



KSPE

Eastern Chapter News

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President's Message

By: Kiel Johnson, P.E.

March madness is here and there have been a lot of good college basketball games. The Big 12 has struggled at the tourney with West Virginia and Oklahoma being the last teams to fall. Normally, I can't bring myself to cheer for OU but during the big dance I'm compelled to cheer for any and all Big 12 teams. I guess it figures that when I cheer for them that they still find a way to falter. OSU couldn't seem to muster anything at the end of the season and fell flat on their face for their first and last game in the tournament so I can't say too much. At least the weather was great for March and I look forward to a great spring!

For the KSPE meeting in March, we had our annual March Madness Meeting at Barley's on Midland. As always, the event is a great way to kick back and socialize and meet a few new folks. I had an opportunity to meet a few of these new potential members and I'm excited to see them at future chapter events. If you were gone for your spring break vacation, I hope you had a great time!

Speaking of future chapter events, April's event will be a joint meeting with SAME and MSPE WC at Manny's on Southwest Boulevard on Tuesday April 28th at 11:30am. The presentation will focus on the Campus Trails Project (former Bannister Mall site) and Nick Christopher from Gould Evans and Sassan Mohobian from SK Design will be the speakers.

The Young Engineers group is planning to revitalize the spring BBQ event and have tentatively slated it for the first week of May. I hope to hear more about it soon! It's definitely BBQ season and I can't wait!

Last week Charlie Love was at the helm as the Legislative Chair for the Statehouse visit. As always, it was great to hear from Ron and get an update on the activities at the State House. Unfortunately, our legislators were working through the lunch

hour and we didn't have much interaction with any officials. A few members did manage to chat with Mike King as he was there to discuss KDOT matters with a committee. I look forward to attending again next year and if you haven't been, it's a great opportunity to get some face time with your representatives.

This KSPE season is quickly wrapping up with only 2 meetings left in April and May and then we're onto the Annual Conference in June. If you haven't checked your schedule yet, be sure to dial in the conference for June 17th-19th. It will be at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita and the theme this year is "Planes, Trains and Automobiles". I hope to see everyone there!

Finally, there will be a few young engineers and I attending a JCCC Engineer's club meeting on April 14th to meet and greet with young prospective engineers and answer their questions regarding classes, engineering, or whatever else they can come up with. If you are interested in helping, the more the merrier! Please contact me if you are interested.

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KSPE EC Website

The website will be updated on the 1st 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

April Meeting

Cerner's Campus Trails Project (former Bannister Mall site)
Nick Christopher (Gould Evans), Sassan Mahobian (SK Design Group), and
Katereh Mahobian (SK Design)

Date: Tuesday, April 28th

Venue: Manny's Mexican Restaurant
207 Southwest Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64108
816.474.7696

Menu: Beef Taco
Chicken Flauta
Tostada
Rice and Beans
Chips and Salsa
Sopapilla Chips

Cost: \$25

Agenda: 11:30 a.m.: Event
Board Meeting to follow

RSVP: Tuesday, April 21 to cschoenhals@gbateam.com
No shows will be billed

Eastern Chapter Visits the Statehouse

By: Charlie Love, P.E.

Twelve Chapter members travelled to Topeka on Wednesday, March 25th for our annual luncheon with the Johnson County Delegation. First, we met at Gaches Braden & Associates office with Ron Gaches' and Scott Heinder where they provided us a briefing on the Legislature's progress.

Ron updated us on the current status of SB 24, which is now known as HB 2224. This particular bill is the Board of Technical Professions Licensure cleanup bill and it is waiting to be worked on by the full house. We should be keeping a watchful eye on this bill as a small but vocal group of architects are trying to force a discussion about scope of practice and incidental practice standards. It worth noting that this small group of architects is the exception as the original bill passed last year received support from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Ron also updated us on KDOT/T-WORKS funding. Currently the House and Senate budgets contain the Governor's funding levels for KDOT and T-WORKS. However both budgets are in the red and need additional work before they balance. KSPE members need to remain aware and continue to stress the importance of infrastructure funding in effort to provide a safe and efficient transportation system.

