



Monthly Newsletter

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President’s Message

By: Charlie Love

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Football season is upon us and so is our 2018-2019 KSPE Easter Chapter season. It is off to a great start and I’m excited to be serving as our Chapter President this year.

While I might be at the helm this season, just like football, it is a team effort. So I’m equally excited about our team this year since we have a great group of engineers representing our chapter leadership and serving on committees. A big thanks to each of you and also to their employers who allow them to actively participate in these roles for our organization.

Currently our chapter membership sits at approximately 140 members. While the KC Metro has many organizations for engineers to participate in, as a licensed engineer I personally believe this organization is most important and has the greatest impact on our profession as engineers. Our mission is:

“To promote, recognize and enhance the engineering profession by delivering professional development products and services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the profession.”

If we want to continue to build on the success of our local chapter, we need to get better at selling the importance and impact KSPE provides our profession to other non-members.

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This coming year I hope each our members can put some “skin in the game” and encourage other non-members to join.

- Invite and encourage another engineer to attend a chapter meeting.
- Our newsletters only go to members, so share it and our event information with other non-members.
- Encourage and promote leadership opportunities available by serving on our board, committees, and various volunteering events.
- Communicate the importance of networking with other engineers.

While maybe not all of us, I’m guessing many of us became involved in this organization through the promotion from another member. Personally, I was invited by some fellow co-workers who were members and I also understood our supervisors/leadership approved and encouraged our participation in professional organizations. So, I challenge our members to put some “skin in the game” and see if we can grow our membership. We all know there are plenty of engineers in the KC Metro area and I have to believe they feel their licensure is just as important to them as our members do.

Going into our 2018-2019 season, our playbook will be similar to previous years. We kick things off with a MSPE Western Chapter joint meeting hosting the NSPE President, Michael Aitken on Thursday, September 27th.

Followed up by our annual legislative breakfast to be held Thursday, October 18th. We anticipate a good turnout from elected officials as this is an election year with many state office races. Be sure to personally invite your elected officials and come engage with them and others about issues affecting the engineering community and profession.

The Olathe School Career EXPO will be on Tuesday, October 23rd. KSPE will have a booth set up to discuss our profession with middle school students exploring future career opportunities. This is great event and you can contact Tawn Nugent, tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com, to get more information and volunteer.

Finally the first half will wrap up with a dinner meeting and visit from our KSPE State President Dennis Kuhlman and KSPE Executive Director Travis Lowe on Wednesday, November 14th.

Our second half is always a faster pace with quite a few activities to fill in between our chapter meetings. Some of these include Bridge Building, Mathcounts, Community Service, and the E-week Luncheon. It will be here before we know it and we are always looking for additional help to keep our KSPE Eastern Chapter successful. If you, or someone you know is interested in a more active role, please reach out to me at clove@lenexa.com .

Now.....UP FOR THE KICKOFF!

Event Information

September Joint Meeting with MSPE

Date: Thursday, September 27th, 2018

Time: 5:00 Dinner and Presentation

Location: Jack Stack BBQ

13645 Holmes Road

Kansas City, MO 64145

Cost: \$35

Presenter: Michael Aitken

NSPE President 2018-2019

Save The Date

Eastern Chapter's Annual Fall Legislative Event will be a breakfast held Thursday morning October 18th. Location to be determined. State Senators and State Representatives within our Chapter will be invited so this is an excellent opportunity to meet them and voice our concerns on issues we feel are important to us professionally and personally. Mark your calendars and plan to attend on October 18th. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

The 17th Annual 8th Grade Olathe Public Schools Career EXPO

Please join us this year by volunteering your time and energy to represent KSPE

Date: Tuesday, October 23rd at

Time: 8:00am-3:00pm

We need at least 6 volunteers to sign-up for a two hour shift

Location: Johnson Community College

Description: 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 10 years introducing hundreds of young minds to the field of engineering.

