



Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

By: Charlie Love

We had another great turnout for our annual Eastern Chapter Legislative Affairs event with elected officials on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Invitations were extended to Mayors & County Commissioners, as well as State Senators, Representatives and Candidates within the Eastern Chapter geography. The event was held at the Double Tree and began with registration and networking at 7:00 a.m. This year there was a total of 59 in attendance with 18 being elected officials and candidates.

Our other October event, the Olathe 8th Grade Career Fair was a success too. A big thank you goes to Tawn Nugent as each year she helps coordinate our involvement in this event. Additionally, thanks to the other volunteers for giving a few hours of your time in effort to discuss engineering careers with students.

The KSPE November 14th meeting is right around the corner and I hope to see you there. This meeting will include a visit from KSPE State President Dennis Kuhlman and KSPE Executive Director Travis Lowe.

Closing out the year, we will be trying out a new event for us. We are going to have a social event during the month of December. It's always a busy time of the year but I hope you will join us Thursday, December 13th for a Chiefs watch party. Our goal is for everyone attending to bring a perspective member and introduce them to KSPE. So mark your calendars.

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Things are in full swing for our Eastern Chapter KSPE however, we are just getting started. There are plenty of ways to get involved with Mathcounts, Bridge Building, and EWeek around the corner in the new year. Additionally, it's never too early to be thinking about awards. Please start thinking about nominations for Engineer of the Year and our other categories. You can find out more on the state website [here](#).

Last but not least, be sure to share our newsletter with non-members

Olathe 8th Grade Career Expo

KSPE Eastern Chapter participated in the 17th Annual Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO on October 23rd.

Over 2,300 students interacted with hundreds of career representatives. Thank you to our volunteers that promoted our profession and influenced some future engineers!

- Lee Baer
- Ryan DaMetz
- Brian Geiger
- Rachel Henkhaus
- Cindy McCann
- Tawn Nugent



Event Information

November Dinner Meeting KSPE Update

Dennis Kuhlman, PhD, P.E., FNSPE, State President
Travis Lowe, KSPE Executive Director

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Location: Hereford House

5001 Town Center Drive
Leawood, KS 66211

Price: \$35

Menu: Choose one of the following three meals

- Twin Medallions: Twin 4 oz. bacon-wrapped medallions, hickory grilled
- Hickory Grilled Chicken: Twin boneless chicken breasts hickory grilled and served with shallot demi-glace
- North Atlantic Cod: Topped with bread crumbs and baked to a golden brown, drizzled with beurre blanc sauce

*All meals served with Hereford House Salad, Roll, Green Beans, Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Coffee and Iced Tea

Time: 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. Registration/Networking
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

RSVP: Please RSVP to Nicolle Downing at jaindowning@gmail.com no later than Monday,

Chiefs Game Social

Date: Thursday, December 13th, 2018

Time: 6:30

Location: Brewbakers

9482 Renner Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66219

Cost: Members \$25

Potential Members \$10

*Drinks and apps Provided

RSVP: A link to register will be sent at a future date.

Bridge Volunteers Needed

By: Mark Johnston

The Eastern Chapter's 36th Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Museum at Prairiefire in Overland Park, Kansas. Students in grades 9 through 12 within the Eastern Chapter's region are eligible to compete in the Model Bridge Contest.

The contest encourages students to get involved in a challenging and fun engineering project. The students each design and construct their own model bridge made entirely of basswood sticks and glue. The model bridges are then loaded to failure to determine the bridge's structural efficiency (total mass supported divided by the mass of the bridge). The bridge with the highest structural efficiency wins. The top three finishers will be recognized at the Engineers Week luncheon in Kansas City, MO. The first and second place contestants are eligible to win an expense assisted trip to compete at the 2019 International Bridge Building Contest in Baltimore, MD.

