



Governance Update

Hello, my name is Alyse Stofer and I've been a SWE member for over 20 years. In FY13, I had the privilege of serving as the Society president.

SWE needs a governance update because our current structure is very complex, and I know this firsthand. I've been involved locally as well as regionally within our society.

So taking a step back for our new membership, or even for just the general public, I think it's challenging to say what is SWE locally, regionally, and then if we look at the Society globally, it can be very confusing.

As we grow our membership, we want to make sure to provide the best programs and services to our constituents. By taking a step back and looking at our governance structure, we will be able to do that.

We need to streamline our bylaws policy and procedures to allow our Senate the ability to be focus rather than on our bylaws, on strategy. I'm really excited about the strategy that we recently put in place and we need to allow them to execute and move forward on that strategy.

Currently, we have a variety of subgroups. We have senators, region governors, board members and longtime members are working with our subgroups taking a look at governance changes. The subgroups include regions, committees, bylaws, sections, the nominating process, board composition, and the senate t to best represent our membership.

It is important to take a look at our governance structure now to review how we operate as we continue to grow so we can best serve our members and continue to provide high-quality programs and services globally located wherever our members are.

I encourage you to participate in this governance discussion. Participate in webinars, at discussions at your upcoming region conferences, or of course, just in conversations with your local, region, or society leaders.

Please reach out to governance@swe.org with any of your governance questions.