



# Monthly Newsletter

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## President's Message

By: Rachel Henkhaus

Happy Fall! I hope everyone is appreciating the cool nights with the warmer days right now. I'm also a big fan of the rain this week too (you can disagree, but we needed it)! I promise not to bring up the Chiefs record this year....

Last month, our NSPE President, Rick Guerra, P.E., F.NSPE, made the journey up from Austin, TX to talk with our local MSPE and KSPE chapters. It was great to continue this tradition for the 58th consecutive year and hear his insightful message and update from NSPE! Rick discussed having more collaboration and "reciprocity" between our state and local chapters. MSPE Western Chapter and our chapter will be promoting our events across the state line where every NSPE member is welcome to any of our events. Please see details on the October 21st MSPE Western Chapter Meeting with IEEE-KC later in this newsletter. Hope you will join me in attending any MSPE-WC event that interests you.

This month, on October 12th, we had our Government Affairs Breakfast. I hope you enjoyed speaking with your State Senator and Representative. If you were unable to make this event or your legislators were not able to attend this event, thank them for representing you. Remind them that you are a resource to discuss public safety and welfare and the importance of professional engineering licensure... and that Travis Lowe represents us well in Topeka!

Reminder to consider volunteering at the Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO on November 3rd! KSPE will have a booth set up to discuss our engineering profession with 8th grade students exploring future career opportunities. Please contact our coordinator, Tawn Nugent (tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com), if you are interested in volunteering. ... 1 volunteer is currently signed up, more volunteers needed!

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## President's Message Continued

November 17th, we will welcome our KSPE President, Brian Coomes, P.E., and our KSPE Executive Director and Lobbyist, Travis Lowe will provide us with KSPE and legislative updates.

Lastly, we have our Young Engineer's Chiefs Watch Party date set, Thursday, December 16th. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring your younger (or older) coworkers to join us too. More details will be provided in the next newsletter. Go Chiefs!

Enjoy your Fall, and I hope to see you all at one or more of our fall events!

*Rachel Henkhaus Ph.D. P.E  
Garver*



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# KSPE Meeting Information

## MSPE Western Chapter Meeting with IEEE-KC

**Date:** October 21, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

Join Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Call in number: +1 816-298-0271

Conference ID: 975 909 81#

**RSVP:** <https://mspe.org/event-4521841>

**Presenter:** Alex Ames

Founder of Studio Wyld, brand producer Alex Ames works with individuals and companies to increase brand equity through proven marketing and communication principles.

Alex has built his branding agency on the philosophy that customers and employees are seeking out brands to associate themselves with as they form their own identities. If you can communicate with and to your audience in a way that speaks to their brand, the result is loyalty to your brand. Alex will be discussing the relationship between the brand and ethics.

## November Dinner Meeting – KSPE Update

**Date:** Wednesday, November 17th

**Time:** 5:30 Registration, Networking

6:00 Dinner and Program

Brian Coomes, P.E., KSPE State President

Travis Lowe, KSPE Executive Director

**Location:** Hereford House

5001 Town Center

Leawood, KS 66211

**Cost:** \$45

**RSVP:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kspe-ec-november-dinner-meeting-kspe-update-tickets-190687861527>

**Need reservations by:** *Friday, November 12th*

# KSPE Upcoming Events

## 19th Annual Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO

The EXPO will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd at the newly renovated Instructional Resource Center located at 14090 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS 66062. This event provides over 2,000 8th graders a chance to talk with professionals in a wide variety of careers. KSPE Eastern Chapter has hosted a booth for the past 12 years (minus COVID-year) introducing hundreds of young minds to the field of engineering.

Please join us this year by volunteering your time and energy to represent KSPE. We need at least 6 volunteers between 8 am and 3 pm. Please contact Tawn Nugent [tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com](mailto:tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com) for more information and to volunteer for a two hour shift. Also, this will be a masked event.

## Mathcounts Update

A 10th grader from Blue Valley West, Rebecca Xue, is now giving back to her community by coaching a local Mathcounts team this year! Rebecca was a national Mathcounts qualifier in 2019 (state runner-up) and 2020 state winner from our Eastern Chapter. This year, she won a Community Coaching Scholarship (1 of 2) from National MATHCOUNTS to coach at Eisenhower Middle School (Eastern Chapter). The goal of this scholarship and coaching opportunity is to encourage students from underserved schools to actively participate in the competition series. Read more about Rebecca and the rest of the 6 finalists at this link!

<https://www.mathcounts.org/about/community-coaching-scholarship-winners>

This is quite an accomplishment for our Mathcounts Eastern Chapter Alum! Thanks to all who have volunteered, and we are looking forward to another great year for Mathcounts this next February!

