Calling all Area Reps – join us!

Thanks to the 15 members who re-confirmed as Area Reps at a lunchtime meeting at the SPEEA Developmental Center (DC). They are shown above with their Council Reps, including two new CRs who were introduced at this meeting. SPEEA Council Reps are asking their Area Reps to re-endorse. This occurs every two years following Council Rep elections. The deadline is July 14.

Your newly elected Council officers

Congratulations to the new officers (elected at the May regional Council meeting) and thanks to those who previously served as Council officers.

Council Representatives will elect the chair, treasurer and secretary for the SPEEA Council when they are all together at the June 5 SPEEA Council meeting at the SeaTac Hilton.

Midwest Council
Chair: Debbie Logsdon
Treasurer: Matthew Joyce
Secretary: Ken Frazier

Northwest Council
Chair: Roger Pullman
Treasurer: Michael Hochberg
Secretary: Carrie Rule

Open enrollment deadline June 4

If you haven’t already signed up for long-term disability (LTD) at The Boeing Company, this is a one-time only opportunity to have the requirement for proof of insurance waived. To make changes, go to Total Access.

This was one of many gains successfully negotiated last fall by the SPEEA team for the Prof, Tech and Wichita Engineering Unit (WEU) contracts.

Council Reps hosted workplace lunchtime meetings in Washington state, Kansas, Oregon and Utah in the past several weeks. SPEEA Benefits Director Matt Kempf CFP®, and other staff, including Stan Sorscher, met with more than a thousand members in total to review the changes and answer questions.

If you haven’t decided which dental plan, Kempf strongly recommends the WDS Preferred Dental Plan. Deciding health plans depends on your health care needs. Check out the April and May Spotlites (online at www.speea.org) to learn more about the differences.

WEU Main Table starts June 9

WICHITA – At Spirit AeroSystems, SPEEA Wichita engineers are gearing up for Main Table negotiations, which begin Tuesday, June 9. The SPEEA Negotiation Team continues to hold lunchtime meetings in the workplace to give updates and answer questions.

When an offer is lifted, all members will have the opportunity to hear more details about the negotiated offer before they vote. The SPEEA-Spirit WEU contract expires July 11.

SPEEA election & referendum

Ballots due noon, Wednesday, June 10 at SPEEA Halls

Have a question about the IFPTE election or constitutional referendum? Talk to your Council Rep or Area Rep.
Ombudsmen re-elected

Shown above are members of the recently elected SPEEA Ombudsmen Committee (from left): Sophia Jones, Barbara Campbell, Dennis Davut, Bob Wilkerson, and Laurel Reiff. The committee is a resource for any member with an issue, question or concern not related to a contract grievance or other formal charge.

You be the judge at science fair

SEATTLE – If you haven’t already signed up, please make the commitment to help Saturday, June 4, with the Seattle middle school students’ science fair at the Museum of Flight.

This science fair was in jeopardy because one of its main sponsors withdrew financing, but SPEEA Northwest Council Reps voted to contribute toward the operating costs. The Alliance for Education is hosting the event on behalf of Seattle Public School students.

More than 100 students from about 12 schools will present their science projects. For judges, the time commitment is about four hours, starting at 3:30 p.m., at the Museum of Flight.

To sign up, contact Kathryn Kelsey at kkelsey@seattleschools.org or call (206) 252-0157. You can also get more information at: http://www.seattleschools.org/area/science/vipinvitation.pdf.

Council Rep election results

Congratulations to newly elected Council Reps Laurel Gilmore in Everett and Tim Conley in Spokane. The Tellers counted ballots May 26. The new Council Reps will be seated at the next Council meeting, June 5. Thanks to the candidates who stepped up to run for the vacant seat in their district.

**Everett**

District E-9

Ballots mailed ......................... 262
Laurel D Gilmore ................... 26
Gregory Case ......................... 10
Dan Ellis .............................. 7

**Spokane**

District W-10

Ballots mailed ......................... 52
Wesley Kaiser .......................... 7
Tim Conley ............................ 15

Boeing layoff notices – May 22

On May 22, Boeing Integrated Defense (IDS) issued 60-day notice of layoff (effective July 24) to a total of 41 SPEEA-represented employees. This is preliminary data which is subject to change.

