



KSPE

Eastern Chapter News

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President's Message

By: Todd Black, P.E.

Last month, the KSPE Eastern Chapter and the Western Chapter of MSPE welcomed our current NSPE president, Mr. Dan Wittliff, PE, F. NSPE. He went on a whirlwind tour of the greater KC area and commented on our hospitality. Mr. Wittliff is an engaging person and is passionate about the engineering profession. For the meeting, his main purpose was to provide our chapters an update on where NSPE is headed. As I mentioned, Mr. Wittliff realizes the struggles between the state chapters and national office. Using the book Race to Relevance: 5 Radical Changes for Associations as a guideline, NSPE has initiated discussions about the organization looking at its services and membership. The goal was to find opportunities for improvement. Nine task forces have been created based on this process. Mr. Wittliff's goals for the upcoming year are to 1) reconnect with the state chapters & leadership, 2) restructure NSPE processes, 3) reshape NSPE offerings to its members and 4) redirect NSPE recruiting, retention and reclamation efforts. Personally I am excited to see what changes will come out of this process. For more details on Mr. Wittliff's plans, please visit the link below.

http://www.nspe.org/PEmagazine/12/pe_0812_NSPE_Today_Outlook.html



KSPE members with NSPE President. From left to right: Mark Williams, Dan Wittliff, Stacey Lamer, Adam Stodola, and Todd Black.

Our annual legislative breakfast is October 23rd. Charlie Love is coordinating the event again this year and has invited all legislative officials within the Eastern Chapter boundaries. Chris Gutierrez with KC SmartPort will be the speaker for the event. KC SmartPort is a non-profit economic development organization that promotes and enhances the Kansas City region's status as a leading North American logistics hub. This event is designed to give each of us an opportunity to meet and visit with our legislators. Make every opportunity to attend this important event. Come prepared to share your thoughts with your legislators. Please contact your local elected officials and personally encourage them to attend the meeting.

Our community services chair, Anne Schroer, has planned our fall community service event. The date will be October 27th and we will be paired up with APWA to work on the Heartland Habitat Sustainable home. Additional details for both this and the legislative event are included in the newsletter.

Lastly, I wanted to announce that the Eastern Chapter now has a Twitter account (KSPE_EC). We feel this is another avenue to reach and connect with the engineering community. Besides meeting and event announcements, we are discussing other ways to utilize this media. I am looking for a volunteer to take over the account and develop it into a useful tool. This would be a great way for a young engineer to get involved with our chapter. Please contact me if you are interested in this opportunity.

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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.aspx

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

October Breakfast Meeting

Eastern Chapter Government Affairs Event
Local Infrastructure Issues

Chris Gutierrez with KC SmartPort

KC SmartPort is the authority on logistics opportunities in the 18-county, bi-state Kansas City region. A non-profit economic development organization, KC SmartPort promotes and enhances the Kansas City region's status as a leading North American logistics hub. KC SmartPort has two main focuses in its mission: 1. To grow the Kansas City area's transportation industry by attracting businesses with significant transportation and logistics elements; 2. To make the industry and the region more competitive in the movement of goods into, out of and through the Kansas City area.

- Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012
- Time:** 7:00 a.m.: Registration & Networking
7:30 a.m.: Breakfast
7:55 a.m.: Welcome, KSPE Briefing
8:05 a.m.: Elected officials self-introductions
8:20 a.m.: Chris Gutierrez, Q&A
9:00 a.m.: Board Meeting
- Location:** Ritz Charles
9000 West 137th Street
Overland Park, KS
(southwest of 135th & Antioch)
- Cost:** \$25.00 for KSPE members
- Menu:** Scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, biscuits
orange juice and coffee
- Guests:** Elected Officials (invited)
- 22 State Senate Candidates
 - 56 State Representative Candidates
 - 20 Mayors, over 2500 pop.
 - 34 County Commissioners
- RSVP:** Deadline - Thursday Oct. 18, 2012
No-shows will be billed
RSVP to Cheri Schoenhals
E-Mail: cschoenhals@gbateam.com
- Online: www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx

Volunteers Needed

Olathe School District 11th Annual 8th Grade Career Expo

We need volunteers to help with the event. This will be for 2 to 4 hour time slots. Volunteers will be talking with 8th grade students about careers in engineering.

