



KSPE

# Eastern Chapter News

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## President's Message

By: Ryan DaMetz, P.E.

Spring is here, and it's crazy to think that another Royals season is upon us. What a difference a few years make in our outlook of the hometown team. I am excited to see if these guys can continue their incredible stretch of baseball and remain focused after getting to experience the pinnacle of the sport last year. I don't know about you, but I'd be okay with another city-wide parade.

In March, we held our annual March Madness meeting at Coach's in Overland Park. We had a terrific turnout as we welcomed potential KSPE members to learn more about our Society in an informal setting – we might have watched our fair share of basketball and toasted to St. Patrick as well. My Jayhawks fared well that day, but had a rough go against Villanova last weekend, so I'm rooting for Oklahoma to represent the Big 12 well in Houston on Saturday.

In addition to socializing, the Board selected winners for a few Chapter awards at our March meeting. As you know, Kiel Johnson is this year's Engineer of the Year. We will also be honoring Government Engineer of the Year, Small and Large Projects of the Year, and Teacher of the Year. We will be announcing these award recipients at our May meeting. Please pencil-in May 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for that meeting so we can show support to engineers, contractors, and educators in our Chapter area who are exceling in their respective field.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have our April Chapter meeting at the Westport Flea Market. This is a joint dinner meeting with MSPE and SAME. The topic for the evening will concern the solar

panels that were installed at Kauffman Stadium. Maybe we can tie it all together with the game on in the background as the Royals host the Tigers that night.

Finally, the KSPE Annual Conference will be held in our neck of the woods this year at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Olathe at K-10 and Ridgeview. Mark down June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. If you don't normally attend when it's out of town, this is a great year to come to the Conference and mingle with other KSPE members throughout the State. If you are willing and able to help with the Conference, please contact Kiel Johnson ([kjohnson@waterone.org](mailto:kjohnson@waterone.org)).

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the spring, and I look forward to seeing you at our April and May Chapter meetings and the Annual Conference in June.

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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](mailto:cschoenhals@gbateam.com), for inclusion in the newsletter.

# Event Information

## April Chapter Meeting Joint meeting with MSPE & SAME

### KCPL Staff

Solar Panel Installation at Kauffman Stadium

- Date:* Thursday, April 21
- Location:* Westport Flea Market Bar & Grill  
817 Westport Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64111
- Time:* 4:30 pm - Board Meeting  
5:30 pm - Networking & Registration  
6:00 - Dinner & Program
- Cost:* \$25
- Dinner:* McGonigle's Prime Cut 8oz KC Strip Steak  
Jumbo baked potato  
Mixed green salad  
Bread  
Water/Tea  
Cash Bar provided for drinks (cash only)
- RSVP:* No later than **3pm Wednesday, April 14**  
Please register online at  
<http://www.mspe-wc.org/>  
Or with Cheri at [cschoenhals@gbateam.com](mailto:cschoenhals@gbateam.com)  
No shows will be billed

## Annual Conference 2016 in Kansas



HARD QUESTIONS.  
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KSPE Eastern Chapter will be hosting the KSPE Annual Conference in 2016 from June 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in getting involved or assisting in any way, shape or form, please contact Kiel Johnson at [kjohnson@waterone.org](mailto:kjohnson@waterone.org) We're looking forward to hosting another great conference this coming year with your help!

# Treasurer's Report

**Eastern Chapter**  
**Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)**  
**Treasurer's Report for March 2016**

March 17, 2016

**Cash on Hand**

Beginning Balance as of February 16, 2016	\$410.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of March 17, 2016		<b>\$410.00</b>

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance as of February 16, 2016 \$3,037.84

*Deposits*

February Meeting Income	\$90.00
KSPE/NSPE dues	\$474.00
Total Deposits	<u>\$564.00</u>

*Payments*

ASCE February Meeting Expense	\$90.00
Statehouse Legislative Lunch Catering	\$442.06
January Exec Sec Salary	\$150.00
Bridge Building Expenses	\$117.36
Mathcounts expense-table rental	\$140.00
Nametag labels	\$116.42
Total Payments	<u>\$1,055.84</u>