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SPEEA will continue to monitor the layoff activities and support those who receive notices. More layoff information is available at www.speea.org. The next 60-day notices of layoff are expected June 19.
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SPEEA UPCOMING EVENTS

SPEEA Night with Wichita Wingnuts

Mark your calendars and get your discount tickets for SPEEA night at the ballpark with the Wichita Wingnuts on Saturday, June 27. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.
The Midwest Membership Activities Committee (MAC) will host a free tailgate barbecue starting at 3:30 p.m. in the west side of the parking lot.
Tickets are $5 each for members and their families. To get the discount, take a copy of the SPEEA Wingnuts flier (ask your Council Rep or see the SPEEA bulletin board in the workplace) to the stadium ticket office by June 24.

Register for rafting weekend by June 18

If you’re planning to join BEWET on the whitewater rafting weekend with SPEEA, be sure to sign up by Thursday, June 18. The rafting weekend is June 27 and 28 (either or both days). The Boeing whitewater recreation club makes it easy for first-timers, but a lot of repeat customers keep coming back because it’s a blast.
For more details and to sign up, go to www.bewet.org or email Daly at randall.n.daly@boeing.com.

Save the date – SPEEA Cruise for the Cure July 18

SPEEA Northwest Membership Activities Committee (MAC) Chair Bill Barrett organizes this ride as a labor of love – he loves taking a scenic drive on his motorcycle, and he loves helping a good cause. Proceeds (registration and tickets for random drawings) go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF). This year, Barrett mapped a route to one of his favorite ride destinations – Whistlin’ Jack Lodge in Cliffdell.
Save the date and look for more details coming soon in the SPEEA publications.

WAC Sponsorship

‘Food for Thought’ lecture inspires member

I recently had the opportunity to meet inspiring women winemakers and learn about Washington’s wine industry at the Women’s University Club of Seattle, April 16.
I learned from some of the speakers that by being proactive, one could make a difference in their community and have an impact on other people’s lives. The rewards are endless. Some of the many accomplishments are the personal satisfaction of obtaining a goal or helping to fulfill someone’s dream.
Among the speakers at the event which I found to be very inspirational were Stacy Lill and Kathy Johanson, co-owners of “O” wines, located at Woodinville, Wash. “O stands for opportunity, opportunities that open wide” said Kathy and Stacy. They came up with the idea of starting a winery business during a dinner discussion with their husbands. Now, they have a very successful winery, and their wines are sold at local markets.
Stacy and Kathy are very passionate about mentoring and promoting higher education for young women. Together, they have so far funded four scholarships – a total of $80,000. Their lifetime goal is to raise $1 million in scholarships for a college success foundation. They are dedicated to giving. Kathy, who is a manager at The Boeing Company, is also working with Boeing to raise money for charity.
There were other successful stories of women in the wine business, despite the fact that it is a male-dominated industry. The women at the event are passionate about their work but equally passionate about promoting and encouraging diversity of women in all fields. They mentor and train women for leadership roles, provide fellowships, and continue to carry out their mission.

Wac Report Out

Alla Ahmed, shown above left, and Rebekah Arnold went to a Women’s University Club of Seattle presentation on behalf of the Northwest Women’s Advocacy Committee (WAC). They gave a report to the Council. Ahmed’s report follows. Arnold, a Council Rep, also submitted a written report to the Council.
When Washington State Gov. Chris Gregoire wanted to form a special council to discuss ways to keep and attract more aerospace jobs, she sought leaders from education, industry, the legislature and labor. SPEEA Legislative Director Stan Sorscher will join the newly formed Washington Council on Aerospace. A representative from the International Association of Machinists will also serve on the 14-member council.

