KSPE
Eastern Chapter News

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President's Message

By: Adam Stodola, P.E.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed family, food, and football. It's easily my favorite holiday of the year.

The Eastern Chapter had a good month in November. The month kicked off with a Young Engineers Happy Hour on November 12th at Buffalo Wild Wings. The event is used as a membership recruiting tool and as an opportunity to bring young engineers together for a night of networking. Over 30 young engineers from the area attended the event and enjoyed food, beverage, and football. I spoke with several of the attendees about the advantages of becoming a KSPE member and what KSPE does for the engineer. I believe the event was well received and that there could be new memberships that result from it. Credit goes to Kiel Johnson for organizing the Happy Hour and I look forward to the next event to be held in the spring.

The November Chapter meeting was held on November 19th and included a KSPE update by State President Doug Danaher, P.E. and Executive Director Ron Gaches.

Mr. Danaher gave a brief history of Licensure and focused on the recent membership trends while emphasizing the importance of recruiting young members to help energize the society. Mr. Gaches' comments included several issues that will receive attention in the upcoming Legislative session as well as a reiteration of the importance of developing relationships with your Legislators.

Funny I should mention the development of relationships with Legislators… this will be one of the topics that will be covered during the Politics 101 presentation at our December Chapter meeting. I hope that you will be able to join us for this breakfast meeting because it will, no doubt, provide valuable and insightful information. With the recent news of cuts from the State Highway fund, KSPE and its members need to be as keenly aware of Legislative issues as they have ever been given the economic landscape these days. This presentation will help us do just that.

The Chapter is also in the process of scheduling an event in Topeka with the Johnson County delegation. This is an important event so I encourage everyone to participate. Stay tuned for more details.

While December is an abbreviated month for KSPE activities with the Holidays on the near horizon, the New Year will bring such events as Model Bridge Building and Mathcounts. As always, I encourage you to get involved wherever and whenever you can.

In the meantime, have yourself a safe and happy Holiday season.

KSPE Executive Director Ron Gaches addresses the membership at the November Chapter meeting

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Welcome

New members to KSPE:
Jason Hoskinson
Brian Willhoite

KSPE EC Website

The website will be updated on the 1st and 15th of each month or as needed should there be time sensitive information.

Check it out…
www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern/Eastern.htm

If you have photos taken at KSPE events, please submit them to Cheri Schoenhals, cschoenhals@gbateam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Event Information

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Announcement

December Breakfast Meeting
Politics 101

Stephanie Sharp

It's your legislature. You elect them (either by voting or by neglecting to vote), you pay their salaries, and you are the reason for the laws they pass. Do they know YOU? Stephanie Sharp, former State Representative, current JCCC Trustee, and passionate advocate for citizen engagement will help you learn how to use your lobbyist Action Alerts effectively to get what you, your family, and your business need out of Topeka and Washington.

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009

Time:
7:00 Social/Registration
7:30 Breakfast & Program
8:30 Board Meeting

Location: Ritz Charles
9000 West 137th Street
Overland Park, KS 66221
913-685-2600

Cost: $25.00

Buffet Menu:
Assorted Chilled Juices
Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon/Sausage
Grilled Breakfast Potatoes
Biscuits with Country Gravy
Danish & Muffins with Butter
Bagels with Cream Cheese
Beverages

RSVP: Deadline - Friday, Dec. 4th
No-shows will be billed

RSVP to Cheri Schoenhals
E-Mail: cschoenhals@gbateam.com
Online: www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern/Eastern.htm

In the Future...

Metropolitan Kansas City Chapter ICC Educational Seminars

Mark your calendars for December 7-11 for the Educational Seminars. Additional information can be found at *kspe ec homepage*.

Engineering Reports Seminar

The Kansas and Missouri chapters of the American Concrete Institute will be holding a seminar on December 10, 2010 in Kansas City.

"What's This Engineering Report For? Using Reports to Get your Work Done"
Engineers often need to evaluate reports from a wide variety of firms and suppliers. This seminar will help the engineer to evaluate 7 common reports. The afternoon seminar will offer 4 contact hours of education as well as a hot lunch buffet and parking for only $30.

Please register by Dec 7, 2009 to

Shirley Hartley
913-319-6106
shirley.hartley@ashgrove.com

Event Information

Engineer of the Year Nominations

By: Brian Scovill, P.E.