*Transfers to/from Money Market*

Deposits	\$0.00
Withdrawals	\$0.00

Ending Balance as of March 17, 2016 **\$2,546.00**

**Money Market Account**

Beginning Balance as of February 16, 2016	\$5,410.95	
Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Dividend Reinvest	\$0.10	
Ending Balance as of March 17, 2016		<b>\$5,411.05</b>

**Engineers Foundation of Kansas**

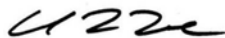
Beginning Balance as of February 16, 2016	\$3,028.25	
Deposits	\$900.00	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of March 17, 2016		<b>\$3,928.25</b>

**PEPP Dispersal CD**

Beginning Balance as of February 16, 2016	\$14,185.77	
Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of March 17, 2016		<b><u>\$14,185.77</u></b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Total **\$26,481.07**



Charles L. Love, P.E.  
Treasurer

# ***March 2016 Meeting Minutes***

## **Monthly Board Meeting**

**Date: 3/17/2016**

**Time: 4:30 p.m. Location: Coach's Bar & Grill**

**Attendees:** Cliff Speegle, Charlie Love, Kiel Johnson, Ryan DaMetz, Tony Rome, Brett Holt, Kent Dvorak

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. DaMetz at 4:30 p.m.

### **Reports:**

The minutes from the February meeting were approved via email prior to the Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Deposits included income from the February meeting and KSPE dues. Payments included the February meeting expenses, Statehouse visit catering, January Executive Secretary salary, Bridge Building and MATHCOUNTS expenses, and the purchase of nametags. The EFK fund had a deposit of \$900.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative**

The KSPE Government Relations Committee had a meeting earlier in the month. The State audit has been the leading topic for KSPE.

#### **MATHCOUNTS**

Final bill for expenses was paid. Next year's event will be on February 7, 2017.

#### **Model Bridge Building**

No report.

#### **Fundraising**

No report.

#### **Membership**

No report.

#### **Awards**

We had submittals for Government Engineer of the Year, Project of the Year, and Teacher of the Year. Kiel Johnson has already been named Engineer of the Year. The Board selected a Government Engineer of the Year and Teacher of the Year and decided to award both a Small and Large Project of the Year.

#### **Young Engineers**

Brett is planning a possible T-Bones game in May or June. The date will depend on the May meeting date as well as working around the Annual Conference.

#### **Engineering Prep**

We had three applications for scholarship. Millbrooke Elementary requested \$300 for their Earth Day activities. First LEGO League (Shawnee Mission East District) requested \$1,500 for a LEGO robotics league for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Robotics Club LKM (Blue Valley School District) requested \$1,500 for registration and travel expenses for the North American championship. After scoring each request,

# ***Meeting Minutes continued***

the Engineering Prep Committee recommended awarding \$750 to First LEGO League and \$750 to Robotics Club LKM (the Chapter awards a maximum of \$1,500 each semester). The Board approved the Committee's recommendation.

## **Engineer's week**

Income and expenses are still being calculated from the event, and Ryan and Cliff will meet with Kyle Schomaker and Derek Vap of MSPE to discuss the final budget and next year's event.

## **Advertising**

No report.

## **State Director**

Nominations are out for KSPE Board positions. There are 2 nominations for Secretary. The survey KSPE sent out about membership is being evaluated. The State audit remains high priority for KSPE.

## **Community Service**

No report.

## **Chapter Meetings**

April – Joint meeting with MSPE and SAME. April 21<sup>st</sup>. Location TBD. Topic: Kauffman Stadium Solar Panels.

May – Awards meeting. Probably May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Conference – June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Olathe.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Deadline for the newsletter is Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

We have had interest from people wanting to get more involved with KSPE leadership roles. We will reach out to these individuals to see if they would like to help with a committee.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 5:25 p.m.**

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