

Ebalina Roitberg



Biography:

I am a very motivated, passionate, and participation-oriented individual. I graduated from the University of Texas - Pan American with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and entered the workforce in 1997 when I joined Dell. In my 20+ years at Dell, I have advanced through eight unique and significant job functions. My desire to learn, grow and tackle new challenges has been key to my success and longevity at Dell.

In parallel to starting my career at Dell, I found our local SWE section in Austin. After attending a few meetings, I very quickly understood SWE's mission and vision and personally experienced the value such an organization has on a female engineer's life. After my first year of membership, I quickly became a life member and began serving in various leadership roles. Throughout my almost 20 years as a SWE member, I have had the privilege of serving in key officer roles at the section, region, and national level, that have included Section President, Region Governor, and Deputy Speaker of the House (when we still had Section Representatives).

I am happy to say both my work and volunteer experience have helped develop my overall professional and leadership skillset.

Candidate Statement:

My interest in serving as Region Senator stems from my passion for SWE and the value it offers its members, supporters, and sponsors. I have personally and professionally been positively impacted by SWE and have a strong interest in wanting to help continue drive and build on the SWE mission and vision. Through my 20+ years as a member, I have seen SWE grow and evolve. I feel my experience and continued active engagement within SWE, over the entire span of my membership, uniquely positions me to provide valuable inputs as to the strategic direction SWE can and should take. As an active life member, I understand the requirement to represent the needs and interests of my region, as well as communicating back the strategy and direction the Society envisions in its long-term plans. I appreciate the opportunity to run and hopefully serve as one of Region C's Senators. Thank you for your consideration.

Kate Van Dellen



Biography:

Kate Van Dellen is a devoted SWE member and leader. She holds a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and an M.S. in Engineering Management. Her traditional engineering career gave her the opportunity to work with cargo aircraft, satellites, anti-missiles, business jets, helicopters, and unmanned aircraft. She is the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding SWE Collegiate Member Award and the 2015 SWE Distinguished New Engineer Award in addition to her group achievement award from NASA.

A few years ago, Kate started her own company, New Trees Education to work directly with K-12 students and teachers to ensure gender parity and enthusiasm in STEM education. As an entrepreneur, Kate has training and practice in strategic planning.

In college, Kate served as section president of one of the largest collegiate sections. She managed over 40 officers and led her team to receive gold in the Outstanding Collegiate Section competition. She served eight years on the Society level Membership Committee, including being Chair. She is an advocate of SWE affinity groups and is an active member of the Entrepreneurs, LGBTQ+, and Small Business. She is a firm believer in SWENext and helped start the Frisco ISD SWENext section.

Candidate Statement:

It has been an honor to serve you as your SWE Senator the past two years, and I'd like to build on the momentum to serve you for the next three years. In the middle of governance changes, I haven't been afraid to ask the tough questions and follow up to provide solid answers to our SWE members and leaders. I've had the honor of serving you in special elevated leadership roles in the

Senate such as on the Strategic Planning Committee and as the lead of the Senate Sub-Team on Committees.

My goal is to give back to SWE and bring value to all members. One of my personal highlights of my SWE career was serving on the Society's Membership Committee during the creation of collegiate to career (C2C).

I live the SWE mission every day working with middle and high school students to introduce them to STEM careers. It would be an honor to continue to provide you excellent communication and representation in the Senate.