



Monthly Newsletter

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President’s Message

By: Kurt Rotering

This feels like the longest week in a very long time as I am waiting anxiously to cheer loud for the Chiefs on Sunday. My favorite part about post-season runs for local teams is how there is a feeling of happiness in the air wherever I go in the Metro. I first felt it with the Royals in 2014 and 2015 and now with the Chiefs. Every possible LED on every building, bridge, and fountain is red; every statue is wearing a jersey; and “Red Friday” pictures from area firms and Public Works Departments cannot be avoided! I do not have to tell you but enjoy the weekend and this time of the year!

Focusing on our Eastern Chapter of KSPE, we have entered the busiest and most important month of the year. February is the culmination of all our student events: MATHCOUNTS, Bridge Building, and Future Cities; and Engineers Week is coming up in a few weeks. Although everything has been virtual, these events still could not happen without our volunteers, so thank you for everyone that has helped make these events a success!

E-Week Luncheon

Engineers Week Luncheon is Virtual this year. Although we will not be able to meet in person, this WILL be a great event. There will be awards, speeches, a real-life astronaut, and sweet video transitions! So please register for the FREE event and mark your calendar (details later in the newsletter).

Legislative Luncheon

Our annual trip to Topeka will not happen this year. Due to the pandemic, we will not be able to meet with our legislators or have lunch at the Capital. Since we will not be able to meet in person, please take some time to call or email your local legislators. Stay in touch, let them know you are resource, and remind them of KSPE’s mission.

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President's Message Continued

March Meeting

Instead of our typical March Madness watch party, we are putting together an Eastern Chapter Bracket Challenge! As we get into March, be on the look out for a sign-up and prepare for some trash talk!

Awards

Please take some time to make nominations for the annual KSPE awards. We don't recognize each other enough in the engineering community, so please take the time to do so.

Board Member Nominations

We are taking nominations for upcoming 2021 – 2022 Officers to serve on the Board. The one opening is for Secretary. If you would like to know more about the responsibilities or have questions, please contact me at krotering@olsson.com.

Enjoy this weekend, win, or lose, and have a great February!

Kurt Rotering, P.E.



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KSPE Award Nominations

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

Nominations are due by March 15th, 2021

The Eastern Chapter award recipients will also be submitted on April 1, 2020 to KSPE for State award consideration.

Award Categories

- 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.

Engineers Week

MSPE Western Chapter & KSPE Eastern Chapter, Co-Sponsors Cordially Invite You and Your Firm to join us at the 70th Annual Engineer's Week Celebration

Keynote Speaker:

Astronaut Jack Fischer - Jack D. Fischer (Colonel, U.S. Air Force) was selected by NASA in July 2009. The Colorado native served as a Flight Engineer aboard the International Space Station of the Expedition 51/52. During his 2017 mission, he logged 136 days in space with two spacewalks. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Astronautical Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and a Master of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Colonel Fischer is an Air Force Command pilot with over 3,000 flight hours in more than 45 types of aircraft.

Presentation:

Imagining Tomorrow: COVID-19 has laid bare the critical work of engineers in creating a world safe from pandemics, climate change, cyber-attacks, and other daunting global challenges. Engineers Week is a time to celebrate their important work and engage the next generation of innovators. Even with social distancing, you can make a difference.

Date and Time:

11:30 AM, Thursday, February 25, 2021

Location:

Virtual - Link will be sent to registrants prior to luncheon

Cost to attend:

Free

Sponsorship:

\$ 500 Platinum Sponsor (Limit 8)

\$ 250 Gold Sponsor (Unlimited)

Additional Scholarship Donation Available

Registration:

Online <https://mspe.org/event-4107500/Registration>

or via [Mail in registration form](#)

Payment & attached form (checks Payable to: "WC MSPE Education Foundation") mailed to:

WC MSPE Education Foundation

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Treasurers Report

December 2020



Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter Treasurer's Report: Dec. 2020

Beginning Balances Date: December 1, 2020
Ending Balances Date: December 31, 2020

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$ 3,784.78
<i>Deposits</i>	Bridge Building Kits	\$ 150.00	
		Total Deposits	\$ 150.00
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	Check 1268 - Executive Secretary	\$ 200.00
		Check 1269 - H.W. Lochner (BB Kits)	\$ 247.98
		Total Withdrawals	\$ 447.98
Ending Balance			\$ 3,486.80

Savings Account

Beginning Balance			\$ 14,540.27
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$ 1.12	
		Total Deposits	\$ 1.12
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$ -
		Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance			\$ 14,541.39

Money Market

Beginning Balance			\$ 5,593.71
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$ 0.06	
		Total Deposits	\$ 0.06
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$ -
		Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance			\$ 5,593.77

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			\$ 11,580.90
<i>Deposits</i>			
		Total Deposits	\$ -
	<i>Withdrawals</i>		
		Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance			\$ 11,580.90

	Total		\$ 35,302.86
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[Chad D. Hall Signature]

Chad D. Hall, AVP, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC
December 31, 2020

Treasurers Report

January 2021



Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter Treasurer's Report: Jan. 2021

Beginning Balances Date: January 1, 2021
Ending Balances Date: 1/31/2021

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$	3,486.80
<i>Deposits</i>	Checks (Pass Through for EFK Fundraising)	\$	300.00	
		Total Deposits	\$	300.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>	Check 1270 - Executive Secretary	\$	200.00	
	Check 1271 - Check to EFK (Pass through for fundraising)	\$	300.00	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	500.00
Ending Balance			\$	3,286.80