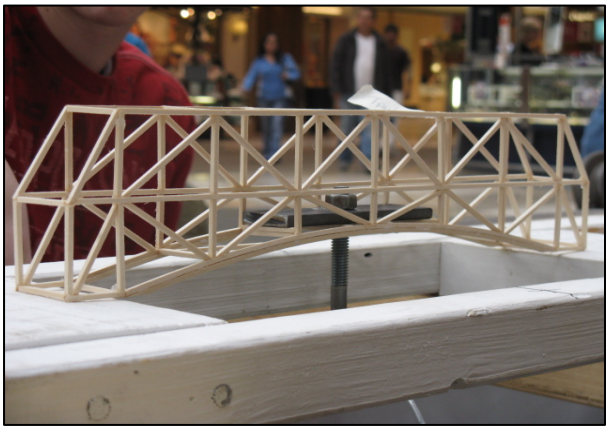
The 2009 KSPE Eastern Chapter Engineer of the Year nominations are due no later than December 31, 2009. The Eastern Chapter Engineer of the Year recipient will be recognized at the 2010 E-Week Luncheon and also submitted to KSPE for the state award. Nomination forms can be found at the KSPE website or by clicking on the following link:

www.kansasengineer.org/Awards/Engineer%20Form%202008.pdf.

Submit your nomination to Brian Scovill at brian.scovill@opkansas.org.

Bridge Building Volunteers Needed

By: Mark Johnston, P.E. & Rod Holcomb, P.E.



The Eastern Chapter's 27th Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus in Overland Park, Kansas. Students in grades 9 through 12 attending schools located within the Eastern Chapter's region are eligible to compete in the Model Bridge Contest.

The contest encourages students to get involved in a challenging and fun engineering project. The students each design and construct their own model bridge made entirely of basswood sticks and glue. The model bridges are then loaded to failure to determine the bridge's structural efficiency (total mass supported divided by the mass of the bridge). The bridge with the highest structural efficiency wins. The top three finishers will be recognized at the Engineers Week luncheon held in Kansas City, Missouri on Wednesday February 17th, 2010. The first and second place contestants are eligible to win an expense assisted trip to compete at the 2010 International Bridge Building Contest in Philadelphia, PA.

Volunteers are always needed to assist students with testing of their bridges. If you are interested in helping with the contest, contact either Mark Johnston at 816-363-2696 (mjohnston@bwrcorp.com) or Rod Holcomb at 816-349-6693 (rholcomb@burnsmcd.com).

In the Future...

PE Recognition Ceremony

Thank you to those KSPE members who attended the Kansas Professional Engineers and Surveyors Licensure Recognition Ceremony on Friday, July 10, 2009 at the Kansas Statehouse. In conjunction with the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, KSPE congratulated the professional engineers as they received their Kansas Certificate of Licensure. Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller was the keynote speaker for the event.

The next PE Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for January 22, 2010.

MATHCOUNTS

MATHCOUNTS is a national math coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory.

MATHCOUNTS is one of the country's largest and most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors and students.

The KSPE Eastern Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition will be held February 2, 2010. Volunteers will be needed so please continue to check for announcements.

October Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2009
Ritz Charles

Attendees: Adam Stodola ,Steven Hileman, Brent Johnson, Andy Maysent, Rod Holcomb, Tawn Nugent, Steve Bachenberg, Kiel Johnson, Nathan Hamm, Don Allison, Cindy McCann, Stephanie Hale.

Agenda: Adam called the meeting to order and the agenda was distributed and approved. Previous meeting minutes from the August planning meeting were distributed and approved.

Reports:
Treasurer's report
Andy Maysent distributed the treasurer's report. The report was approved at the meeting.

Committee Reports:
Legislative
We he had a good turnout for the legislative breakfast. Approximately 10 legislatures attended the breakfast meeting.
Steve Bachenberg will begin planning the statehouse visit. The available dates for a visit are either January 26 or February 23. Steve will check with Ron Gaches on the dates and coordinate the visit.

MathCounts
No Report.

Model Bridge Building
The model bridge building even is set for January 30 at the KU Edwards Campus. Rod Holcomb is going to confirm with the schools that there are not any conflicts with school testing on that day.

Fundraising
Don Allison reported that fundraising letters will be sent out around Thanksgiving.

Membership
No Report.

Awards
We are now accepting nominations for engineer of the year.

Young Engineers
Kiel Johnson reported that a happy hour is planned for November 12 at Buffalo Wild Wings at 135th and Metcalf. The BBQ has been put off until spring due to permits that are required at City parks.