# KSPE Upcoming Events

**NSPE-KS**

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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

# KSPE September Meeting Minutes



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## Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

### Attendees

- Rachel Henkhaus
- Kurt Rotering
- Chad Hall
- Charlie Love
- Allison Bruner
- Darren Meyer
- Derek Hopkins
- Robynn Andracsek
- Tony Rome
- Kristen Leathers
- Jordan Herbert

### Call to Order-----Henkhaus

- Agenda approved

### Treasurer's Report----- Hall/Porter

- Kristen providing advertising checks this week
- Accounts have been transitioned from Chad to Cody
- Will coordinate with Charlie on deposit for Legislative Breakfast
- Will complete transfer of money market funds from LPL (formerly Waddell & Reed) to Security Bank money market account

### Committee Reports:

- Legislative ----- Love
  - Event is scheduled for 10/12 at Lenexa Conference Center
  - Letters/Email sent out to legislators
  - Speaker is set with HCI Energy
  - Registration request will be sent out to general membership
  - Companies are allowed to sponsor legislator registrations
  - Please send personal invite to legislators to attend
- MATHCOUNTS -----Henkhaus
  - Alumnus from Eastern Chapter won scholarship at the national level
  - Will coordinate request for volunteers with bridge building
- Model Bridge Building -----Hopkins
  - Drafting letter to send out
  - Targeting last week in January or first week in February for event

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# Meeting Minutes Continued



- Looking for volunteers to help coordinate event and will include this in next newsletter
  
- Fundraising-----Holcomb
  - No update
- Membership-----Andracsek
  - Continue to coordinate membership call
  - Working with Wild Apricot
- Awards-----Bruner
  - Will send out reminder to apply late 2021
  - Investigate awards budget and possibility of utilizing CAPs program
- Young Engineers -----Darren Meyer
  - Organized Chiefs watch party for 12/16, working to reserve location
  - Need to coordinate with Cody on sign-up fee
  - Drafting formal invite to include in November newsletter
  - Will follow up with picnic attendees for potential membership
- Engineering Preparation-----Nugent
  - Olathe career fair announcement included in last newsletter
  - Tony will develop plan on reimbursement vs. UMKC PE training course scholarship
- Engineer's week -----Henkhaus
  - Assuming in-person event on 2/24
  - Considering alternative venues to avoid minimum room fee
  - Rachel to notify planning committee of first meeting
  - Planning committee includes Rachel, Kurt, Tony, Cindy, and Cody
- Advertising-----Leathers
  - 10 ads total
  - Only one outstanding payment
- Community Service Project(s)-----Schroer
  - No update
- State Director -----Rotering

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# Meeting Minutes Continued



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Chapter Meetings----- Hall/Henkhaus/Love

- **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:** Football watch party social.
  - Virtual Squares game
- **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

- Liability Insurance
  - Cody to reach out to BHL for more information
- Bylaws update
  - Tony Rome to be appointed to Senior Director
  - Cindy McCann to be appointed to Junior Director
  - Jordan to convert by-laws to editable document
- Newsletter deadline – August 27

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# Treasurers Report

# September 2021



## Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter Treasurer's Report: Sept 2021

Beginning Balances Date: August 1, 2021  
Ending Balances Date: 9/30/2021

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,517.88
<i>Deposits</i>	None	
	Total Deposits	\$ -
<i>Withdrawals</i>	Debit Card - Hyatt Place (Government Affairs Deposit)	\$ 1,200.00
	Total Withdrawals	\$ 1,200.00
Ending Balance		\$ 2,317.88

### Savings Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 14,549.85
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest - Aug	\$ 1.32
	Interest - Sept	\$ 1.16
	Total Deposits	\$ 2.48
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$ -
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 14,552.33

### 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>	None	\$ -
	Total Deposits	\$ -
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$ -
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 100.00

### EFK Account

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

**Total** \$ 34,249.14

  
Cody D. Porter, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC  
9/30/2021

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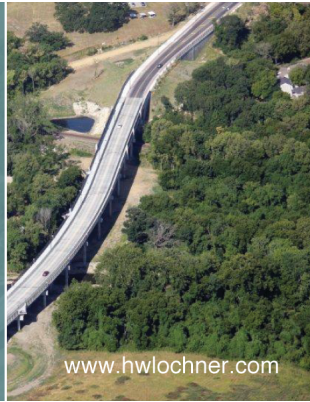
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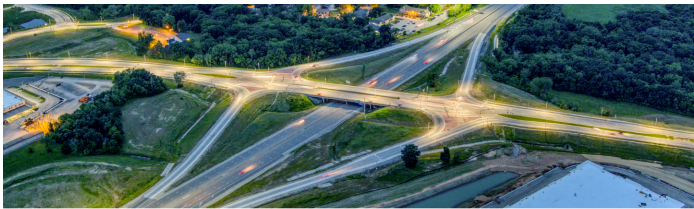
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