Savings Account

Beginning Balance			\$	14,541.39
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$	1.24	
		Total Deposits	\$	1.24
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	14,542.63

Money Market

Beginning Balance			\$	5,593.77
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$	0.06	
		Total Deposits	\$	0.06
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	5,593.83

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			\$	11,580.90
<i>Deposits</i>	Checks from Fundraising	\$	750.00	
	Check 1271 - Check to EFK (Pass through for fundraising)	\$	300.00	
		Total Deposits	\$	1,050.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>	Request from KC STEM Alliance	\$	3,000.00	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	3,000.00
Ending Balance			\$	9,630.90

Total **\$ 33,154.16**

Chad D. Hall, AVP, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC
1/31/2021

January Meeting Minutes



BOD Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Attendees

- Kurt Roterger
- Rachel Henkhaus
- Cody Porter
- Chad Hall
- Mark Johnston
- Allison Bruner
- Tawn Nugent
- Kristen Leathers
- Rod Holcomb
- Darren Meyer
- Ryan Demetz

Call to Order -----Roterger

Treasurer's Report ----- Hall

Have a need to increase awards budget to account for CAPS not making the awards for us anymore. Have not received a response from CAPS for 6+ months. Will need to increase from \$75 to \$300 for budgeting in future years and \$450 for this year to cover awards for 2020 and 2021.

MOTION by ABruner:

Move to increase the awards budget from \$75 to \$450 this year.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative -----Charlie Love
 - No lunches at the statehouse in 2021.
 - The GRC committee met virtually in December
 - The University Engineering Initiative Act will need to be renewed by the state legislature this session. We will be supporting this effort and it will be something for us to discuss with our elected officials.
https://www.kansasregents.org/workforce_development/university_engineering_initiative
 - Travis's office will continue to monitor other bills that could impact us. Some of these could be similar to years past such as the Home Inspector Bill, but as usual, they will watch for anything new.
- MATHCOUNTS-----Rachel Henkhaus
 - National Board is providing money for awards this year (\$150) which covered all the cost.
 - Trophies ordered.
 - Virtual competition on February 25th.
 - No volunteer help needed right now.
 - State will ask for volunteers to monitor the state competition in March
- Model Bridge Building-----Mark Johnston/Derek Hopkins
 - Sent out some kits already
 - 50-60 students will send in bridges
 - Bridges will need to be returned to Mark by Jan. 29th bridges
 - Break last weekend of January, record on videos.
 - Record breaks and send video to Garver. Kurt to send Mark email of where to send videos.
- Fundraising-----Rod Holcomb
 - \$700 so far
 - Send logos/board to Garver.
- Membership-----Vacant
 - Prioritize membership after February.
- Awards-----Allison Bruner
 - 2 nominations for EOY
 - Meeting to go over nominations is set

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January Meeting Minutes Continued



- Keep nominations open for others awards through March
- Record acceptance speeches of EOY for E-Week
- Plaques
- Young Engineers ----- Darren Meyer
 - Had a virtual happy hour on Dec. 8th. Only 3 people attended.
 - Not sure what we will do next. Might just push till fall.
- Engineering Preparation ----- Tawn Nugent
 - KC Stem Alliance
 - \$11,000 in funds requested total
 - Approved award to KCK Public Schools (\$3,000), goes to 6 schools for PLTW Launch Kits
 - Check has been sent.
- Engineer's Week ----- Kurt Rotering
 - Luncheon Feb. 25th - Emails coming out soon
 - Pre-Recorded, virtual
 - Welcome by Presidents
 - Award ceremony
 - Student Event Videos
 - Young Eng of the Year (MSPE-WC)
 - Eng of the Year (KSPE-EC)
 - Keynote Speaker
 - KCBJ Supplement
 - Virtual – HUB
 - Emails going out this week
- Advertising ----- Kristen Leathers
 - Has a couple of checks need to get to Chad (Has TREKK check, need to still get Money from Olsson and Schlage).
 - Has another check from Lochner RE: 2021 STEM, Mark will ask about it. Maybe be for EFK (Pass through EC-KSPE)
- Community Service Project(s) ----- Anne Schroer
 - Still no word from Harvesters.
 - Worst case, we can just do some sort of food drive if necessary.
 - May be opportunities to do more engineering type projects with JCDS (Johnson County Developmental Supports)
 - Will wait until spring and monitor the situation with the pandemic before we commit to anything.
- State Director ----- Charlie Love
 - Review list of current members.
- Chapter Meetings ----- Henkhaus/Rotering
 - **January:** KSPE Meeting - Looking end of January.
 - **February 25th:** E-Week – Virtual Luncheon
 - **March:** plan on doing a March Madness bracket challenge, will be a touch point to members every week
 - **April:** Joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by SAME? No contact yet
 - **May:** Awards meeting
- Old/New Business ----- Rotering
 - Open forum
 - Newsletter deadline – January 22nd. (Show December and January Budgets with Jan Newsletter)
 - Publish January 29th

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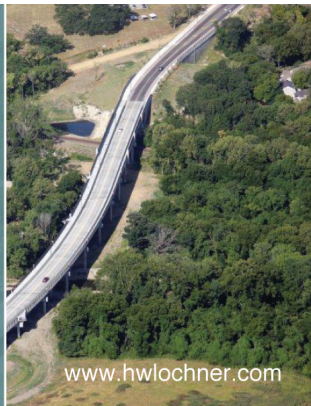
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