Contact: Tawn Nugent tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com for more information and to volunteer for a two hour shift

August Meeting Minutes

Yearly Planning/Kick-off Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Attendees: Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Ozzy Bravo, Kurt Rotering, Tawn Nugent, Cliff Speegle, Cody Porter, Anne Schroer, Allison Bruner, Mark Johnston, Rachel Henkhaus, Rod Holbomb, Ryan DaMetz,

Reports:

- Call to Order at 4:44pm at Coach's Bar & Grill in Overland Park, KS
- Approved agenda from May 2018 Board Meeting
- Treasurer's report – Ozzy reviewed the 2017-2018 Year-end Treasurer's report with the Board. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board reviewed the proposed 2018- 2019 budget and approved it for use for the upcoming year. Ozzy has yet to train Kurt Rotering for the upcoming year.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative Love/Bruner
Legislative Meeting is set for Thursday, October 18th 2018. Travis Lowe is confirmed as a speaker. Potential locations: DoubleTree, Embassy Olathe. Additional Speaker: Economic Lifelines – Charlie Love requested the board for input on other speakers
- MATHCOUNTS Henkhaus
Committee work will start soon
- Model Bridge Building Johnston
The competition will continue to be held at Prairiefire.
- Fundraising Holcomb
Letter request will be sent on Thanksgiving.
- Membership Open
Charlie Love brought the membership roster for the KSPE Eastern Chapter. The plan is for board members to encourage their contacts to participate.
- Awards DaMetz
We have been having difficulty in getting additional submissions. Ryan asked the board to brainstorm of ideas on how to entice for applications. A discussion focused on how the forms are not very intuitive for filling out and submitting. We are planning to use the KC STEM Alliance network to reach out to principals of schools for submissions.
- Young Engineers Porter
Two events planned. Fall and Spring.
- Engineering Preparation Nugent
CAPS Engineering Event. August 24, 2018. Morning, afternoon shifts are available. Olathe Career Day. 8th grade. JCCC. October 23, 2018. 1st fund request has been submitted for the Academic Decathlon. The submission was approved by the Board for \$700. KC STEM Alliance offered to support with exposure. Window of requests by schools is January through March every year. We are planning to update our forms for funding requests.
- Engineer's week Love
Re-established that it will be in Marriott downtown again.
- Advertising Leathers
Kristen has sent letters out already. Kristen has started to receive money for ads. She will work with this year's treasurer.

August Meeting Minutes

- Community Service Project(s) Schroder
Similar event for this coming year. Recruit an additional chair for planning another event. Stream clean up event. Souper Bowl – Saturday turnout was great, and will continue.
- State Director Speegle
September 7th – State Meeting in Topeka. There is an ongoing effort to clean By-laws for KSPE at the state.
- Prospective Chapter Meetings Rome
 - September: NSPE President visit and joint meeting with MSPE
 - October: Legislative meeting Thursday Oct. 18th
 - November: KSPE President & Executive Director visit
 - 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.
- New Business Love
 - Executive Secretary position: Nicolle Downing, jaindowning@gmail.com
 - KSPE Banner and table setup
 - Will be completed by September 2018.
 - Engineering Prep/grant/scholarship update
 - Social media accounts – are we interested in a LinkedIn page?
 - Prairie Fire opportunities
 - Cindy McCann and Mark Johnston met with Prairiefire. Engineers to help with design / build activities. Will be thinking of upcoming opportunities.
 - KU Edwards engineering program opportunities
 - Membership: Chair is currently open, Ideas for increasing our membership
 - Teaming up with other organizations for events: ASCE, APWA, etc.
 - kclTE was suggested.
 - Discuss combining Ad's and fundraising process
 - Online registration and payment possibility
 - Charlie Love thinks we may be able to do it.
 - Kurt Rotering and Exec. Secretary work on it.
 - Succession plans
 - Try to find a replacement for your position.
 - 2019 National NSPE conference will be in Kansas City
 - Newsletter deadline – August 31st 2018

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

**Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report for June/July 2018**

August 1, 2018

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of June 17, 2018		\$332.77	
	Additions	\$0.00	
	Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 1, 2018			\$332.77

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of June 17, 2018		\$3,514.81	
<i>Deposits</i>	<i>E-WEEK Reimbursement from MSPE Western</i>	\$328.36	
	Total Deposits	\$328.36	
<i>Payments</i>	<i>KSPE Gift Basket - for NSPE 2018</i>	\$25.00	
	Total Payments	\$25.00	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>			
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 1, 2018			\$3,818.17

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of June 17, 2018		\$5,452.07	
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
	<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	\$10.42	
Ending Balance as of August 1, 2018			\$5,462.49

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of June 17, 2018		\$7,918.89	
<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Engineers Week 2018 Proceeds - MSPE Western Check</i>	\$1,774.78	
<i>Withdrawals</i>			
Ending Balance as of August 1, 2018			\$9,693.67

PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of June 17, 2018		\$14,425.89	
	<i>Deposits</i>	\$1.90	
	<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of August 1, 2018			\$14,427.79

Respectfully Submitted,



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Total **\$33,734.89**

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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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