



KSPE

# Eastern Chapter News

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## President's Message

By: Todd Black, P.E.

It is hard not to see the impact of our profession in our daily lives. Some of you see it when you commute to work along I-435 or going up Quivira Rd. Maybe it is a new elementary school being built in your neighborhood. Or maybe we step back a bit and look at what is happening around the nation. Maybe it is a levee holding back storm surge from the recent hurricane that hit the Gulf Coast. Take pride in our profession knowing the positive impact that engineers have on the daily lives of many.

Although the calendar year is winding down, I think for most of us it feels like everything is just getting started again. Although the temperatures do not show it yet, summer is fading away. The kids are back in school adjusting to their new routines. Football has just started and we are excited to see our favorite teams back in action. The same excitement holds true for the Eastern Chapter of KSPE. Our monthly meetings will be starting soon along with some of our community service projects, engineering promotion through the MathCounts and Bridge Building contests as well as our Young Engineer event. We also have the chance to visit with our peers that we haven't seen in a while.

Our September meeting features the annual visit from the NSPE president, Dan Wittliff, PE. He will address both the local KSPE and MSPE chapters at a dinner meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. I think it will be a very informative meeting as Mr. Wittliff recognizes the benefit of improving the value of NSPE to the state-level members. I hope to hear his thoughts on changes that will positively affect us at the state level.

It is impossible to turn on the TV or radio or drive anywhere without being reminded of the upcoming elections. I think that issues important to most people sometimes get lost in the banter between the candidates. While this can be overwhelming at times, you have an opportunity to make your voice

heard at our October legislative breakfast at the Ritz Charles on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Charlie Love is doing a fantastic job to get your legislators to this event. Each legislator / candidate will have a chance to briefly address the group. There will also be a chance for you to speak with them individually about the items important to our profession. This is a very important event not only for our chapter but for the engineering profession as a whole. One of KSPE's strategic focus items is to increase our impact on the Kansas Legislature. This is our chance to do so. Please make every effort to attend. Although Charlie is handling the invites, you can also call or email your legislator or candidate and offer them a personal invitation as well.

Please contact me if you would like to become more active in the Eastern Chapter. In addition to helping plan a great event, it is a perfect opportunity to network with your peers and interact with others in the profession.

I hope to see you at the September meeting with the NSPE president.

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### KSPE EC Website

The website will be updated on the 1<sup>st</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@gbateam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.

# Event Information

## Upcoming Chapter Meeting Announcement

### September Dinner Meeting

Joint Meeting with The Western Chapter of MSPE  
49th Consecutive Year to Meet with the NSPE President  
A Kansas City Tradition

NSPE President: Dan Wittliff, P.E.

- Date:** Thursday, September 20, 2012
- 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 in Independence  
19721 East Jackson Drive  
Independence, MO 64057  
816.795.9200
- Cost:** \$35.00 for Members and Guests
- Menu:** **Twin Medallions** (twin bacon wrapped beef medallions grilled medium, served with season vegetables and mashed potatoes)  
OR  
**Boneless Pork Chops** (twin boneless hickory grilled pork chops topped with apple cider ginger chutney, served with seasonal vegetables and mashed potatoes)  
OR  
**Chicken Pasta Primavera** (grilled chicken and sautéed vegetables over penne pasta with marinara)
- House Salad, Iced tea and coffee will be included.
- RSVP:** Deadline - Friday Sept. 14th  
**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: <http://www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx>

## Other Event Info

### EFK Golf

We hope you are planning to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineers' Foundation of Kansas Fundraiser Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday, September 28, 2012 with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. at Alvarado Golf Course in Lawrence. As in past years, it promises to be a great day with prizes awarded for top three places of two flights. Registration includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, and prizes.

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 Alvarado!

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 a breakfast held Tuesday morning October 23 at the Ritz Charles. Local elected officials and candidates for State Senators & Representatives within our Chapter will be invited. 2012 is an election year and our event will be two weeks before the election. We expect a good turnout of elected officials and candidates so 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 23rd. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

### Olathe School District 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Expo

**We need 8 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@qbateam.com](mailto:tnugent@qbateam.com). Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.**

### Future City Mentor Opportunities

There are still mentoring needs in the Great Plains Region (Kansas and Missouri). Mentors provide Leadership and support for teams as they develop their projects. The Great Plains Regional Competition this year will be held on January 26, 2013 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

National Future City Website for mentors: <http://futurecity.org/engineers>

If you are interested, please contact Kevin Koester at [koester@ksdot.org](mailto:koester@ksdot.org). Please help to make sure each school has a mentor for this year's competition!

## Other Event Info

### PE Review Course

**Dates:**

Sept. 6 - Oct. 18, 2012

**Schedule:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Location:**

Burns & McDonnell  
9400 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, MO

**Fee:**

\$795

*Tuition reduction scholarships available. See website for details.*

This live six-week course provides structure and support for engineers preparing to sit for the October 2012 or April 2013 Civil PE exam. UMKC's course, offered through the School of Computing and Engineering, is specially designed to help engineers prepare by segmenting the exam into digestible components and delivering the key points likely to be covered in the exam.

Visit <http://sce.umkc.edu/continuing-ed/> to register

# Treasurer's Report

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

August 7, 2012

**Cash on Hand**

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2012	\$409.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
	\$409.00	<b>\$409.00</b>
Ending Balance as of August 7, 2012		

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2012	\$3,771.61	
<i>Deposits</i>		
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
<i>Total Deposits</i>		
	\$0.00	
<i>Payments</i>		
Community Service Donation	\$500.00	
Community Service Supplies	\$44.13	
Executive Salary for May 2012	\$150.00	
	\$694.13	
<i>Total Payments</i>		
	\$694.13	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>		
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
Ending Balance as of August 7, 2012		<b>\$3,077.48</b>

**Money Market Account**

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2012	\$5,406.76	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	\$0.19	
	\$5,406.95	
Ending Balance as of August 7, 2012		<b>\$5,406.95</b>

**Engineers Foundation of Kansas**

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2012	\$750.00	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
	\$750.00	
Ending Balance as of August 7, 2012		<b>\$750.00</b>

**PEPP Dispersal CD**

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2012	\$14,185.77	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
	\$14,185.77	
Ending Balance as of August 7, 2012		<b>\$14,185.77</b>

Respectfully Submitted,



Kiel N. Johnson, PE  
Treasurer

Total **\$23,829.20**

# 2012-2013 Chapter Leadership

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