



KSPE

Eastern Chapter News

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President's Message

By: Adam Stodola, P.E.

Happy New Year!!!! Well... in KSPE terms that is. Fall is knocking on the door, football is finally here (at press time, there are only 4 days until the Huskers kickoff the 2009 campaign), and KSPE activities are in full swing.

The Board held its planning meeting on August 20th and I am excited at the thought of where we're going this year. As outlined in the last newsletter, we are taking on new initiatives this year and streamlining others.

One of the initiatives discussed during the planning meeting was with respect to our Engineering Preparation activities. A new plan is in place to streamline the process by which KSPE receives requests for and distributes money to be used for educational programs focused on engineering. The process was discussed in detail at the planning meeting and will be implemented shortly. I believe this process will allow us to selectively and effectively choose where our monies are spent and will also help us track those monies for future reference. I applaud Clarence Munsch and Tawn Nugent for getting the ball rolling.

You will also read later on in this newsletter that we are about to rollout the KSPE Eastern Chapter webpage at kansasengineer.org. I am of the opinion that the website will become a useful tool for the membership and that it is long overdue. The intent of the website is to provide a single outlet for pertinent chapter information that the membership can access whenever and wherever.

Another focal point of the upcoming year is building and maintaining the membership. Several members of the Eastern Chapter Board attended the KSPE State Leadership meeting in Topeka on August 21st at which representatives from various chapters across the state discussed membership at length. As a result of that meeting, each chapter is to put together a plan for both attracting new members and retaining the current members. This effort will halt, or even reverse, the alarming trend that we, along with other organizations are facing. Stay tuned.

This year's meeting schedule gets underway on Thursday, September 17th with a joint meeting with MSPE Western Chapter. Mr. Samuel W. Grossman, P.E. will address the audience marking the 46th consecutive year that the NSPE President will make the trip to the Kansas City area. Please join us for the meeting because there will likely be several topics discussed and it will be interesting to hear NSPE's perspective.

Other events on the horizon include the legislative event and the annual visit from the KSPE President and Executive Director.

I am excited to serve as your President and to work with the talented and enthusiastic members of the Board. It should be a heck of a ride this year so I encourage you to get involved wherever and whenever you can.

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KSPE EC Website

In an effort to better inform the chapter membership, KSPE Eastern Chapter will rollout the chapter webpage at kansasengineer.org on September 1st.

The Chapter homepage will include the most recent meeting announcement that contains a link to email your RSVP as well as other pertinent announcements.

You will also find links to the newsletter archive, calendar of events, chapter leadership contacts, KSPE links, and a link to the NSPE homepage.

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@gbteam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Event Information

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Announcement

September Dinner Meeting

Joint Meeting with The Western Chapter of MSPE
46th Consecutive Year to Meet with the NSPE President
A Kansas City Tradition

NSPE President: Samuel W. Grossman, P.E., Fellow NSPE

- Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2009
- Time:** 4:30 p.m.: Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.: Social Hour with Cash Bar
6:00 p.m.: Dinner and Presentation
- Location:** Hereford House
Hollywood Room
2 East 20th Street
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 842-1080
- Cost:** \$25.00 for Members and Guests
\$10.00 for Student Chapter Members
- Menu:** KC Strip Steak, Grilled Chicken Breast or Fettuccine Alfredo for the entrée with house salad, twice baked potato, dinner rolls, coffee and iced or hot tea. Cash bar will be available with soft drinks or alcoholic beverages.
- RSVP:** Deadline - Friday Sept. 11th:
Indicate meal choice when reserving
No-shows will be billed

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

In the Future...

EFK Golf

We hope you are planning to attend the 10th Annual Engineers' Foundation of Kansas Fundraiser Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday, October 2, 2009 with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. at Alvarmar Golf Course in Lawrence. As in past years, it promises to be a great day with prizes awarded for top three places on three flights. Registration includes green fees, cart, practice balls, and lunch.

This is for a great cause. Revenue from the event is used to support activities of the Engineers Foundation of Kansas, including MATHCOUNTS competitions and grants to the three Kansas Engineering Colleges to be used for student and faculty development.

Please go to www.kansasengineer.org, download the registration form and return it to the KSPE office as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you at Alvarmar!

If you have any questions, please call the KSPE office at 785.233.2121.

Annual Legislative Meeting

Save the date of Thursday, October 15 to attend the Eastern Chapter Fall Legislative Event. It will be a breakfast meeting at the Ritz Charles, and our guests will include local elected officials within our Chapter geography, State Senators, Representatives, and the Kansas City Section of ASCE has been invited to join us. We are awaiting confirmation of the speaker, but the program will be interesting, and this will be an excellent opportunity to meet-and-greet elected officials. More information and registration information will appear in future newsletters.

