



Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

By: Rachel Henkhaus

Happy Holidays! Hope your holidays have not started with your 9 year-old asking and Googling "is Santa real" this year too!

KSPE busy season is about ready to start early in 2022. Yes, it has been busy with talking to our future engineers at the 8th Grade Career Expo in early November. It is always a pleasure to host our KSPE president, Brian Coomes, and our KSPE Executive Director and Lobbyist, Travis Lowe, in mid-November with their updates. Additional updates from both Brian and Travis can also be found on the KSPE website in the KSPE November-December newsletter.

Here's what's coming up for our Chapter events:

- Our last event of 2021 is next Thursday, December 16th! KSPE-EC is hosting a Chiefs Watch Party. Details are later in the newsletter, please join us!
- We will have a January meeting. This meeting is in the works, so stay tuned for further information!
- Our annual KSPE Community Service Event is typically the Souper Bowl of Caring held at Harvesters in Kansas City. We have been in contact with Harvesters and will determine a way to help their mission with either our normal volunteer event or with a food/monetary donation. More information will be shared in January.
- Model Bridge Building will still be held. Details will be sent out soon.
- MATHCOUNTS is back with a BONUS event! Registration is open for the 2022 Chapter Competition on **Tuesday, February 1st** at the Jewish Community Center. Come join the fun and help grade math problems (answer keys provided).
- Engineers Week Luncheon will be in-person. It will be held **Thursday, February 24th** at the Downtown Marriott Muehlebach Tower, same pre-COVID location. Please be on the lookout for a request to submit articles for the 2022 Engineers Week supplement in coordination with the Kansas City Business Journal as well as sponsorship opportunities.

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President's Message Continued

Remember to submit award nominations to highlight our amazing licensed professional engineers, teacher, and the work we all do for the betterment of our communities. Thank you to the KSPE Eastern Chapter Board for your continued work on these typical KSPE-EC events including bringing us back to a "normal" in-person year.

Finally, we have openings on our committees: Legislative, Model Bridge Building and Benedictine College Eastern Chapter Liaison (new). Please see "Join KSPE Committees" in the newsletter and consider volunteering to help shape the future of our chapter!

I hope everyone's family is feeling the holiday spirit this year! Stay safe and healthy as we end 2021 and ring in 2022. Thank you for being a part of KSPE-EC! Happy holidays!



*Rachel Henkhaus Ph.D., P.E.
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KSPE Career Expo

Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO

KSPE Eastern Chapter participated in the 19th Annual Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO on November 3rd. Over 2,300 students interacted with hundreds of career representatives.

Thank you to our volunteers that promoted our profession and influenced some future engineers!

- Feras El-Ghoussein, Forterra
- Kristen Leathers-Gratton, Affinis
- Ryan DaMetz, Lochner
- Bob Miller, TranSystems
- Dan Arbogast, TREKK Design Group



KSPE Upcoming Events

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CHIEFS GAME SOCIAL

Come watch the Chiefs game with KSPE!



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Thursday
December 16, 2021
6:30 pm

Members: \$30
Potential Member: \$15
Drinks and Apps Provided

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kspe-ec-chiefs-game-social-2021->

COACH'S ON COLLEGE

6700 College Blvd
Overland Park, KS 66211

Mathcounts

MATHCOUNTS Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting an in-person BONUS Mathcounts Chapter competition this year. Our annual MATHCOUNTS competition for the Eastern Chapter of KSPE is back! This year's bonus competition will be on **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**. Like we have done pre-COVID, it will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City (5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211).

Our bonus competition will advance 4 to 5 teams to the state competition in addition to some advancement opportunities based on a virtual official test. We will be advancing around 20 students to the state competition from this bonus event, so your help in making this in-person event a success would be greatly appreciated.

We need volunteers to help grade, register schools, monitor tests, and help with the awards presentation. Positions are needed for the following times:

Grade & Monitor Tests (majority of people): 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Set up: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Countdown Round & Awards: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer for more than one task, please feel free to stick around as much as you like throughout the day.

If you are available and willing to help out with the bonus competition or if you have any questions, please contact Rachel Henkhaus at 913.219.6738 or by email at REHenkhaus@GarverUSA.com.

KSPE Award Nominations

The KSPE Eastern Chapter is seeking nominations for this year's awards.

Engineer of the Year nominations are due by **January 15, 2022**.

[EOY Nomination Form](#)

All other nominations are due by mid-March 2021 (actual deadline will be announced in a future newsletter).

The Eastern Chapter award recipients will also be submitted on April 1, 2022 to KSPE for State award consideration.

Award Categories

- Engineer of the Year
- Young Engineer of the Year
- Intern Engineer of the Year
- Government Engineer of the Year
- KSPE Award
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement
- Professional Development
- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Teacher

Nomination forms may be found on KSPE's website (www.kansasengineer.org/awards). Please submit your nominations to Allison Bruner at abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com.

Join KSPE Committees



JOIN KSPE & GET INVOLVED!

As a member, you have the power to shape the future of professional engineering! Select the committees you wish to get involved in and return this form to KSPE Eastern Chapter!

Your Name: _____

Committees

_____ **Advertising**

Coordinate and acquire advertisers yearly to appear in our monthly newsletters.

_____ **Awards**

Promote and coordinate yearly awards applications for review.

_____ **Community Service Project(s)**

Coordinate community service projects for our membership to participate in.

_____ **Engineering Preparation**

Promote, review, and award funds to organizations which promote STEM related education and activities.

_____ **Engineer's Week**

Plan & coordinate the Eastern Chapter KSPE involvement in the annual KC Metro EWEEK luncheon.