Volunteers are always needed to assist students with testing of their bridges. If you are interested in helping with the contest, contact Mark Johnston at



Bridge Building and Mathcounts are teaming up to collect company swag for giveaways to students at these competitions this year! If your company would be interesting in donating company swag, please contact Rachel Henkhaus (Mathcounts Coordinator, REHenkhaus@GarverUSA.com) and Mark Johnston (Bridge Building Coordinator, MJohnston@hwlochner.com). More details to follow in the next newsletter.



Beginning Balances Date: October 1, 2018
 Ending Balances Date: October 26, 2018

Checking Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,351.09
<i>Deposits</i>		
	Newsletter Sponsorships	\$ 375.00
	KSPE EC Dues	\$ 411.00
	Legislature Breakfast (Invoiced for remaining payments)	\$ 1,085.00
	Total Deposits	\$ 1,871.00
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
	Executive Secretary - Check 1206	\$ 200.00
	Legislative Breakfast - Check 1207	\$ 2,065.63
	Stamps - Check 1208	\$ 9.00
	Total Withdrawals	\$ 2,274.63
Ending Balance		\$ 2,947.46

Savings Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 14,431.35
<i>Deposits</i>		
	Interest	\$ 2.37
	Total Deposits	\$ -
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 14,433.72

Money Market

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,473.99
<i>Deposits</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Deposits	\$ -
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 5,473.99


Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance		\$ 332.83
<i>Deposits</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Deposits	\$ -
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 332.83

EFK Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 7,285.32
<i>Deposits</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Deposits	\$ -
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
	None	\$ -
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 7,285.32

	Total	\$ 30,473.32
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 Kurt J Rotering, Treasurer KSPE EC
 October 26, 2018

September Meeting Minutes

Yearly Planning/Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Attendees: Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Kurt Rotering, Cliff Speegle, Cody Porter, Anne Schroer, Rachel Henkhaus, Rod Holbomb

Reports:

- Call to Order at 4:38pm at Jack Stack Event Space in Martin City, MO
- Approved agenda
- Treasurer’s report – Kurt Rotering distributed a budgeting spreadsheet for the Board’s use. The report shown in the newsletter will remain the simplified version. The only costs this month were the banner cost (\$170 each) and \$700 for the grant fund. The legislative breakfast will be slightly higher cost than previous years due to venue change. Cost to attend will increase by \$5 to offset the additional cost. Dues check from NSPE will be coming sometime in the near future – timeline unknown. \$200 is due to the chapter secretary at the end of each month to be paid by check.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative -----Love/Bruner
 - Legislative Meeting is set for ~~Thursday, October 18th 2018~~. **Changed to Oct. 17th**.
 - Travis Lowe and Edward DeSoignie (Economic Lifelines) are confirmed as speakers. The event will be held at the DoubleTree in Overland Park.
- MATHCOUNTS-----Henkhaus
 - No report.
- Model Bridge Building-----Johnston
 - No report.
- Fundraising-----Holcomb
 - Letter request will be sent on Thanksgiving break. Rod asked if anyone knew of any STEM organizations that letter should be sent to. Rod will email letter distribution list to the board.
- Membership -----OPEN
 - Looking for someone to fill this position. This would be someone would schedule events to encourage membership. Examples include hosting a lunch at a consulting firm followed by signing up new members or hosting a membership drive event.

September Meeting Minutes Continued

- Awards -----DaMetz
 - No report.
- Young Engineers -----Porter
 - Potential for CAPs tour followed by happy hour. Potential for Chiefs game on Thursday December 13th pending availability of appropriate venue. Cody Porter to check into locations for Chiefs event.
- Engineering Preparation -----Nugent
 - No report.
- Engineer's week -----Love
 - Postcards to be sent November 1st. Cliff Speegle to look into who can make the postcards this year since Affinis did it in the past.
 - Potential speaker contact at Burns & McD. MSPE to follow-up.
- Advertising -----Leathers
 - No report.
- Community Service Project(s) -----Schroer
 - No report.
- State Director -----Speegle
 - September 7th – State Meeting in Topeka.
 - National Conference to be held in KC. Planning just getting started.
 - There is an ongoing effort to clean By-laws and eliminate the constitution for KSPE at the state level. Should be finalized for vote in March.
 - EFK Golf is October 5th.
 - Eastern chapter should receive more money from state based on the lack of support needed and organization of the chapter.

