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[01.01] IEEE MOVES AHEAD ON WOMEN IN ENGINEERING INITIATIVE

We are pleased to report that the response to our previous request for comments and interest in participation was overwhelming! About two hundred responses -- more than half men -- came in from all over the world with news of programs being undertaken by sections, societies and other entities. We've also heard about programs in other professional societies, corporations and universities.

Based on this outpouring from interested volunteers President Sloan returned to the Board of Directors last month for approval of a seven-point project plan:

1. Establish a steering committee, chaired by 1993 President Martha Sloan, to oversee implementation of IEEE's project plan.
2. Begin an electronic newsletter on women in engineering to disseminate news on women in our profession, including the best ideas contributed.
3. Establish a comprehensive advisory implementation committee comprising men and women from across the Institute who have expressed interest in the project.
4. Develop a detailed plan and budget for the year.
5. Coordinate with other professional societies, universities, companies, etc., to study their programs and see which are most easily adapted to IEEE use.
6. Identify IEEE entities to test tactics or serve as models for the rest of the Institute.
7. Develop recommendations to the Board of Directors for specific projects in such areas as pre-college education, mentoring, advising, support groups, etc.

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