



KSPE

Eastern Chapter News

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President's Message

By: Ryan DaMetz, P.E.

Well, it didn't end in New England how we had hoped, but at least the Chiefs went down to Houston and took care of the giant playoff-win-elephant in the room. Still a heck of an accomplishment to turn around a 1-5 start and finish the season 11-5 with a playoff win to boot. We've really been pretty spoiled with professional sports in the Kansas City area over the past couple of years. Before we know it, the Royals will be starting up again soon to defend their crown. In the meantime, let's take a weekend to sit back and enjoy watching the Panthers chew up some Bronco for dinner.

On February 16th, we have a joint lunch meeting hosted by ASCE at the KU Edwards Campus. Linda Miller, Associate Professor of Practice, will be speaking to the group about professional networking, and I have a feeling that audience interaction will be encouraged. You can either contact Cheri Schoenhals at cschoenhals@gbateam.com or go directly to the ASCE website to register.

As I stated in the January newsletter, the beginning of the calendar year brings many activities for KSPE. On Saturday, January 30th, the annual Bridge Building event took place at the Museum at Prairiefire. Approximately 100 local high school students brought their balsa wood bridges to the Museum so they could load them until failure. The winning bridge was able to hold a load of over 80 pounds while only weighing a bit over 9 grams. It was a lot of fun to see the students test their bridges with friends and family around to watch. There may have even been standing ovations for a couple of the students. Many thanks to the Museum at Prairiefire for being such terrific hosts, and thank you to Mark Johnston for organizing another successful Bridge Building contest.

The Eastern Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition is being held this week at the Jewish Community Center, and the "Souper Bowl of Caring" will take place on Sunday morning at Harvesters' Kansas City warehouse. Thank you to everyone who volunteers for these events. They are a huge part of what KSPE does, and we wouldn't be able to put them on without the help of all of the volunteers.

As you know, the annual E-Week luncheon is set for Thursday, February 25th at the Downtown Marriott. We have had a great response thus far, and we look forward to your participation in this year's luncheon. For more information and to register for the luncheon, reserve a booth, or sponsor the event, please visit www.mspe-wc.org.

Finally, the Eastern Chapter will have its annual lunch meeting with the Johnson County Legislative Delegation at the Statehouse on Wednesday, February 10th. This year's session is already underway (with many issues having the potential to affect the engineering community), and it is a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with our legislators. Given how much our profession can be influenced by the State policymakers, it is beneficial to have a relationship established with our elected officials should we need to voice our professional opinion. I urge anyone who can make the trip to head on out to Topeka to meet with the Delegation. Please contact Cheri if you are able to attend.

I hope your 2016 has started off on the right foot, and I look forward to seeing you all at our KSPE events this spring!

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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

If you have photos taken at KSPE events, please submit them to Cheri Schoenhals, cschoenhals@gbateam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Event Information

February Chapter Meeting

Joint meeting with ASCE

**Linda Miller, Associate Professor of Practice
University of Kansas**

Networking Skill Refresher Course

Date: February 16

Location: KU Edwards
12604 Quivira Rd
Best Building, Best Conference Center
Overland Park, KS 66213

Time: 11:30 - Registration and Networking
12:00 - Lunch
12:30 - Program
Board meeting to follow

Cost: \$15

RSVP: No later than **Thursday, February 11**
Please register online at
[http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?
llr=nl4vwaoab&oeidk=a07ebhys87sf49ca639&condition=SO
OVERRIDE](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=nl4vwaoab&oeidk=a07ebhys87sf49ca639&condition=SO_OVERRIDE)
Or with Cheri at cschoenhals@gbateam.com
No shows will be billed

Program: Want to build your professional network? Want to feel comfortable at any event where you meet, converse, and connect with others to build your professional network? In this interactive lunch event, we will learn and practice the skills used in mingling and networking. Come prepared with a personal introduction (who you are and what you do) and something to talk about - current news, books, movies, television shows, holidays, vacations, concerts, music, favorite restaurants, sports, exercise, hobbies, or pets. Be prepared to mingle!

Engineer Week Luncheon

Thursday, February 25

KC Downtown Marriott

For more information and to register for the luncheon please visit

<http://eweek.mspe-wc.org>

Registration deadline is Feb. 19th

Event Information

KSPE Eastern Chapter Statehouse Visit Annual Legislative Luncheon

Eastern Chapter will have their Annual Lunch Meeting with the Johnson County Legislative Delegation on **Wednesday, February 10, 2016**. The lunch will be at the State Capital Building in Topeka, and will be preceded by a briefing in Gaches Braden & Associates office.

