

FY19 Wichita SWE Proposed Slate of Officers



President – Rachel Battershaw

Rachel graduated from Wichita State University with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering in 2013 and from Friends University with a M.S. in Operations Management in 2015. After completing two summer internships and a year of co-op at Spirit AeroSystems, she continued working at Spirit full-time once she finished her bachelor's degree. Rachel currently works as a Research and Development Engineer in the composites manufacturing technology area.

Starting as a freshman at WSU, Rachel joined the collegiate SWE section where she was an active member throughout college and served as Treasurer for two years. After graduating, she continued her membership by joining the Wichita SWE professional section. As a professional SWE member, Rachel has been the collegiate counselor, Secretary, and Vice President. She has also attended multiple regional and society level conferences, in addition to region leadership summits.

Beyond Rachel's SWE involvement, she's on the steering team for Kansas BEST Robotics and enjoys bowling, cross-stitch, reading, and going to fitness classes (especially yoga).

Vice President – Jessica Stitt

Jessica Stitt has been an active member of the Society of Women Engineers since college. She joined the Wichita Professional Section in 2009 after graduating from WSU with degrees in Industrial Engineering and Spanish. She started her career in Lean Manufacturing at Spirit AeroSystems in 2008 and transitioned into a business team role on the KC-46 Tanker program in 2010. Jessica had the opportunity to take an International Assignment with Bombardier Learjet in 2012-2013 and worked with the M&P and NDI Teams at their Queretaro, Mexico facility. In 2014 she returned to work with Spirit AeroSystems, working on the 777X business team and currently works as a 767 Sustaining Integrated Product Team Manager. She has been an active member of the professional section and served as the FY11 Secretary, FY12 VP, iCON14 Volunteer Chair, FY15 Alt Section Rep, and the FY16&17&18 Engineering Expo Co-Chair, and FY18 Treasurer. Jessica enjoys spending her free time with her nieces and nephew, running, and is passionate about dog rescue.



Secretary – Shaina Shapiro

Shaina graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. After graduation, she entered the Textron Leadership Development Program, completing 3 job rotations at various Textron companies around the US. She now works as a Flight Test Assistant Manager for Textron Aviation Defense in Wichita, KS.

Shaina became involved with SWE shortly after moving to Wichita in 2015. As a member of the Wichita SWE Section she has supported the Engineering Expo Committee, serving as Venue Chair, and also held the position of Banquet Committee Chair for the last three years. She enjoys outreach to introduce young students to engineering and volunteers as a math tutor for Wichita Public Schools.

In her free time, Shaina enjoys spending time with family, friends, and visiting the dog park with her dog, Charlie.

Treasurer – Rachael Schwantes

My story starts out as a skinny, dark haired, dark eyed, dark skinned, Athabaskan baby, that quickly turned into a chunky, blond haired, blue eyed toddler. My favorite hobbies included eating and putting lids on jars. My mother helped me discover arts and crafts as a way to occupy my curiosity while my sibling rivals grew. This artistic skill and interest grew into the determination to be a successful artist, until my younger brother painted a lobster with significantly better skills than I had ever showcased. It was a difficult sophomore year of high-school.

This instigated a change of direction for my future studies to the closely related field of chemical engineering, by way of elementary education. My suitcases developed an intimate relationship with airport weight scales and have busted on luggage conveyor belts on more than one occasion while traveling between home states and college states. I studied in the states of Utah, Hawaii, and Oklahoma in efforts to gain more knowledge and certifications than any normal person needs to prove to their parents that they were worth the time and energy.

In the end, I have settled here in Wichita, KS and will use both degrees as a process engineer in Newton.

