



Society of Women Engineers Connecticut Section

April 2021 Newsletter

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ANNOUNCEMENT – Local SWE ELiTE Award Winner!

Congratulations to Lindsay Hess, our former SWE CT President, for receiving a SWE WE Local 2021 ELiTE (Emerging Leader in Technology & Engineering) Award. This award honors engineers who have been actively engaged in an engineering or technology profession and have ten (10) to fifteen (15) years of cumulative engineering experience.



NEXT EVENT – SWE CT Scholarship Celebration

Update – The SWE CT Jean R. Beers scholarship committee is busy evaluating all 2021 applications. We plan to celebrate with our 2 scholarship winners in the coming month...keep an eye out for the celebration calendar invitation.

ELECTIONS – FY22 SWE CT Officers, Call for Candidates!

It's that time of year again! SWE CT will host elections for FY22 officers; **president, president elect, secretary, and treasurer**. See the bottom of this newsletter for position descriptions. Please email swe.connecticut@gmail.com with your nomination **by April 30th, 2021**. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY- Speed Networking with UNewHaven SWE (4/23)

UNewHaven SWE would like to invite you to the annual Speed Networking Event to share experiences with current students and other professionals from around the area. We are looking for one or two representatives from each of these specific areas: Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering.

Date: Friday, April 23rd

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Virtual – Zoom link will be sent to volunteers

Sign-Up: Click [HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – CT Invention Convention Judges (4/5 thru 4/23)

Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) is looking for volunteers to help with virtual judging of student project submittals. Sign-up using the link below and the CIC will provide additional details.

Date: April 5th through 23rd, 2021

Time: n/a...on your schedule

Location: Virtual – see CIC website link

Sign-Up: Click [HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – New Haven Science Fair Judges (5/19 & 5/20)

The New Haven Science Fair Program was started in 1995 with seven test schools. Now, each year over 8,000 New Haven students and 43 schools participate, utilizing more than 200 volunteers for mentoring and judging. The goal of the program is to work with children and teachers from PreK through Grade 12, to help them carry out investigative hands-on science fair projects in order to promote skills in critical thinking, the scientific process, and science communication.

This year the Science Fair is virtual! We will use the online platform zFairs—Students will upload their project materials here, and judges will view and interview students *live* via videoconference. Otherwise, most things are as usual!

Judging is a two-day commitment occurring on the following days:

Date: Wednesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 20th, 2021

Time: 8:30am-12:00pm and 8:30am-2:30pm

Location: Virtual

Sign-Up: Click [HERE](#)

WE21 – Housing Reservations



Keep checking the WE21 website for updates – use the [Sign-up feature for the latest information](#) . This year's conference will be held in-person at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

<https://we21.swe.org/>

ACTIVITY – SWE CT Digital Cookbook...Send Us Your Recipes!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, people developed new hobbies, including cooking/baking skills! We will be assembling a **FY21 SWE CT Cookbook** to share with our general members. Please send us your favorite recipe(s) so others can enjoy some new cuisine! Send to swe.connecticut@gmail.com.

OUTREACH EVENTS – New Activities & Information

Our FY21 SWE CT Outreach Activity Coordinator is [Sarah Shanahan](#). Please reach out to Sarah with any ideas, or fill out the [Outreach Request Form](#) on our website.

MEMBERSHIP – Renewal for FY22

FY22 will begin on July 1, 2021 – It's never too early to renew your SWE CT membership!

Professional, retired, unemployed, and recent graduates can receive \$5 off membership through 6/30/2021 by using the code **EBIRDFY22**. Discount does not apply to joint, collegiate, back to school, or Life membership.

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/>

iGive and Amazon.Smile

Did you know you could shop online and donate to SWE CT at the same time? The holidays are right around the corner and there are two resources below that will donate to our SWE CT Scholarship at no cost to you!

iGive- Donates a percentage of purchases from participating online stores to SWE CT!

- Go to iGive.com and create an account, after you create an account select " Society of Women Engineers - CT" as your cause. There are two ways you can use iGive: you can go through the website and click on the stores you like to shop at or; set up the iGive Button on Google Chrome which will recognize the companies that participate when you go to their website.

Amazon Smile- Donates a percentage of your purchases to SWE CT!

- If you use Amazon, instead of going to Amazon.com type [Amazon.smile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) in your browser. Once you are logged in you can set your supporting organization to "Society of Women Engineers Connecticut". This can also be set up through your Amazon App!

FY22 SWE CT Officer Positions (Nominations due no later than April 30th, 2021)

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the section are the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Eligibility and Term of Office

- A. The officers must be voting members of the Society who are assigned to the section. The president and vice president must also be non-collegiate members of the Society. Collegiate members who will be assigned to the section may be candidates for positions other than president or vice president provided they will be members of the section and will qualify for professional membership before the start of the term of office; however, they must meet these requirements in order to serve.
- B. Section officers shall serve for a term of one fiscal year, to coincide with the Society's fiscal year.

- C. Officers may hold more than one office provided that there is a minimum of three elected officers of the section. No one may hold the office of president and treasurer at the same time.

Section 3. Duties

A. The president shall:

- Represent the section before the public and preside at meetings of the section and its executive council;
- Appoint the chairs of all committees, with the approval of the executive council, except the chair of the nominating committee;
- Approve the appointment of all committee members, except the members of the nominating committee;
- Authorize the disbursement of section funds within the budget approved by the executive council;
- Be an authorized signatory on all section accounts;
- Coordinate activities and execute the business and policies of the section between meetings;
- Review and approve the year-end section financial report;
- Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned, and
- 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:

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

C. The secretary shall:

- Maintain the records of the section;
- Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
- 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:

- Be responsible for the collection, distribution, and safekeeping of section funds;
- Prepare, maintain, and report as directed on the financial position of the section in relation to the approved budget;
- Submit a financial report to the Society in accordance with established procedures;
- Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
- 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.