It is vital for us to let our concerns and priorities be known to our Senators and Representatives. This is an opportunity for us to meet our Representatives and Senators one-on-one and enjoy valuable 'face-time' with many of the people who represent us in Topeka.

Please put February 10th on your calendar and plan to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with our lawmakers.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Itinerary: 10:30 – 11:30 Legislative briefing at Gaches Braden & Associates office,
825 S. Kansas Ave., Ste. 500

11:30 – 11:45 Walk to Capital

11:45 – 1:00 Johnson Co. Delegation, Rm. TBD, Capital Bldg. for networking and luncheon

1:00 Adjourn

Cost: \$20 per person
Catered lunch TBD

RSVP for Luncheon: Cheri Schoenhals, cschoenhals@gbateam.com by Friday, February 5th at 5 p.m.

Carpooling: To Be Determined. If interested, please contact Charlie Love at 913-895-6193 or charlie.love@opkansas.org.

Annual Conference 2016 in Kansas

KSPE Eastern Chapter will be hosting the KSPE Annual Conference in 2016 from June 8th to the 10th. If you are interested in getting involved or assisting in any way, shape or form, please contact Kiel Johnson at 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 January 2016
 January 21, 2016

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$410.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of January 21, 2016		<u>\$410.00</u>

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$2,670.80	
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>Newsletter Advertising</i>	\$150.00	
<i>KSPE/NSPE Dues</i>	\$165.00	
Total Deposits	<u>\$315.00</u>	
<i>Payments</i>		
<i>December Exec Sec Salary</i>	<u>\$150.00</u>	
Total Payments	\$150.00	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>		
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of January 21, 2016		<u>\$2,835.80</u>

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$5,410.77	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	<u>\$0.11</u>	
Ending Balance as of January 21, 2016		<u>\$5,410.88</u>

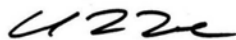
Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$4,388.25	
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>St. Joseph Grade School - scholarship</i>	\$960.00	
<i>Basehor-Linwood High School - scholarship</i>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of January 21, 2016		<u>\$1,928.25</u>

PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$14,185.77	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of January 21, 2016		<u>\$14,185.77</u>

Respectfully Submitted,	Total	<u>\$24,770.70</u>
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Charles L. Love, P.E.
 Treasurer

January 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 1:05pm
Manny's Mexican Restaurant

Attendees: Kiel Johnson, Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Cliff Speegle, Tawn Nugent

Reports:

- Previous meeting minutes
 - No report
- Treasurer's report
 - Charlie Love provided the treasurer's report and budget to date.
 - There was no December meeting resulting in no meeting expenses or income. Received advertising and state KSPE dues income.
 - EFK issued scholarship funds to two recipients in the total of \$2,460.
 - Mathcounts and Bridge Building expenses will initially be paid out of the general fund. Once all expenses have been tabulated, reimbursable funds will be requested from State EFK funding.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative
 - Charlie is waiting on a date for the statehouse visit to be set before he sends anything out. It should be set soon but we don't control the scheduling.
- MATHCOUNTS
 - Tony has things in place for the event
 - He is watching the weather and preparing in case schools are closed for snow. There will be a small loss if we have to postpone.
- Model Bridge Building
 - No Report. Event is January 30th at Prairiefire Museum
- Fundraising
 - No Report
- Membership
 - No Report
- Awards
 - Cliff Speegle will send out a request for an engineer of the year nominee. Deadline will be January 30th so that a plaque can be ordered ahead of the E-Week Luncheon.
- Young Engineers
 - No Report
- Engineering Preparation
 - Fall scholarships were both funded by using left over funds from last year
 - No requests have been received yet for the spring semester
- Engineer's week
 - Things are progressing and there are weekly conference calls with MSPE
 - KCBJ supplement articles are trickling in. They will be reviewed next week. There are a few less than last year at this point.
- Advertising
 - No Report

Meeting Minutes continued

- State Director
 - The Board is endorsing John Skubal for State Senate
 - The Professional Development Committee is looking for a KSPE champion in the NE Chapter area to help boost interest in various activities
 - KSPE EC needs to send our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year to them so they can plan an additional chapter visit.
 - KSPE is moving forward with its recommendation of Dave Martini for the Vice President position with NSPE. He is from Minnesota.
 - Annual conference planning is progressing well with the schedule and main details already confirmed.
- Community Service Project
 - Service project will be Sunday February 7th at Harvesters

Chapter Meetings

- February meeting
 - Joint meeting with ASCE at KU Edwards campus February 16th. KSPE members can register and pay through the ASCE website

Old Business

None

New Business

- Friday, January 29th for newsletter deadline

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