After Ron's briefing, we walked from the KSPE office to the Statehouse. Ron Gaches had other responsibilities so we were joined by Scott Heidner. Unfortunately, we ran into some bad luck this year as both the Senate and House remained in session over the lunch hour. We were only able to briefly exchange dialogue with a few Legislators who were able step away for a moment and grab lunch to go. Even so, hosting this event gives us exposure for the Eastern Chapter as we continue building a name and face recognition with our Legislators.

Finally, I'm very thankful to each of you that attended this year and I strongly encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity next year.

Treasurer's Report

*Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report for March 2015
March 19, 2015*

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of February 24, 2015	\$485.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions		
Ending Balance as of March 19, 2015		\$485.00

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of February 24, 2015		\$3,032.98	
<i>Deposits</i>			
Feb Mtg Income		\$1,100.00	
NSPE dues		\$110.00	
Bridge Building Income		\$40.00	
Total Deposits		<u>\$1,250.00</u>	
<i>Payments</i>			
Feb Exec Sec Salary		\$150.00	
Feb Mtg Expense		\$1,214.58	
Bridge Building Expense		\$32.22	
EOY award		\$61.08	
Total Payments		<u>\$1,457.88</u>	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>			
Deposits		\$0.00	
Withdrawals		\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of March 19, 2015			\$2,825.10

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of February 24, 2015		\$5,409.82	
<i>Deposits</i>			
Withdrawals		\$0.00	
Dividend Reinvest		\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of March 19, 2015			\$5,409.82

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of February 24, 2015		\$1,850.00	
<i>Deposits</i>			
Withdrawals			
Ending Balance as of March 19, 2015			\$1,850.00

PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of February 24, 2015		\$14,185.77	
<i>Deposits</i>			
Withdrawals		\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of March 19, 2015			\$14,185.77

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy McCann, P.E.
Treasurer

Total **\$24,755.69**

March 2015 Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date: 3/19/2015

Time: 4:40 p.m. Location: Barley's Brewhaus

Attendees: Kiel Johnson, Brian Scovill, Ryan DaMetz, Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Cliff Speegle

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 4:40 p.m.

Reports:

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Summary provided by email before meeting. Some income expected from the April meeting. No other comments.

Committee Reports

Legislative

The Statehouse visit is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015. There are currently eight members attending. Charlie is coordinating final details with Ron Gaches. There will be room for any last minute attendees.

MathCounts

Tony has set the date for 2016 to be February 2nd. Shawnee Mission Schools will be out of school that day but have not been able to attend recently because of budget concerns with bus rentals.

Model Bridge Building

1st place Carter Sehon is attending the International Bridge Building Competition in Portland, OR. His father said they had decided that only Carter and his mother would make the trip. They think that the total of \$600 for travel assistance will be enough, but we'll see what receipts they submit later on. Four of us made \$25 pledge, so another \$100 is possible for assistance. 2nd place Luke Kutey is not attending International, but he will be sending his bridge entry along with Carter for the competition.

Gardner-Edgerton is having their annual STEM Fest; with one of their challenges this year a pasta bridge. We provided them one of our bridge testing platforms, and Terracon let them borrow some scales also.

Fundraising

No report.

Membership

Mark Williams and Tony Rome are going to talk with Wilson and Company about KSPE.

Awards

Cliff Speegle provided a list of nominations for review. The slate was approved minus Outstanding Engineering Achievement. Those nominations have not been received yet and will be submitted Tuesday the 24th. Cliff will send them out by email for an email board vote. Nomination packets will be submitted to the state awards committee April 3rd.

Meeting Minutes continued

Young Engineers

Keith is aiming for a BBQ the first week of May. Event location was discussed. The option of having the event at a members work was discussed.

Engineering Prep

No report.

Engineer's week

Kiel is working with MSPE to find out the final breakout.

Advertising

No report.

State Director

Kiel Johnston attended the state board meeting. He accepted the State Awards Chair position at the meeting. State membership numbers are mostly flat. Eastern Chapter is up slightly.

Community Service

The Harvesters event was a success. We will plan on having an event in the fall.

Chapter Meetings

April Meeting – Joint meeting with SAME and MSPE on April 28th at Manny's. Topic will be the Bannister Mall redevelopment.

May Meeting – Award meeting at Deer Creek. More information to follow. Likely May 19th.

Old Business

New Business

Deadline for the newsletter will be Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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