Chapter Meetings-----Rome

- October 17th (Wednesday): Legislative meeting at Doubletree, Economic Lifelines
- November 14th (Wednesday): KSPE President & Executive Director visit, Venue TBD
- December: Open/no meeting
- January: joint meeting with MSPE & planned by MSPE
- February: joint meeting with ASCE & planned by KSPE
- March: March Madness event
- April: joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by MSPE
- May: Awards meeting
- Summer event? Young Engineers Event.

September Meeting Minutes Continued

Old Business-----Love

- KSPE Banner and table setup – It's here! Would like to get a table banner as well and potentially purchase using EFK fund since banner will be used at EFK events. Approximate cost is \$170.
- Engineering Prep/grant/scholarship update
- Blue Valley CAPS event, Friday August 24th – Charlie Love attended. This was a good event similar to the Olathe Career Fair except kids are further along in their education. Eastern chapter should continue to support this event.
- Prairie Fire opportunities – Model bridge.
- Membership: Chair is currently open, Ideas for increasing our membership
- Discuss combining Ad's and fundraising process Online registration and payment possibility – Need to go through state. Kurt Rotering to contact Travis. Website sponsorship and Eventbrite might be possibilities as they are used by other organizations. Need to have set up by February meeting.
 - Charlie Love thinks we may be able to do it.
 - Kurt Rotering and Exec. Secretary work on it.
- 2019 National NSPE conference will be in Kansas City – National committee has been formed and headed by Gary Strack. They're looking for volunteers. State conference is in Wichita this year.
- EFK Receipts – Rachel Henkhaus will send email to Charlie Love regarding splitting receipts for EFK.

New Business

- Newsletter deadline – October 3rd, 2018
 - Add upcoming meeting dates in newsletter
 - Company graphics were "fuzzy" in last newsletter. Need to fix possible formatting issues. May need new graphics from sponsors.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

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October Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Attendees: Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Rod Holcomb, Rachel Henkhaus, Phillip Jennings, Cody Porter, Mark Johnston

Call to Order (9:09 am)
Approved agenda

Reports:

- Previous meeting minutes – voted to approve 7-0
- Treasurer's Report – Reviewed the report that Kurt submitted.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative – Legislative event was a success. Good attendance – around 60 plates served and 20 members of legislature/elected officials. Next event will be the February lunch at the statehouse.
- MATHCOUNTS – Rachel is contacting coaches. She is also contacting engineering firms to obtain marketing handouts for the event.
- Model Bridge Building – Letters will be sent out next month. Mark will try and pick a old bridge up for display purposes.
- Fundraising – Rod is refreshing the mailing list and will get it out in mail soon.
- Membership – No report
- Awards – No report
- Young Engineers – 12/13 Chiefs watch party. Cody to contact venues and set it up prior to November newsletter.
- Engineering Preparation – Olathe career day is October 23. Still in need of volunteers.
- Engineer's week – Setting up conference call w/ MSPE. When will postcards be ready? Tony will assemble when cards and mailing list is provided.
- Advertising – No report
- Community Service Project(s) – No report
- State Director – No report

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- May: Awards meeting
- Summer event?

Old Business-----Love

- KSPE table setup – Cliff looking at purchasing this.
- Membership: Chair is currently open
- Online registration and payment possibility – targeting for February meeting
- 2019 National NSPE conference will be in Kansas City – Looking for Volunteers

New Business-----Love

- Newsletter deadline Friday Oct. 26th, 2018

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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! Or email to Charlie Love at clove@lenexa.com

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.

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