

Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

By: Tony Rome

I can't believe it's already March! As so typically happens, January and February fly by with everything that's going on in the Eastern Chapter of KSPE. We've already completed our Mathcounts, Bridge Building, Harvesters Volunteer, and legislative luncheon events in 2020. All of these events were capped off by the E-Week luncheon on February 21, where we celebrated the student award winners with almost 500 local engineers.



Mathcounts



Bridge Building

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President's Message Continued

Hopefully you were able to participate. Thanks to all who helped pitch in and make the luncheon a success.

It was also an honor to recognize the Eastern Chapter of KSPE Engineer of the Year, Charlie Love. Charlie is well deserving of this award for his work as a licensed engineer and for what he gives back to our profession and the community.



Now that we are warming up into March, it's time for the annual March Madness event on Thursday, March 19. This is always timely after a busy February. Come celebrate and bring a non-member and introduce them to KSPE. The details and registration link are provided in this newsletter.

Please take some time to make nominations for annual KSPE awards. Note, there is not a requirement for an award recipient to be a KSPE member, but it is encouraged.

Lastly, We are taking nominations for upcoming 2020 – 2021 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 tony.rome@opkansas.org.

Thank all of you for making the KC Metro area and beyond a better place to live, work, and play.

March Madness Event

KSPE March Madness Membership Event

Meet current members, ask questions about KSPE and how you can get involved, and cheer on your favorite team!

Date: Thursday, March 19th

Time: Event starts at 5:30

Location: Coach's Bar and Grill
9089 W 135th Street
Overland Park, KS 66221

Cost: \$30 Members
\$15 Prospective Members
Ticket includes appetizers and two drinks

Registration: Please use this [link](#) to purchase tickets for this event

KSPE Awards

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

Nominations are due no later than March 15, 2020.

Nomination forms can be found on KSPE's website (<http://www.kansasengineer.org/Awards>).

Please submit your nominations to Ryan DaMetz at rdametz@gmail.com.

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

Award Categories

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

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Mathcounts

The KSPE Eastern Chapter hosted the 37th Annual MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition on Tuesday, February 4, 2019 at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City. There were 200 students from 24 area middle schools that participated in this year's event. The results were:

Teams:

1. Overland Trail Middle School (Overland Park, KS)
2. Pleasant Ridge Middle School (Overland Park, KS)
3. Harmony Middle School (Overland Park, KS)
4. Lakewood Middle School (Overland Park, KS)
5. Leawood Middle School (Leawood, KS)



Individuals:

1. Anesh Sharma (Pleasant Ridge)
2. William Ku (Overland Trail)
3. Medha Goli (Lakewood)
4. Sriram Srinvasa Kalki (Overland Trail)
5. Rebecca Xue (Lakewood)
6. Kevin Li (Harmony)
7. Eddie Mu (Leawood)
8. Edward Jiang (Blue Valley)
9. Lillian Xia (Overland Trail)
10. Shivam Kumar (Harmony)



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!

KSPE Legislative Event

On Monday, February 24, a group of 14 members of the Eastern Chapter of KSPE traveled to the Capitol Statehouse in Topeka to meet with the Johnson County Legislative delegation. The KSPE group, led by Eastern Chapter Legislative Chair Charlie Love and KSPE Executive Director Travis Lowe, hosted lunch for the delegation and took the opportunity to educate them about KSPE as well as highlight several issues that KSPE is tracking. It was well received by the legislators and also gave members an opportunity to speak directly with their representative and/or senator. Thanks to all who attended or helped to plan this event!



March Meeting Minutes



March Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Roll Call – Tony Rome, Rachel Henkhaus, Mark Johnston, Derek Hopkins, Charlie Love, Rod Holcomb, Kurt Rotering, Chad Hall, Allison Bruner, Kristen Leathers, Tawn Nugent

Call to Order at 11:04 am.

- Approve agenda

Committee Reports:

- Legislative – *had event in Topeka 2/24/20. Had 14 attendees from KSPE. Waiting on 2 checks. 14 legislators.*
- MATHCOUNTS – *Set date for 2/2/21 at JCC. May be reaching our max limit.*
- Model Bridge Building – *Wrapped up for the year. One of top 2 is going to event and one is mailing. May cancel the national conference.*
- Fundraising - *\$925 plus potential \$500 from B&M (possible 6 weeks from now)*
- Membership – *152 members. 10 new students joined. Have reached out to new members to volunteer.*
- Awards – *Call for awards to be submitted by March 15.*
- Young Engineers – *No report.*
- Engineering Preparation – *No report – Need to verify that check was sent to KC Stem.*
- Engineer's week – *gave report. Tony will close out with Tom for this year's event. Work with MSPE to make sure venue reserved again.*
- Advertising – *No report*
- Community Service Project(s) – *Looking at a couple of upcoming events for late spring/next year.*
- State Director – *Gave update on a couple of issues. Decoupling is an option for PE. State of Kansas considering it to bring to a vote. Likely to pass. All is going well for annual state conference. A couple of last speaker changes are possible. Need sponsorships/booths.*

Reports

- Treasurer's Report – *Will do for February.*

Chapter Meetings-----Rotering

- March: March Madness event 3/19 @ Coaches – *Link to come soon*
- April: Joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by SAME
- May: Awards meeting – waiting to vote on outstanding project award.
- June: Summer Social
- State Conference: June 3-5 in Kansas City

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March Meeting Minutes Continued



Old/New Business -----Rome

- 2020 State KSPE Conference will be in Kansas City. Eastern Chapter to aid in planning efforts.
- Awards
- Open forum
- Newsletter deadline – Today for March newsletter. March 27 for April newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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Treasurers Report

February 2020



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

Beginning Balances Date: February 1, 2020
Ending Balances Date: February 29, 2020

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$	2,288.47
<i>Deposits</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Deposits	\$	-
<i>Withdrawals</i>	Check 1254 - Executive Secretary	\$	200.00	
	Check 1255 - Mathcounts - Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy	\$	347.77	
	1256 - Statehouse Visit - lunch - Sweet Dram Catering	\$	627.61	
	Check 1257 - Bridge Building - shipping (Lochner)	\$	68.70	
	Check 1259 - January Meeting - Cinzetti's (Kurt R.)	\$	457.82	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	1,701.90
Ending Balance			\$	586.57

Savings Account

Beginning Balance			\$	14,516.23
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$	6.17	
		Total Deposits	\$	6.17
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	14,522.40

Money Market

Beginning Balance			\$	5,582.62
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$	4.88	
		Total Deposits	\$	4.88
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	5,587.50

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			\$	8,555.10
<i>Deposits</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Deposits	\$	-
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	8,555.10



Total **\$ 29,351.57**

Rachel E. Henkhaus, PhD, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC
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