



President's Message

By: Todd Black, P.E.

Typically I feel like October is the last normal month before the craziness that comes with the holiday season. I think it started earlier this year due to the two largest events on most of our minds right now – the elections and Hurricane Sandy. While we've known about the elections for quite some time, the anticipation has been greater than usual given that we were choosing the next leader of our country. For most Americans, getting the economy back on track is probably the most important issue. That is equally true for our profession. Engineers know that government plays a critical role in our livelihood and we actively participate in this process. We understand that there are new projects that would be beneficial if constructed, but that we also have to maintain what we have. It is a balancing act. KSPE has both great members and a great staff that help advocate for our profession at all levels of government. Personally, I'm ready to start moving forward and regardless of who you voted for, I hope you are too.

As engineers we know and accept that keeping the public safe is of utmost importance. Sometimes there are events that remind us that our best efforts are futile. Hurricane Sandy has been a tragedy, from the lives lost to the families displaced from their homes to the massive damage that occurred. Our hearts go out to all of those affected as we find ways to help however we can.

On a local level, October was a busy month for the Eastern Chapter. Our annual legislative breakfast was a success with almost 20 legislators and candidates attending. This continues to be an important event for our chapter and a great opportunity for us to make our voices heard. Thanks to Charlie Love for all of his effort in planning this event.

Speaking of promoting our profession, our chapter hosted a booth at the Olathe 8th Grade Career Expo at Johnson County Community College. Several members from our chapter – Tawn Nugent, Steve Hileman, Charlie Love, Andy Floy, Jared Brooks and I – represented the engineering profession and spoke to students about how great it is to be an engineer. While some of the kids were more interested if the animation of a new interchange that was playing on the computer was actually a video game, I think there were some potential engineers that stopped by. Thanks to Tawn for setting this up.

Our next chapter meeting is a dinner meeting on November 28th at the West Chase Grill in Leawood. Ron Gaches, KSPE State Director, and Mark Williams, KSPE State President, will be giving us an update on KSPE efforts at the state level. I'm sure Ron can provide a recap of the election and Mark will talk about where the Wildcats are in the BCS standings. Either way, it will be a great meeting.

Take care, be safe and have a great November.

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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@gbateam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Event Information

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Announcement

November Chapter Meeting

Ron Gaches, Executive Director of KSPE
Mark Williams, P.E., KSPE State President

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 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: West Chase Grille
11942 Roe Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66209

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: 1st Course

House Salad

Mixed Spring Greens, Shaved Red Onion, Walnuts, Goat Cheese Crumbles and Our House Sherry/Ginger Vinaigrette

Soup du Jour

Main Course

Grilled Flank Steak

Green Chile and Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Sweet Corn Relish and Homemade Chipotle Steak Sauce

OR

Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin

Homemade Apple Butter, Brussels Sprouts with Apples, Bacon and Warm Cider
Vinaigrette and Fingerling Potatoes with Bleu Cheese Drizzle

OR

Pan Roasted Chicken

Marinated in Lemon and Rosemary with Goat Cheese Risotto,
Sautéed Spinach and Roasted Cherry Tomatoes

RSVP: Deadline - Monday Nov. 26, 2012

Indicate Meal choice with RSVP

No-shows will be billed

RSVP to Cheri Schoenhals

E-Mail: cschoenhals@gbateam.com

Online: www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx

Volunteers Needed

Bridge Building

The Eastern Chapter's 30th Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus in Overland Park, Kansas. Students in grades 9 through 12 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 in Kansas City, MO. The first and second place contestants are eligible to win an expense assisted trip to compete at the 2013 International Bridge Building Contest in Chicago, IL.

