



Society of Women Engineers Connecticut Section

April 2020 Newsletter
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Jean R. Beers Scholarship 2020 - Winner Announced!

SWE CT is excited to announce the FY20 **Jean R. Beers Scholarship** recipient is **Gabriella Passarelli**, from Cornell University! Her application and accomplishments shined through during the review process. **Please stay tuned, as we work to schedule a virtual celebration with Gabriella.**

Thank you to all the Scholarship Committee members who reviewed this year's applications. It was a challenging decision, with many amazing submissions.

Please submit any questions or comments about SWE CT's scholarship to swe.ct.scholarship@gmail.com.

FY2021 Elections

Nominations for SWE CT Section leadership positions for FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) **open now until April 1st**. The positions of President, Vice President, Data Officer/Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually, and all members of the Section are eligible for nomination. Lindsay Hess will serve as Election Committee Chair this year since she does not intend to run for an FY21 position.

Build your resume! – whether you're a newer graduate, changing or re-entering careers, or established in your industry, a Section leadership position allows you to demonstrate and grow critical leadership skills outside of work.

eBoard roles:

A description of roles is included on the last page of this newsletter. Please email the Nomination Chair, Lindsay Hess, with any questions or to make a nomination by **April 1st, 2020**: LindsayRHess@gmail.com

Other roles:

- SWE Connecticut will also be looking for an **Outreach Lead** for FY21 – duties for this role will include collecting outreach activity requests, coordinating with the eBoard to notify the Section of volunteer/outreach opportunities, and when necessary, lead outreach activities.
- Additional FY21 roles include **Webmaster** and **Scholarship Committee Lead** – please email swe.connecticut@gmail.com or visit our website for additional information <http://ct.swe.org/> if you're interested in filling any of these roles next year!

Covid-19: Help our Healthcare Providers

Hartford Healthcare and Yale New Haven Hospital System are in need of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our community healthcare workers. Information to donate or make homemade masks for both provider services is below.

Hartford Healthcare requests the following Joann Pattern: **Requirements** and links to instructions. To make a donation of PPE or for more information on masks: <https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/ppe-donations>

Yale New Haven Hospital System is requesting the **Pocket Pattern** (there are several options, please follow variant #1) and they will add their own filter insert. If masks do not follow this pattern they will be donated to the local community. Email DonationsPPE@YNHH.ORG to organize drop off of masks.

To make a donation of PPE or for more information on homemade masks, visit <https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/support-our-caregivers.aspx>

Seeking Volunteers - Family Day, STEM Village at Sikorsky Aircraft

Location: Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company (6900 Main Street, Stratford, CT)
Date & Time: ~~Saturday, May 9 (10am-2pm)~~ postponed, new date TBD

SWE CT is supporting Sikorsky's Family Day STEM Village! We are seeking volunteers to assist with hosting our STEM activity – **"paperclip jewelry engineering"**!

Please email swe.connecticut@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

WE20 Annual Conference

Location: New Orleans

Date: Nov 5-7, 2020

Visit we20.swe.org for additional information. Housing options are now open!

Membership Renewal for FY21

FY21 starts July 1, 2020 – It's never too early to renew your SWE CT membership! Use discount code "EBIRD" for \$5 off your membership dues!

Being a SWE member provide access to benefits such as professional development resources, leadership opportunities, and reduced rates to SWE conferences. Being a paid member of SWE provides a huge benefit to our Section, regardless if you'd like to take an active role in the Section.

Join or renew [here](#) today! Check our new website at <http://ct.swe.org/>

Duties of elected Board members, per SWE Connecticut bylaws ratified September 28, 2018.

Section 3. Duties**

A. The President shall:

1. Represent the section before the public and preside at meetings of the section and its executive council;
2. Appoint the chairs of all committees, with the approval of the executive council, except the chair of the nominating committee;
3. Approve the appointment of all committee members, except the members of the nominating committee;
4. Authorize the disbursement of section funds within the budget approved by the executive council;
5. Be an authorized signatory on all section accounts;
6. Coordinate activities and execute the business and policies of the section between meetings;
7. Review and approve the year-end section financial report;
8. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned, and
9. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of president or as may be assigned by the executive council or the governance documents.

B. The Vice President shall:

1. Assume the duties of the president if the president is temporarily unable to serve;
2. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance documents.

C. The Data Officer/Secretary shall:

1. Maintain the records of the section;
2. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
3. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of secretary or as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance documents.

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for the collection, distribution, and safekeeping of section funds;
2. Prepare, maintain, and report as directed on the financial position of the section in relation to the approved budget;
3. Submit a financial report to the Society in accordance with established procedures;
4. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
5. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of treasurer or as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance documents.

i Additional duties may be added as needed to define the organizational structure. These additional duties should not be procedural in nature. The template duties are intentionally generic; the specifics of these duties should be covered in a procedures document. This allows greater flexibility for the section. When adding a duty that you feel is absolutely required, add it prior to the last one in the template, so that "Perform such other duties ..." is always the last one listed.