



# Puget Sound Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

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Spring Newsletter

[www.pshfes.org](http://www.pshfes.org)

## Renew Your Membership or Join Today!

Our chapter is a non-profit organization associated with the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society and serves the interests of the local community of the Pacific Northwest. Our funding is generated via the chapter's membership dues and activities.

For only \$18 (\$9 for students), you can enjoy opportunities for professional development, network with fellow professionals, and tour local facilities when you join PSHFES.

Additionally, receive newsletter and mail updates about what's going on in the area, volunteer opportunities, access to and a listing in the membership database, and an invitation to the yearly business meeting.

Join for the 2009 calendar year by visiting our Web site at [www.pshfes.org](http://www.pshfes.org), click "Membership," and pay online (Pay Pal) or by check.

## President's Message

My final few months serving as PSHFES President Elect spurred me to reflect on what we had accomplished in 2008. We had a great year with a very successful symposium, some great dinner events, speakers, and tours and continued to make progress on our Technically Cool Computing program - helping get ergonomics information to students as they begin to learn to use the computer. But more importantly, my last months spurred me to start thinking about what I wanted to accomplish in the upcoming year as I take over the Presidency of the group. My first big task was to secure a full executive council. I'm happy to report that our membership has responded and we have a great blend of old and new council members to support our activities in 2009. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank last year's council for a job well done, and to introduce our new council.

- ◆ Past President & Community Projects Chair: **Susan Murphey**
- ◆ President: **Dan Odell**
- ◆ President Elect: **Janet Peterson**
- ◆ Secretary: **Wilmarie Villanueva**
- ◆ Treasurer: **Gary Davis**
- ◆ Communications Chair: **Rick Goggins**
- ◆ Membership Chair: **David Lee**
- ◆ Program Chair: **Sue Stewart**
- ◆ Student Liaison: **Joe Small**
- ◆ Symposium Chair: **Barb Faville**



**Dan Odell**  
PSHFES President

Once the council was filled, I began to think about what I wanted to accomplish with this group. My first thought was "keep the group on its positive trajectory." So, the primary focus of the group will be to continue what's been going well - booking engaging activities, running our annual symposium, providing networking, training and volunteer opportunities within the community, and building the infrastructure to continue this success into the future. I should add that there are some great opportunities to participate in making this happen, particularly for the symposium. If you'd be interested in participating in the symposium planning committee, Barb Faville's team would love to hear from you. We'll announce future opportunities as they become available.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### 2009 PSHFES OCCUPATIONAL ERGONOMICS SYMPOSIUM

Date: **September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Location: **Seattle's Museum of Flight**

Speaker: **Ira Janowitz**

## President's Message Continued...

With some of the obvious goals in hand, I began to reflect on my experience moving to the Puget Sound area over 4 years ago as an HF/E professional and having trouble finding a community. I didn't discover PSHFES until I had been here for several years, and it took me joining the PSHFES executive council to understand the differences between PSHFES and the Ergonomics Roundtable! I'm sure that many of you can relate to this. That experience gave me inspiration for my next 2 goals – 1) Make PSHFES easy to find for local HFE professionals, and 2) Clarify our mission statement (see below).

My final goals came from my experience working as the President Elect last year. First, as a group, the PSHFES council would really like to extend our support for students. While we've made good progress with our Technically Cool

Computing project, we only had one student member of PSHFES last year. I'm very happy that Joe Small has signed up to drive some student participation in the group, and we're aiming for at least 5 student members by the end of the year (and hoping for a dozen!). With the progress I'm seeing, I believe that we can hit that goal. Finally, we want to operate the group within 15% of revenue. We've been running slightly over the top end of that range, and we want to make sure that we provide the best value for our members (without going into the red).

So, those are the things that you can expect from us in 2009. We're all geared up and ready for a great year, and we hope that you are, as well!

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## Mission

### ***PSHFES Mission Statement:***

- 1. Provide opportunities for professional development, networking, workshops, and education for local Human Factors and Ergonomics professionals, students, and enthusiasts.***
- 2. Raise public awareness of the value and benefits of Human Factors and Ergonomics.***
- 3. Provide volunteer opportunities for HFE professionals to contribute to the Puget Sound area community.***

# 2009 PSHFES Membership

## Are you in our new online PSHFES membership system?

We are excited to announce the launch of our new PSHFES online membership system in January. The new membership system is dedicated to serving the membership needs of our PSHFES community. For those of you who have not registered for 2009 PSHFES membership, you are not in the new system! Please go to [www.pshfes.onefireplace.com](http://www.pshfes.onefireplace.com) to register for 2009 membership and enjoy the many benefits of this new online membership system:

- ◆ **REGISTRATION!** Online membership registration for new members, and membership renewals for returning members.
- ◆ **FLEXIBILITY!** Ability to log in and update your membership information at anytime.
- ◆ **STAY CONNECTED!** Members can log in and view the PSHFES Membership Directory for networking purposes.

Feel free to contact the Membership Chair at [membership@pshfes.org](mailto:membership@pshfes.org) if you have any questions regarding the new online membership system. We look forward to seeing you at our future events this year!

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**PLEASE NOTE** that previous PSHFES members who have not registered for the 2009 year will be dropped from the e-mail distribution lists unless they register on the new online membership system. Please renew your memberships to continue receiving the benefits of PSHFES membership!

## Have an idea for an article?

We want to encourage all members to contribute ideas for articles and any items of interest for the next PSHFES Newsletter. For information or to submit content, please e-mail Wilmarie Villanueva at [wilmarie.villanueva@gmail.com](mailto:wilmarie.villanueva@gmail.com).

Thank you for all your continued support and contributions!



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