



KSPE

# Eastern Chapter News

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## President's Message

By: Brent Johnson, P.E.

As we head into the final four months of 2011, it's hard to imagine a year where so many natural disasters have had such a significant impact to our region, on a national level, and globally. Within our region the tornado in Joplin decimated a portion of the city leveling schools, hospitals, and homes in its path. Flooding along the Missouri River has closed and caused significant damage to Interstate 29 and other highways, damaged or breached levees that protect adjacent farmland and rural areas from flooding, and we have yet to see the waters recede to see what other damage has occurred.

Within the past few weeks, we have seen the east coast experience a significant earthquake and now are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Irene which is estimated to have caused between \$2 billion and \$7 billion in damage. And globally, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan caused significant concerns with the potential for radiation exposure as their nuclear reactors were on the verge of a potential meltdown.

As I reflect on these disasters I'm reminded of the importance of our profession and the duty we have as engineers to protect the public welfare through our work. Engineers will serve a significant role in the rebuilding of these areas and it is KSPE's mission "to support the profession in this effort by advocating for legislation and public policy that supports the betterment of human welfare and the profession."

Our first formal opportunity for promoting our profession, and advocating for legislation, is at our chapter meeting on **October 20th**. Charlie Love PE, our legislative committee chair, will be sending out invitations for the meeting to our legislatures shortly. I would encourage all KSPE members to attend the meeting as it is always a well-attended event by our elected officials, and one of the few opportunities we have as a professional

society to have their full attention and let our interests be known.

Prior to our October meeting, we will have a joint meeting with MSPE on **September 29th**. NSPE President, Christopher M. Stone, PE will be the featured speaker for the meeting. In addition to our monthly meetings, the KSPE Eastern Chapter will be organizing several other events throughout the remainder of the year. Anne Schroer, PE is organizing our fall community service event, which allows KSPE members to serve those less fortunate and an opportunity to network with other engineers while making a difference in the areas which we work and live. Keith Schmidtberger and Jose Villareal are planning a young engineer's social event this fall, which is always a fun evening for our young engineers to broaden their networks. Lastly, our Engineering Preparation Program has already kicked off with the UMKC PE Exam Course Review.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and our scheduled events, and look to you for your continued active participation and involvement in our profession and our chapter.

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### KSPE EC Website

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

Check it out...

[www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx](http://www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx)

If you have photos taken at KSPE events, please submit them to Cheri Schoenhals, [cschoenhals@gbteam.com](mailto: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  
48th Consecutive Year to Meet with the NSPE President  
A Kansas City Tradition

NSPE President: Christopher M. Stone, P.E.

- Date:** Thursday, September 29, 2011
- Time:** 4:30 p.m.: Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m.: Social Hour with Cash Bar  
6:00 p.m.: Dinner and Presentation
- Location:** Granfalloon Restaurant & Bar  
608 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64112
- Cost:** \$35.00 for Members and Guests
- Menu:** **Roasted Beef Tenderloin** (sliced and served with garlic mashed potatoes, buttered asparagus and red wine reduction)  
OR  
**Chicken Parmesan** (parmesan crusted chicken with rich red sauce and fettuccine, buttered asparagus, topped with grated parmesan and mozzarella)
- House Salad, Iced tea and soft drinks will be included.
- RSVP:** Deadline - Wednesday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Indicate meal choice when reserving**  
No-shows will be billed

KSPE Members RSVP to Cheri Schoenhals

E-Mail: [cschoenhals@gbateam.com](mailto:cschoenhals@gbateam.com)

Online: [www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern/Eastern.htm](http://www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern/Eastern.htm)

## Other Event Info

### EFK Golf

We hope you are planning to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineers' Foundation of Kansas Fundraiser Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday, September 30, 2011 with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. at Alvamar 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.

We will be holding a Hole in One contest again this year. Register now for your chance to get a Hole in One and win \$10,000!!!

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](http://www.kansasengineer.org) to download the registration form and return it to the KSPE office as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you at Alvamar!

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

# Event Information

## In the Future...

### Annual Legislative Meeting

Eastern Chapter's Annual Fall Legislative Event will be held Thursday, October 20th at the Ritz Charles. Local elected officials, State Senators, and State Representatives within our Chapter will be invited. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet them and voice our concerns on issues important to us professionally and personally. Plan to attend on October 20th. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

### Olathe School District 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Expo

*We need volunteers* to help with the event.

Details for the event:

Date: Wednesday, October 26

Location: Regnier Center,  
Johnson County Community College  
12345 College Blvd.  
Overland Park, KS 66210

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Tawn Nugent at [tnugent@qbateam.com](mailto:tnugent@qbateam.com). Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.

## Other Event Info

### PE Review Course

**Dates:**

Sept. 8 - Oct. 22, 2011

**Schedule:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 9pm; Saturdays from 9am to noon

**Location:**

UMKC Volker Campus near the Country Club Plaza

**Fee:**

\$795

For more information and registration please visit <http://info.umkc.edu/sce-continuing-ed/>

# Treasurer's Report

**Eastern Chapter  
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)  
Treasurer's Report for May - June 2011**

July 7, 2011

**Cash on Hand**

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2011	\$475.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
	<u>          </u>	
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2011		<b>\$475.00</b>

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2011		\$3,245.28	
<i>Deposits</i>	Young Engineer's BBQ income	\$307.00	
	May meeting income	\$812.50	
	Total Deposits	<u>\$1,119.50</u>	
<i>Payments</i>	Young Engineer's BBQ supplies	\$ 271.07	
	Young Engineer's BBQ facility rental	\$ 110.00	
	Engineer's Week Luncheon	\$ 302.00	
	Executive Secretary Salary-May 2011	\$ 150.00	
	May meeting expense	\$ 797.96	
	Hopebuilder's donation	\$ 500.00	
	Bridge Building travel expense	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	
	Total Payments	\$2,381.03	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>			
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2011			<b>\$1,983.75</b>

**Money Market Account**

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2011		\$7,405.80	
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	<u>\$0.10</u>	
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2011			<b>\$7,405.90</b>

**Engineers Foundation of Kansas**

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2011		\$0.00	
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2011			<b>\$0.00</b>

**PEPP Dispersal CD**

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2011		\$14,185.77	
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2011			<b>\$14,185.77</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Total **\$24,050.42**

*C. Todd Black*

C. Todd Black, PE  
Treasurer

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