Folks,

**Job Placement**
Spring quarter has kicked off and our seniors are at the finish line. We will graduate 16 students this June, and the good news is that most have already secured positions to start their career. There are still a few very well-qualified graduates who have not confirmed a full-time position, so, if your company has an opportunity for a young engineer, just let us know and we will connect you with a great candidate(s). We are getting more and more traction from our members to post their open positions on our website’s “Opportunities” page. When you have a moment, take a look at http://depts.washington.edu/wppf/opportunities.shtml.

**Incoming Student Enrollment**
This is also the time of the year when we make scholarship offers to incoming first-year students. With the exceptional support of the School of Environmental and Forest Science (SEFS), we have been able to offer 10 entering students a $12,000 scholarship for their first year of study in BSE. The support of SEFS to offer these incentive scholarships is an important part of our recruiting package to attract the best candidates. If you know of a student whom you think would be interested in our program, just let us know and we will make a personal contact to provide information about BSE, our scholarship program and the career opportunities that can follow.

**Faculty & Staff News**
Winter term brought some changes to the program:

- The new faculty position has been filled by **Dr. Anthony Dichiara**. Dr. Dichiara will focus on carbon-based bio-materials, an area of growing importance, and he will begin his appointment in September.

- **Mark Lewis**, our long-time paper science lab manager, has elected to pursue a consulting career. This means we will be searching for a new lab manager this spring. A more complete position description will soon be posted on the Foundation website and our Facebook page. If you know of someone who may be interested in this opportunity, please let us know.

- Finally, after being flooded out of our old office in Bloedel and spending some time in Winkenwerder, we have moved into a new office suite in **6 Anderson Hall**. Take a minute when you are in the area to see our new digs and admire our windows (yes, we now have windows and they actually open).

**Alumni Update**
We have created a new, very cost-effective, “Young Professionals” membership category in the Foundation. We hope this program will maintain our students’ engagement with the Foundation after graduation and encourage our graduates to begin “giving back” to the scholarship effort.

**Annual Meeting**
Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on May 21. This year the banquet will be held in a new venue, the Burke Museum here on campus. The award-winning Garfield High School jazz ensemble will keep you in a great mood as you have a chance to visit exhibits in the museum during our social hour. **Click here** for the brochure and **here to register online**.

Please stay in touch and be sure to visit when you are in the area.

Regards,

Mike