Engineering Preparation
The Olathe school district has a career fair scheduled for October 28. Eight volunteers have signed up to help at the KSPE booth. We are looking for handouts and giveaways for the students. Tawn Nugent will email some giveaways options and place an order before the career expo.
A flyer will distributed to advertise the STEM program on KSPE's website.

Engineer's week
The E-week committee is discussing advertising and sponsorship opportunities for this year's E-week lunch.

Newsletter / PR / Advertising
Deadline for the newsletter is October 26 and the website is October 28.

Meeting Minutes cont'd

State Director
The KSPE Board of Directors meeting was held on October 1 in Lawrence. Subjects of discussion included 2010 legislative preview, 2010 Kansas election preview, KSPE PAC, membership, budget, chapter development, professional development programs, EFK report, President's report, and executive director' report. Tom Roberts reported on the NSPE licensure task force. Faculty licensure and better connection between faculty and the engineering profession are a key focus for the group. There will be two PE Recognition ceremonies, one in Juanuary and one in July. The 2010 annual conference will be held in Topeka, and the 2011 conference will be in Wichita at the Hyatt. The NSPE President's (Sam Grossman) visit to Kansas City was summarized. Mr. Grossman has cut the number of committees on the national level by half. He stated that the BS+30 issue is a dead issue because of the split in support. Membership continues to be a concern. President Doug Danaher has asked each board member to contact at least one dropped member. He also wants young members to get involved on a committee (Mathcounts, Awards, etc).

Community Service Project(s)
October 24 is the community service project date. Hopebuilder's will provide assistance to KSPE members in building a wheelchair ramp. Another community service project will be planned in the spring. Contact Steve Hileman if you are interested in helping out.

Chapter Meetings
November Meeting – November 19th

Old Business
The board discussed holding a raffle and gift giveaway at the next meeting. The recommendation was approved. Andy Maysent will purchase two $25 gift certificates for our next meeting. Steve Hileman also recommended purchasing speaker's gifts for our upcoming meetings. Steve will look into some giveaways.

New Business
None

Young Engineers Happy Hour Recap

By: Kiel Johnson, EI

Eastern Chapter's Young Engineers group held a happy hour at Buffalo Wild Wings on November 12th. The event kicked off at 6:00 and concluded around 10:00. It was a great opportunity for the 32 attendees to meet fellow young engineers from other companies and different disciplines. Several non-member attendees also got a chance to ask questions about KSPE and learn more about our organization. The application pile was definitely lighter when we left that evening.
Thanks to all that helped put on this event and a big thanks to all that participated. We are looking forward to a great event this spring.

Treasurer's Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report
November 19, 2009

Cash on Hand			
Beginning Balance as of October 15, 2009		$675.00	
	Additions	$0.00	
	Reductions	$0.00	
Ending Balance as of November 19, 2009			**$675.00**
Checking Account			
Beginning Balance as of October 15, 2009		$5,268.93	
Deposits			
	October Breakfast Meeting Income	$1,545.00	
	NSPE/KSPE Payments (June-Aug)	$273.00	
	Newsletter Advertising Income	$650.00	
	Young Engineer's Meeting Income	$320.00	
	Total Deposits	$2,788.00	
Payments			
	October Meeting Invitation Postage	$45.32	
	October Meeting Expenses	$1,085.11	
	KSPE Pens	$444.36	
	Sep.-Nov Newsletter and Postage	$29.26	
	Executive Secretary Salary-Oct 2009	$150.00	
	Chargeback on 9/25 deposit (HDR Two Adv. Payments)	$50.00	
	Young Engineer's Meeting Expense	$591.49	
	Total Payments	$2,395.54	
Transfers to/from Money Market			
	Deposits	$0.00	
	Withdrawals	$0.00	
Ending Balance as of November 19, 2009			**$5,661.39**
Money Market Account			
Beginning Balance as of October 15, 2009		$7,381.79	
	Deposits	$0.00	
	Withdrawals	$0.00	
	Dividend Reinvest	$16.69	
Ending Balance as of November 19, 2009			**$7,398.48**
Engineers Foundation of Kansas			
Beginning Balance as of October 15, 2009		$0.00	
	Deposits	$0.00	
	Withdrawals	$0.00	
Ending Balance as of November 19, 2009			**$0.00**
PEPP Dispersal CD			
Beginning Balance as of October 15, 2009		$14,185.77	
	Deposits	$0.00	
	Withdrawals	$0.00	
Ending Balance as of November 19, 2009			**$14,185.77**
Respectfully Submitted,		Total	**$27,920.64**

Andy Maysent, P.E.
Treasurer

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