_____ **Fundraising**

Coordinate yearly fundraising efforts for our EFK Funds. These funds help promote chapter activities and grants related to STEM.

_____ **Legislative & Government Affairs**

Plan, coordinate & promote October Legislative event and yearly visit to the Kansas Statehouse.

_____ **MATHCOUNTS**

Plan, promote & coordinate local chapter MATHCOUNTS competition.

_____ **Membership**

Plan & coordinate efforts to promote the recruitment new members and retention of existing members.

_____ **Model Bridge Building**

Plan, promote & coordinate local chapter Bridge Building competition.

_____ **Young Engineers**

Plan & coordinate social events for young members and promote the recruitment of new members.

New committee in 2022:

_____ **Benedictine College Eastern Chapter Liaison**

Connect students with our chapter and report any help they need as this new student chapter starts.

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KSPE November Meeting Minutes



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Attendees

- Rachel Henkhaus
- Kurt Roterling
- Chad Hall
- Charlie Love
- Allison Bruner
- Darren Meyer
- Cody Porter
- Tony Rome
- Kristen Leathers
- Jordan Herbert

Call to Order -----Henkhaus

- Agenda approved

Treasurer's Report -----Porter

- A few recent events have experienced overages
- Cody requests event organizers utilize the event cost summary sheet to help identify costs for events
- The board will consider event sponsors for 2022, including consideration for pairing sponsorships with newsletter advertisements
- Still need to gain access and complete transfer of money market funds from LPL to Security Bank money market account

Committee Reports:

- Legislative -----Charlie Love
 - Looking for candidates to take over Legislative responsibilities
 - Legislative breakfast was successful and hosted approximately 15 elected officials
 - Will work with Travis on identifying State House visit date
- MATHCOUNTS-----Rachel Henkhaus
 - Official event will be held virtually
 - State coordinator will determine if additional, unofficial in-person event is held
- Model Bridge Building-----Derek Hopkins
 - New chair is needed to lead this effort
 - Event is set for February and will be coordinated by Derek
- Fundraising-----Rod Holcomb
 - Rod to send out letter this week or next
- Membership-----Robynn Andracsek
 - Nicolle to send out list of members that have recently dropped membership
- Awards-----Allison Bruner
 - CAPs will provide awards this year
 - Allison will open nominations for Engineer of the Year with December newsletter
- Young Engineers-----Darren Meyer
 - Chiefs Watch Party is scheduled for December 16th at Coach's on College
 - MSPE young members are also invited to attend, Darren will investigate if larger room is needed depending on number of RSVPs
- Engineering Preparation-----Tawn Nugent
 - Great event for 8th Grade Expo was held and well attended
 - Tony will develop plan on reimbursement vs. UMKC PE training course scholarship
- Engineer's Week-----Rachel Henkhaus
 - Cody is developing mailing list

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November Meeting Minutes Continued



- Advertising----- Kristen Leathers
 - All newsletter ads are paid
 - Will coordinate with Cody on potential event sponsorships
- Community Service Project(s)----- Anne Schroer
 - No report
- State Director----- Kurt Rotering
 - No report

Chapter Meetings----- Hall

- September (9/30):** NSPE President visit and joint meeting with MSPE
- October (10/12):** Legislative meeting (Charlie)
- November (11/17):** KSPE President & Executive Director visit
- December (12/16):** Football watch party social
- January:** KSPE Meeting
- February:** E-Week
- March:** March Madness event
- April:** Joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by KSPE
- May:** Awards meeting

Old/New Business----- Henkhaus

- Bylaws update
 - Board to review Bylaws and send potential updates to Jordan
- Website update
 - Working through updates and will review
- Wild Apricot update
 - New software is almost ready to demo
- January KSPE Event
 - Potential for OP roundtable to discuss IJJA preparation and other topics
 - Still exploring option to include MSPE and make this a joint meeting
- Newsletter deadline – November 30th

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Treasurers Report

October 2021



Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter

Treasurer's Report:

Oct 2021

Beginning Balances Date: October 1, 2021
Ending Balances Date: October 31, 2021

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$	2,317.88
<i>Deposits</i>	Advertising (missing one payment)	\$	1,050.00	
	Eventbright - Government Affairs Income	\$	1,465.20	
		Total Deposits	\$	2,515.20
<i>Withdrawals</i>	Check 1286 - Executive Secretary	\$	200.00	
	Debit Card - Hyatt Place (Government Affairs Closeout)	\$	908.08	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	1,108.08
Ending Balance			\$	3,725.00

Savings Account

Beginning Balance			\$	14,552.33
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest - Oct	\$	1.16	
		Total Deposits	\$	1.16
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	14,553.49

Money Market

Beginning Balance			\$	5,594.01
<i>Deposits</i>		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		Total Deposits	\$	-
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	5,594.01


Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance			\$	100.00
<i>Deposits</i>	Cash Payment - Government Affairs Breakfast	\$	45.00	
		Total Deposits	\$	45.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	145.00

EFK Account

Beginning Balance			\$	11,684.92
<i>Deposits</i>		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		Total Deposits	\$	-
<i>Withdrawals</i>		\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	11,684.92

Total **\$ 35,702.42**


Cody D. Porter, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC
October 31, 2021

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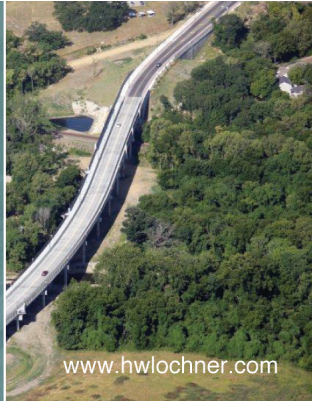


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