EWLSE Updates

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Empowering Women Leaders in Systems Engineering (EWLSE) wishes all a safe and healthy summer as we continue to operate during the global pandemic. We have a couple of virtual events to report on—EWLSE at Chicagoland, written by Stephanie Sharo Chiesi, and Asia Oceania EWLSE Events written by Stueti Gupta. Stueti champions EWLSE in Asia Oceania sector and, if you would like to volunteer and participate in EWLSE activities in the Asia Oceania sector, you can contact her at stueti.gupta@incose.org. Erika Palmer leads EWLSE in the EMEA sector and, if you would like to volunteer and participate in EWLSE activities in the EMEA sector, you can contact her at erika. palmer@incose.org.

Please join me in congratulating our two newest EWLSE candidates welcomed into the INCOSE Technical Leadership Institute (TLI) 2020 cohort: Erika Palmer and Maria Romero, joining Allison Weigel (cohort 2019), Heather Feli (cohort 2018), Lauren Stolzar (cohort 2018), and Heidi Davidz (cohort 2018) and many other TLI graduates who are current members of EWLSE. The INCOSE TLI is looking forward to more exceptional EWLSE candidates in the future. To find out more about the process for applying to the INCOSE Technical Leadership Institute, please contact David.long@vitechcorp.com; the annual deadline for applicants is March 31st. Also for those new to systems engineering or those who have been practicing for decades, if you are looking for a systems engineering mentor or ready to be a systems engineering mentee or both, please sign up here: https://bit.ly/2G6TJPL.

How do you advocate for women leaders in systems engineering? Please contact ewlse@incose.org to share your stories!

EWLSE at ChicagoLand April Chapter Meeting

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The Chicagoland Chapter contacted EWLSE regarding a virtual chapter presentation to educate the chapter and their guests on the EWLSE mission and projects. Little did anyone realize at the time that all over the world we would be planning events and work and school

of all kinds to be virtual for an extended period! It was a welcome invitation to introduce EWLSE to Chicagoland and get the chance to engage with their membership.

In recent time the convenience of remote meetings and speakers has become commonplace. For many INCOSE chapters virtual engagements have accommodated chapter members participating from outside the immediate region or while on travel. This was just the case with Chicagoland, so the chapter was well prepared for an EWLSE outreach meeting.

On Thursday, 16 April, I joined the chapter for their monthly meeting and presented the EWLSE mission and goals, along with our current projects and programs in work. This overview of EWLSE is a summary of work we have shared since the founding of EWLSE in 2015 at the INCOSE 25th International Symposium. As EWLSE is now celebrating its 5th anniversary there are many accomplishments to review and even more still in the works.

The Chicagoland chapter had an amazing turnout for this virtual event and made great use of the environment to engage with participants. Those on the meeting introduced themselves briefly one at a time in order of when they were born. This was a great way to get everyone participating and to share a little bit about what intrigued them to attend and what they hoped to learn. I presented our EWLSE introduction about the initiative, our history, and current projects. The group was very attentive, interested, and conducted a great question and answer period after the presentation. This included questions about getting involved with EWLSE, lessons learned, resources, and other current publications in work.

This was a wonderful event, and something EWLSE is happy to offer to other chapters looking for additional virtual programming options for their chapters. You can contact the leadership team at: heidi.hahn@incose.org for planning.

All files presented or related to the INCOSE EWLSE sessions are accessible at this url: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ffdfneroas45ux6/EWLSEMarch2020.pptx?dl=0.

Asia Oceania EWLSE Events

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This is a report on two Asia Oceania EWLSE related events. For the first event, Stueti Gupta presented at SAEINDIA Off-highway Webinar Series, on 28 April 2020, about Systems Engineering in Off-highway Industry (*Figure 1*). The focus of the talk was what is systems engineering, its application, and benefits for off-highway industry. Stueti discussed some case studies she has worked on in her career in off-highway. The session, relayed to all members of SAEINDIA, included 100+ participants. In the end she also introduced INCOSE and its mission, benefits of the membership, and highlighted the MoU (memorandum of understanding) with SAE International.



Figure 1: SAEINDIA Off-Highway Industry Webinar Series

Stueti Gupta also attended a panel discussion on 15 May 2020, part of the new South India chapter of ALL "Manufacturing's" virtual launch (Figures 2 and 3). ALL Ladies League (ALL) is an international forum for women present in over 130 counties and more than 150,000 members. This manufacturing platform aims to



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Figure 2: Virtual Launch of All Ladies League Manufacturing Sector South India