Volunteers are always needed to assist students with testing of their bridges. If you are interested in helping with the contest, contact Mark Johnston at 816-363-2696



Past Event Information

Fall Community Service Event



This summer the Eastern Chapter (KSPE) partnered with KC Metro APWA's Sustainable Infrastructure and Community Service Committees to work on a home for Heartland Habitat for Humanity. Originally we were scheduled to work on a sustainable prototype house but due to changes in city building codes the house wasn't ready for volunteers yet. So rather than canceling the event we went ahead and put the final touches on a rehab home at 3100 Stewart Avenue in Kansas City, KS. Volunteers worked on a variety of projects including repairing, painting and staining two decks, site grading, demolishing and pouring a concrete pad and installing new storm doors. It was a great day with 18 people participating from both KSPE and APWA. It was a lot of fun to see and meet people on a different level than the typical meeting or conference. And lunch

wasn't too bad either! Thanks to everyone who volunteered for this event!!

Volunteers for the summer event included: Anne Schroer, Steve Hileman, Grace Hileman, Cliff Speegle, David Brackey, Therese Mersmann, Brian Scovill, Bill Rauh, and Keith Schmidtberger

On October 27th the Eastern Chapter (KSPE) again partnered with KC Metro APWA's Sustainable Infrastructure Committee to work on the Heartland Habitat for Humanity's sustainable prototype house and this time it was ready for us! The house at 740 Troup Avenue in Kansas City, KS is part of the 1% for Habitat Initiative which you can read more about [here](#). Kate Fields, Director of Resource Management at Heartland Habitat for Humanity, hopes that many of the sustainable elements from the prototype house can eventually be implemented into other Habitat homes, making these homes more affordable and sustainable for the prospective homeowners.



This time we had 11 volunteers from both KSPE and APWA and also got the opportunity to work alongside the future home owners. The workday included lifting and setting roof trusses on both the garage and the living area, finishing the roof and ceiling for the safe room (There's no basement but we're still in Kansas!) and site clean-up. It was another great day despite the cold start! The grill was a popular place to be during lunch! Thanks again to everyone who volunteered for this event!!

Volunteers for the fall event included: Anne Schroer, David Brackey, Steve Hileman, Grace Hileman, Amanda Johnson, Kiel Johnson, and Charlie Love.

Mark your calendars for our next community service event on Saturday, March 2nd.

We'll either be putting the final touches on this house at 740 Troup or we'll be working on a house in Olathe! Lunch will be provided!!

Olathe School District 11th Annual 8th Grade Career Expo

More than 2,000 Olathe School District eight-graders had the opportunity to speak with representatives from 80 different career fields. Thank you to Tawn Nugent, Jared Brooks, Andy Floy, Todd Black, Steve Hileman, and Charlie Love for volunteering their time at the Expo and speaking with students about engineering.

Past Event Information

Eastern Chapter Legislative Breakfast

Eastern Chapter held our annual Legislative Affairs event with elected officials on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. Invitations were extended to Mayors and County Commissioners, as well as State Senators, Representatives, and candidates within the Eastern Chapter geography. The event, held at the Ritz Charles, began with registration and networking at 7:00 am, and was followed by breakfast. This year, Eastern Chapter invited ASCE members to attend, and there were a total of 38 KSPE and ASCE members present. There were 20 guests in attendance including 18 elected officials and candidates. Ron Gaches described why government affairs are important to us as Professional Engineers, and our obligation to voice our concerns in matters important to our industry. Each elected official was given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Chris Gutierrez, President of KC SmartPort Inc., joined us and presented on the Kansas City's regional attraction to businesses with significant transportation and logistic elements. His talk prompted lively discussion and highlighted the benefits businesses located in the area have for moving goods into, out of and through the Kansas City Area. The elected officials were truly interested in the program and our opinions.

This was an excellent opportunity for our members to network with the guests. We encouraged the elected officials to use our members as a technical resource for information. Chris Gutierrez's remarks highlighted the important role infrastructure plays for many businesses dependent on transportation and logistical elements. Feel free to contact Charlie Love at (913)895-6193, or charlie.love@opkansas.org for additional information about this event.