Details for the event:

Date: Wednesday, October 24

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@gbateam.com. Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.

PE Exam Lunch

Volunteers needed for the PE Exam Lunch on Friday, October 26, 2012 between 11am and 1pm. The volunteers provide support for the nearly 200 examinees, hand out lunches, and promote KSPE membership. Please contact Stacey Lamer at stacey.lamer@ch2m.com or 785-550-6990 if you are available. The exam takes place at the Topeka Agricultural Hall (just north of the Capitol Plaza, 1717 SW Topeka Boulevard).

This Membership Recruitment Event is possible with generous donations from the Wichita, Tri-Valley, Smoky Valley, Southwest, and Eastern Chapters, as well as, HNTB, Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association, and individual members (Mark Williams, Gary Janzen, Kelly Warren, Stacey Lamer, and John Riley).

Event Information

Fall Community Service Event



<http://www.heartlandhabitat.org/heartland-habitat-partners-el-dorado-inc-eco-friendly-housing-prototype>

KSPE Community Service Project in partnership with the APWA Sustainable Infrastructure Committee Heartland Habitat for Humanity Work Day (The 1% for Habitat Initiative)

When:

Saturday October 27th
8 a.m.— 4 p.m. (approximately)
Lunch Provided

What:

Sustainable Housing Project

If interested, please contact Anne Schroer for more information at aschroer@gbateam.com.

Treasurer's Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report for August 2012

September 20, 2012

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of August 8, 2012	\$409.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2012		\$409.00

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of August 8, 2012		\$3,077.48
<i>Deposits</i>		
		\$0.00
Total Deposits		\$0.00
<i>Payments</i>		
		\$0.00
Total Payments		\$0.00
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>		
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2012		\$3,077.48

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of August 8, 2012	\$5,406.95	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2012		\$5,406.95

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of August 8, 2012	\$750.00	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2012		\$750.00

PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of August 8, 2012	\$14,185.77	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2012		\$14,185.77

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan M. DaMetz, P.E.
Treasurer

Total **\$23,829.20**

September Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date: 9/20/12

Time: 4:30pm Location: Hereford House

Attendees: Brent Johnson, Todd Black, Brian Scovill, Kiel Johnson, Ryan DaMetz, Mark Johnston, Cliff Speegle, Tawn Nugent

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Black at 4:40pm.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Not much to report for the month of September. The Money Market interest will be added to the monthly report.

Committee Reports

Legislative

Election year, Tuesday October 23rd will be our Legislative breakfast meeting. Chris Gutierrez with KC SmartPort will be the speaker. Members are encouraged to contact legislators about the meeting.

MathCounts

No Report

Model Bridge Building

No Report

Fundraising

No Report

Membership

The discount rate for unemployed members is still going to be in effect this year.

Awards

No Report

Young Engineers

There was some discussion about a BBQ by the end of the year? Facebook and Twitter accounts to be setup?

Engineering Prep

The Olathe Career fair is on October 24th. Tawn still needs some volunteers to help out.

Engineer's week

No Report

Advertising

To date there are 11 advertisers with receipts of \$400 and \$150 in outstanding payments for the business directory advertising.

Community Service

Oct 27th is the planned date for a community service event that will be partnered with APWA. The next newsletter will have more details.

September Meeting Minutes Cont'd

State Director
No Report

Chapter Meetings

Brian is checking with Ron Gaches and his availability for the November meeting. The location is still to be determined for the November meeting.

Old Business – There was clarification about what the EFK funds are used for and that the Scholarship funds are used for the PE Exam Review Scholarships.

New Business- Eastern Chapter has decided to donate \$500 for the PE Exam Lunch in October.

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:30pm

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