

Dear All,

Attached are the minutes from our first IEEE WIE Meeting.

I would like to thank you for coming to the first IEEE WIE meeting. That was fun, and I look forward to many more.

For those of you who couldn't make it to the meeting I would like to provide you with some more information. Yesterday, September 16, I was invited to the WIE (all engineers/disciplines) MSOE meeting, where I had opportunity to discuss about our ideas. This group expressed a great interest to work with us on some new projects that we will develop along the way. One interesting project will be to organize robots competition to high school girls. I already contacted Dr. Hue Tran at MSOE to work on this topic, and to involve our group with this. By doing this both, MSOE and IEEE WIE, will receive recognition. MSOE WIE group agreed to provide us with MSOE facilities, and conference rooms for the next meetings, or if we want to bring dinner speaker or similar. One interesting meeting will be to invite Alumni MSOE successful women to talk about their career, and life experience, and MSOE group actually look forward to invite us to this.

Please find attached summary of our first meeting discussion:

1. Get involved with Girls Scouts Projects. One interesting thing will be to develop an Engineering Program that will attract Girls Scouts. Judy Daley and Jennifer Rothwell informed us about Girls Scouts programs, that are being developed, and also about Girls Scouts badge made for each of these programs. Some of the programs are like Science Discovery and Science in Action. One of the things that we can do is to place a new badge for Girls Scouts like: Having fun with Engineering.
2. Organize and bring speakers to Career Shops at the High School level, where speaker will have opportunity to talk to young girls and boys, about Engineering and describe different things that one Engineer can do in his/her career. Bobbi Welch was involved in these projects before.
3. Karen Jahnke suggested that it would be a good idea to introduce Engineering as a career option at the Science Fair. One of the things that we can do is to provide information about engineering, so that they can distribute it further to high school girls.
4. One of the things that I would like us to do is to organize our IEEE WIE web site, so that our colleagues in IEEE can find out more information about our work, and our mission. It is always good to pick up some new ideas from these sites. Also, it will provide us with a great opportunity to get in touch with some of the other WIE chapters all over the world. (I already saw Chapter developed in Switzerland)

Thanks,

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