com](mailto:wichitaswe@gmail.com).

**Engineering Expo Recap**—Join the Expo planning committee to recap how Engineering Expo 2018 went. They will be meeting March 19th at 5:30 at Milkfloat, 535 W Douglas Ave #140. If you cannot make it but have feedback to share, please send it to [sweictexpo@gmail.com](mailto:sweictexpo@gmail.com).

**Effective Communication Program**—Wichita SWE and WSU SWE are partnering together for a professional development event on April 5th. We will be hosting our SWE Professional Section Leadership Coach who will give a presentation on effective communication. The event will be at 6 pm in the Experimental Engineering Building (EEB) on the WSU campus, room 264. Save the date and join us! We will post a sign up to the [web-site](#) soon.