Treasurer's Report

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

November 8, 2012

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$1,039.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions (Deposit September Meeting Income)	\$630.00	
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2012		\$409.00

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$2,891.35	
<i>Deposits</i>		
September Dinner Meeting	\$630.00	
October Breakfast Meeting	\$912.50	
Young Engineers Event	\$10.00	
Advertising	\$600.00	
Total Deposits	\$2,152.50	
<i>Payments</i>		
Heartland Habitat	\$500.00	
October Meeting Mailings	\$63.00	
Young Engineers Event	\$291.10	
September Dinner Meeting	\$630.00	
October Breakfast Meeting	\$1,419.84	
Executive Secretary Salary for October	\$150.00	
Donation for PE Exam Lunch	\$500.00	
Total Payments	\$3,553.94	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>		
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2012		\$1,489.91

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$5,407.14	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	\$0.10	
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2012		\$5,407.24

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$750.00	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2012		\$750.00

PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$14,185.77	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2012		\$14,185.77

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan M. DaMetz, P.E.
Treasurer

Total **\$22,241.92**

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

October 23, 2012

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2012	\$409.00	
Additions (September Meeting)	\$630.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2012		<u>\$1,039.00</u>

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2012		\$3,077.48
<i>Deposits</i>		
Total Deposits		<u>\$0.00</u>
<i>Payments</i>		
August Planning Meeting		\$36.13
Executive Secretary Salary for September		<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Payments		\$186.13
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>		
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2012		<u>\$2,891.35</u>

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2012		\$5,406.95
<i>Deposits</i>		\$0.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>		\$0.00
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>		<u>\$0.19</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2012		<u>\$5,407.14</u>

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2012		\$750.00
<i>Deposits</i>		\$0.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>		<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2012		<u>\$750.00</u>

PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2012		\$14,185.77
<i>Deposits</i>		\$0.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>		<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2012		<u>\$14,185.77</u>

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan M. DaMetz, P.E.
Treasurer

Total \$24,273.26

October Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date: 10/23/2012

Time: 8:30am Location: Ritz Charles

Attendees: Brent Johnson, Todd Black, Brian Scovill, Kiel Johnson, Steve Hileman, Charlie Love, Anne Schroer, Ryan DaMetz, Tony Rome, Cindy McCann, Cliff Speegle, Keith Schmidtberger

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Black at 8:30am.

Reports:

Treasures Report: DeMetz has now been added to the KSPE checking account. No invoice for the September meeting yet from MSPE. Checks were cut for Community Service and PE lunch recently.

Committee Reports

Legislative

Chris with SmartPort gave the presentation for the meeting today. 7-8 Incumbents and 9 Candidates attended. Question raised as to whether the meeting is too close to the actual election date. Members should try and organize small meet and greets with their legislatures. Create a list of what KSPE members are in what district to better coordinate meetings? During government relations conference call the list of priority items was discussed for KSPE this year.

MathCounts

No Report.

Model Bridge Building

No Report.

Fundraising

No Report.

Membership

No Report.

Awards

No Report.

Young Engineers

Happy hour at Buffalo Wild wings during the Chiefs Thursday night football game on 11/01. Check other locations regarding food/drink prices.

Engineering Prep

No Report.

Engineer's week

KSPE is still waiting on its check from MSPE for its portion of the E-Week profits. Cindy discussed the fact that MSPE is looking into a different venue for the event this coming year. Cindy is currently in contact with the business journal at this time.

Advertising

No Report.

October Meeting Minutes Cont'd

Community Service

Oct 27th is the planned date for a community service event that will be partnered with APWA. It will begin at 8am and we currently have 13 volunteers right now.

State Director

Will forward info on other chapters' activities with KSPE goals.

Chapter Meetings

Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov. 28th at the West Chase Grill on 119th & Roe. Dinner will be \$30 a person.

Old Business – N/A

New Business- Nominate someone to manage the Twitter account. Try to squeeze in a December meeting this year with such a late November meeting or just have a board meeting? Newsletter and website deadline is Friday Nov. 9th.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00pm

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