"Washington is the best place in the world to build airplanes, primarily due to the robust aerospace infrastructure we have in place and our highly skilled, productive work force," Gov. Gregoire said in a press release. "But in today’s challenging times and with our faltering economy, we need to do more to stay ahead. The aerospace council is designed to ensure we are doing all we can in a sustained way to be even more competitive."

Gov. Gregoire signed an executive order May 14 to create the council.

SPEEA holds seat on the Washington Council on Aerospace

Members of the Council on Aerospace:

- Roger Weed, director of the Department of Commerce (chair)
- Ann Daley, executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Charlie Earl, executive director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
- Dr. Mark Emmert, president of the University of Washington
- Dr. Elson Floyd, president of Washington State University
- Sen. Mike Hewitt, R-Walla Walla
- Sen. Steve Hobbs, D-Lake Stevens
- Rep. Phyllis Kenney, D-Seattle
- Rep. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake
- Stan Sorscher, legislative director for SPEEA (Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace)
- Representative of the International Association of Machinists (IAM)
- David Schumacher, government affairs director for The Boeing Company
- One member representing aerospace employers in Eastern Washington
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SPEEA at Onex shareholders meeting

SPEEA Council Reps Donna Castaneda and Matthew Joyce attended the 2009 shareholders meeting for Onex, which owns Spirit AeroSystems. SPEEA began sending representatives to the Onex meetings in 2005, when the company first bought the commercial plane manufacturing facility from The Boeing Company. This year’s meeting was May 21 in Toronto. Castaneda and Joyce reported to the Midwest Council.

SPEEA Wichita all-member meeting

WICHITA – For an insider’s look at the recently concluded 2009 Kansas legislative session, plan to join SPEEA for an all-member meeting, Monday, June 15. The Midwest Legislative and Public Affairs (L&PA) Committee invited Rep. Jim Ward, D-88th district) to give an overview of the session with an emphasis on Wichita.

Come out for the details and dinner at the Crossroads Bistro, owned by SPEEA member Tomey Shabshab. RSVP by contacting the SPEEA office at (316) 682-0262 or email vickim@speea.org.

To find out more about legislative issues, come to a Midwest L&PA meeting on the third Thursday of the month at the Wichita SPEEA office or contact SPEEA member Debbie Logsdon, MW L&PA chair, at (316) 523-4093.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULES

NORTHWEST MEETINGS (ALL TIMES PDT)

Wednesday, June 3
4:30 p.m. ACT Committee
4:00 p.m. Executive Board
2:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday, June 4
4:00 p.m. New Hire Committee

Friday, June 5
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Monday, June 8
4:00 p.m. New Hire Committee

Wednesday, June 10
4:30 p.m. SPEEA L&PA
4:30 p.m. Organizational Planning
5:00 p.m. SPEEA & NW Governing Documents
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Tuesday, June 16
4:30 p.m. Executive Board

Wednesday, June 17
4:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday, June 18
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Wednesday, June 24
4:00 p.m. SPEEA L&PA

Friday, June 26
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Midwest Legislative and Public Affairs (L&PA) Committee invited Rep. Jim Ward, D-88th district) to give an overview of the session with an emphasis on Wichita.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULES

MIDWEST MEETINGS (ALL TIMES CDT)

Wednesday, June 3
4:30 p.m. MW Membership Activities Committee
4:00 p.m. Executive Board
2:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday, June 4
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Friday, June 5
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Tuesday, June 9
11:00 a.m. MW Young Professionals

Wednesday, June 10
4:30 p.m. MW Governing Documents

Wednesday, June 17
4:30 p.m. MW L&PA

Thursday, June 18
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Wednesday, June 24
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

Wednesday, June 24
4:30 p.m. MW Governing Documents

Thursday, June 25
4:30 p.m. MW L&PA

Friday, June 26
4:00 p.m. Executive Board

CPI – April

The U.S. City Average all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W) on a 1982-84=100 base for April 2009 is 207.9. (On a 1967=100 base, the April index is 619.3). This is a 0.3% increase from March and a 1.3% decrease from April 2008. For more details, go to the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics web site at www.bls.gov.