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## Governing Board Meeting

**When:** September 23rd; 4:30pm

**Where:** Room 1J; Freightliner Corporate Building, [4747 N Channel Ave, Portland OR](http://www.oregonsae.org/GovBoard.html)

Meeting minutes and agenda are located at <http://www.oregonsae.org/GovBoard.html>

## Evening Tech Meeting

**What:** Global Product Development WebEx Conference

**When:** September 30th, 2008 6:00pm

**Where:** Daimler Trucks North America (Freightliner) Corporate Conference Center  
4555 N. Channel Ave, Portland OR. [map](#)

This meeting will also be available via WebEx.

**Cost:** \$10 with meal

**RSVP:** By 9/29/08 to Katie Knudson at [Katie-Jo.Knudson@Daimler.com](mailto:Katie-Jo.Knudson@Daimler.com).

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## News/Announcements

In this month, Oregon SAE is pleased to present a technical session on commercial vehicle global product development. This session will be presented at the SAE International Commercial Vehicle Engineering Congress and Exhibition next month, but Oregon SAE members will get a sneak preview. This meeting will be held in Portland, but it is also available as a WebEx meeting so members throughout the state can still attend virtually with a computer and phone.

Also, the National College Fair will be held at the Oregon Convention Center on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The Engineer Your Life Organization and the Society of Women Engineers will have a booth at this event to promote engineering and are asking for volunteers to help staff their booth. If you can volunteer, please contact Coral Jean at [cjcotterell@comcast.net](mailto:cjcotterell@comcast.net) by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## Global Product Development for Commercial Vehicles Challenges and Tools for a Global Market

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The product development of Commercial Vehicles has become global in nature due to locations of technical resources, production facilities and market application of common products. This panel will discuss the challenges of the global product development process and the tools required to enable efficient engineering of products designed for a global market. Kary Schaefer from Daimler Trucks North America and Jim Tung from MathWorks will be giving us insight into global product development from experiences they have gained through working in a global market. This discussion will be part of the panel discussion to be held next month at the SAE International 2008 Commercial Vehicle Engineering Congress and Exhibition.

### **Featured Panel Speakers**

**Kary Schaefer**, Chief Engineer for Cab Engineering, Daimler Trucks North America.

Kary has the engineering responsibility for cab design for Freightliner, Sterling, and Western Star Trucks. She is involved in global design initiatives with her colleagues in the Daimler Truck Group, which includes Mitsubishi Fuso and Mercedes-Benz,

**Jim Tung**, Fellow, The Mathworks Inc.

Jim has more than 25 years of experience in the technical computing software markets. He is a 20-year veteran of The MathWorks, holding the positions of vice president of marketing and vice president of business development before assuming his current role focusing on business and technology strategy.

### **Moderator**

**Christopher Myers**, Director of Worldwide Tractor and Component Engineering, John Deere.

Chris has the engineering responsibility for eight tractor engineering organizations on four continents. During the past 30 years, Chris has held mostly product development positions at John Deere, with assignments in manufacturing and in Germany.

This meeting will be held in Portland, but it is also available as a WebEx meeting so members throughout the state can still attend virtually with nothing more than a computer, phone, and internet connection. For those without a good internet connection, you can still join the teleconference. See the following page for instructions on how to connect to the meeting via WebEx or teleconference.



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Topic: Oregon SAE Technical Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm, Pacific Daylight Time (GMT -07:00, San Francisco) -- Presentation will begin at 6:30pm

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