Event Information

ASCE Annual Conference

The time has come. The profession is changing, and rather than watch it pass by, we must take part in shaping our industry's destiny. I am inviting you to take that first step by attending ASCE's 139th Annual Civil Engineering Conference: From Builders to Integrators – Civil Engineers Leading the Way.

Today's challenges range from infrastructure desperately in need of revitalization and turbulent economic conditions, to managing explosive population growth and providing basic human needs such as clean drinking water. This year's Conference – from October 29-31 in Kansas City, Missouri – is your opportunity to begin forging the future of the profession.

Erik Peterson, Vice President of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, will open the conference by addressing how you can meet, not only our industry's new challenges, but its changes as well.

As we revamp the role of today's – and tomorrow's – civil engineer you'll have the chance to interact with peers and colleagues from across the globe. Come early for short courses aimed to improve your negotiating, communication and leadership skills, or stay later for special Student and younger member activities. See how engineers are overcoming challenges in projects throughout the city, including how a subterranean facility was built under an 80 year old memorial, by participating in any of the technical tours.

After all your hard work, political humorist Ben Stein will wrap up the weekend at the Closing General Session Breakfast with social commentary on the state of the society and the profession.

No trip to Kansas City would be complete without experiencing its world-famous barbeque and jazz culture. Rub elbows with Al Capone at ASCE's Halloween Theme Party and dress as your favorite mobster or dame as you feast on barbeque from around the city, all while enjoying the sounds of the American Jazz Museum. Enjoy more opportunities to explore the culture of Kansas City during this year's Special Events.

The outlook of our profession is at a crossroads and the time for civil engineers to choose our path is now. To learn more, or to register, please visit:

www.asceannualconference.org

In the Future...

HopeBUILDERS

HopeBUILDERS is a collaborative church housing repair group, made up of several churches in Johnson County. They assist Kansas City area needy and elderly homeowners with their home repair or disability adaptation needs. They believe we can collectively do more together to help needy individuals and families to live in safety, comfort and dignity.

It is a chance for us to give back to the community and share in a very rewarding experience. You don't have to be an expert to volunteer or even a member of KSPE.

The next HopeBUILDERS work day will be scheduled shortly. Check back for more details.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report
 August 20, 2009

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of May 14, 2009		\$3,716.60	
<i>Deposits</i>			
April Meeting Income		\$1,070.55	
NSPE/KSPE Payments (Feb-Apr)		\$342.00	
May Meeting Income		\$875.00	
Legislative Luncheon Income		\$15.00	
May Meeting Income		\$275.00	
PEPP Dispersal CD Interest		\$107.58	
EFK Reimbursement Request		\$2,930.14	
NSPE/KSPE Payments (Apr-May)		\$171.00	
Total Deposits		<u>\$5,786.27</u>	
<i>Payments</i>			
Executive Secretary Salary-May 2009		\$100.00	
KSPE Conferenece Sponsorship-gold		\$1,300.00	
May Meeting Expense		\$1,155.21	
Hopebuilder's		\$750.00	
March Delegate Lunch/Room		\$663.29	
Total Payments		<u>\$3,968.50</u>	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>			
<i>Deposits</i>		\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>		\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 20, 2009			\$5,534.37

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of May 14, 2009		\$7,359.22	
<i>Deposits</i>		\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>		\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>		<u>\$22.57</u>	
Ending Balance as of August 20, 2009			\$7,381.79

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of May 14, 2009		\$14,353.97	
<i>Deposits</i>		\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>		<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of August 20, 2009			\$14,353.97

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of May 14, 2009		\$525.00	
Additions		\$0.00	
Reductions		<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of August 20, 2009			\$525.00

Respectfully Submitted, Total **\$27,795.13**



Brent Johnson, P.E.
 Treasurer

Legislative Activities

By: Steve Bachenberg, P.E.

Steve Bachenberg represented Eastern Chapter at a meeting of the KSPE Government Relations Committee on Friday, August 28 in Topeka. There was a lot of discussion about prospects for the 2010 election cycle and the 2010 Legislative Session. Ron Gaches forecasts a lot of turnover due to several State officials running for higher office. Sam Brownback is the only announced candidate for Governor, and is considered the front-runner at this time. State Senate and House leadership will carry over to the 2010 Session, and all House members will stand for re-election in 2010. Ron feels the 2010 session will be dominated (again) by budget issues due to continuing shortfalls in state revenues.

KSPE's newly formed Political Action Committee (PAC) was discussed. In order to be effective with contributions, KSPE will need approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 available for contributions each election cycle. Member contributions to the PAC were kicked-off at the

annual conference, and about \$4,000 has been pledged so far. More information will soon be sent to members about PAC benefits, contributions, and contributions to candidates, but members can contribute at any time.

Eastern Chapter is viewed as a leader due to the size of our membership, and our access to the Johnson County legislative delegation, so our participation in the PAC is very important. Please join me in supporting the KSPE PAC by sending a check, and encouraging your fellow members to do the same.

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