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News from the Engineering Division

Engineering Division

Pam Enrici, Chair

The objectives of the Engineering Division are to provide an association for those having an interest in library and information science as they apply to engineering and the physical sciences and to promote the use of materials and knowledge for the benefit of libraries and other educational organizations.



I hope everyone's year is going well, so far. I know that the Board and I have been busy working on a variety of issues. This year we're going to be experimenting with online classes – free to Engineering Division members. If you have suggestions, please contact me.

The year is going quickly. It is getting near time for SLA's annual conference. Early Bird registration ends May 11. I've noticed a slight increase in the traffic on the Engineering Division Listserv. I hope you don't mind the job postings that I've been sending – you never know when you or a friend might want or need a new job. A good use you can put the Listserv to is finding a roommate for the annual meeting, if you need one and don't have one yet.

As always I have my plea to you to volunteer. We will be looking for a Chair-Elect of the Engineering Division and a Secretary. Aerospace will be looking for a Chair-Elect of their Section. We both will be looking for planners for 2014 (the conference to be held in Vancouver). In addition, to these big jobs there are plenty of opportunities to serve on a number of committees. If you are coming to the Annual Conference, we'll need people to take notes of our programs for fall issue of Sci-Tech News.

If you haven't registered for the Annual Conference, please seriously consider coming. There are many programs that the Engineering Division and the other Divisions are presenting that could be of interest to you and help your career. As always anyone is invited to come to the joint Executive and Advisory Board meeting on Saturday, July 14th. We'll meet in the evening at a site to be determined. We also meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 CDT (or CST) by phone. Please feel free to attend. Either contact me directly (penrici@umn.edu) or Sara Davis (Sara.Davis@jacobs.com) who makes the actual arrangements. Your comments are always welcome and your opinion counts!

Now back to the Annual Conference. Our Business Luncheon will be on Monday this year

from 12-1:30. The cost for lunch is \$25.00 Member/\$10.00 Student Member/\$35.00 Non-Member. If

for some reason you can't come to the whole program, just come along anyway – you don't have to get lunch. This year's local charity is Sit, Stay, Read. We'll have several different drawings for candy (which I hope all of you will bring some along, so we can put up a number of bags) and goodies from some of our vendors and the all the money will go to Sit, Stay, Read. We hope to raise about \$300 so that this program of bringing dogs to the classroom for the students to read to can cover the cost for a class in one of the Chicago Inner City schools. If you can't come to the Annual Conference but want to contribute, send a check made out to the Engineering Division to Mary Whittaker, our treasurer. Just indicate it for the Sit, Stay Read project. Also on Monday, is the DRM: The Discussion Continues.

Tuesday is a heavy day – our Standards Update, Engineering Enterprise Information, How and Why Things Fail – Forensic Engineering, and Open Access to Federal Science Technology Information. In the early evening it's the All Science Poster Session and Reception.

On Wednesday morning, the Aerospace Division has its annual breakfast followed by the program Mobilizing the Message: It Takes a Village to Recruit Creative Problem Solvers. The Engineering Division is cosponsoring Science & Engineering 101 on Wednesday morning.

The keynote speaker this year is Guy Kawasaki, who is the co-founder of Alltop.com, an "online magazine rack" of popular topics on the Web and a founding partner at Garage Technology Ventures. He is also a columnist for the Open Forum of American Express. Previously, he was the Chief Evangelist of Apple. Don't forget that there is dedicated time to come to the Exhibition Hall on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. There are so many vendors there that it can take a long time to go through and talk to the ones you need to. Refreshments will be served

at various times during the day. There are Spotlight sessions each day - these are programs that can be of interest to a wide audience.

You can check the SLA website and take a look at the on-line program. There are the evening parties and programs sponsored by various vendors and divisions and chapters that normally are great fun.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me. I look forward to seeing you at the annual conference this year. Please come up to me and say hi, if I don't recognize you. There are lots of you and one of me. ❖

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