



Monthly Newsletter

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President’s Message

By: Tony Rome

Are you ready for some football???????

While not everyone is a die-hard football fan, I would guess most if not all of you are rooting for a long awaited Super Bowl this upcoming season after coming SOOOO close last year. I hope that everyone had a chance to take some time off over the summer and recharge your batteries. For those that don’t know me, my name is Tony Rome and I am excited about serving as your Chapter President. Welcome back to another year of the KSPE Eastern Chapter and all that comes with it – newsletters, monthly meetings, Mathcounts, Bridge Building and of course protecting licensure and the public welfare in the State of Kansas.

I was thinking about what I should write in this space and after some deliberation I decided to talk about why I think Engineers matter in today’s world. During my travels this summer from the beaches of Florida to the mountains of Colorado I noticed that there were countless individuals behind the scenes tasked with keeping me safe, even if it was an inconvenience to what I wanted to do. For instance, the Gulf of Mexico was closed to the public for multiple days during the height of tourist season because of the threat of riptides even though it was sunny and hot out. As you can imagine that didn’t make many people happy whose vacations were interrupted for something they couldn’t see below the surface. The people in charge of those decisions are experts in their respective fields and the public should trust that they know what is best for us. We as Engineers are called on to make difficult decisions like these each and every day we come to work. As the old adage goes “the right path isn’t always the easiest”.

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Too many times in this country, pressure is placed on decision makers to make decisions that aren't in the best interests of the public welfare because they are the easiest way forward.

I'm proud to be part of an engineering community that places public welfare over all other concerns and I think that is one of the main reasons why engineers matter – so Thank You!

The board has met to plan out the upcoming year and it looks to be a great time. We'll kick off the year with the typical joint meeting with the Western Chapter of MSPE to host the NSPE President. This year's president is David Martini and he will be providing an update from the national society and how that will impact us. I hope you can join us for dinner on Thursday, September 26th.

The September calendar will be followed up by two events in October. On Wednesday, October 16th, we will host our annual legislative breakfast. Even though 2019 is not an election year, we anticipate a good turnout. Be sure to personally invite your elected officials and come engage with them and others about issues affecting the engineering community and the public welfare. Additionally, the Olathe School Career EXPO will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd. KSPE will have a booth set up to discuss our profession with middle school students exploring future career opportunities. Our coordinator, Tawn Nugent, is always looking for volunteers for this. I encourage you to contact her if you are interested – it will be a good experience, I promise. She can be reached at tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com for more information and to volunteer.

Looking a little further out, we will host the KSPE State President in November and hold a social event in late fall, with details to be provided once they are finalized.

Thanks for making it to the end of my first message – I encourage all of you to get involved in some way with our organization and I look forward to a great year!!

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September Meeting Information

Dinner Meeting with MSPE

Date: Thursday, September 26th

Time: 5:30pm-Social Hour

6:00pm-Dinner and Presentation

Location: Jack Stack Barbecue

13645 Holmes Road

Kansas City, MO 64145

Cost: \$40 for Members and Guests

\$30 for Student Chapter Members

RSVP: Please use this [link](#) to register

Registration closes at 5:00pm, Wednesday, September 25th

Event Details:

Presenter: David Martini, PE, F.NSPE

NSPE President 2019-2020

Topics: "Update on the Future of the Profession, Touch on Threats to Licensure, and Current NSPE Activities"

KSPE Events

Eastern Chapter's Annual Fall Legislative Event

A Breakfast meeting will be held **Wednesday** morning, **October 16th**. 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 16th. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

18th Annual Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO

The EXPO will be held on **Tuesday, October 22nd** at Johnson Community College. 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 11 years 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 for more information and to volunteer for a two hour shift.

Save the Date-Monday, November 18th

Young Engineers Social

Chiefs Watch Party

More information to come!

Treasurers Report

June/July 2019



Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter Treasurer's Report: June/July 2019

Beginning Balances Date: May 29, 2019
Ending Balances Date: August 7, 2019

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$	1,581.09
<i>Deposits</i>	Summer BBQ	\$	273.67	
	Dues	\$	345.00	
		Total Deposits	\$	618.67
<i>Withdrawals</i>	Check 1240 - Summer BBQ	\$	360.97	
	Check 1241 - Name Tags	\$	77.15	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	438.12
Ending Balance			\$	1,761.64

Savings Account

Beginning Balance			\$	14,473.75
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$	18.24	
		Total Deposits	\$	18.24
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	14,491.99

Money Market

Beginning Balance			\$	5,533.05
<i>Deposits</i>	Interest	\$	14.85	
		Total Deposits	\$	14.85
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	5,547.90

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance			\$	332.83
<i>Deposits</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Deposits	\$	-
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	332.93

EFK Account

Beginning Balance			\$	7,242.21
<i>Deposits</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Deposits	\$	-
<i>Withdrawals</i>	None	\$	-	
		Total Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	7,242.21

Kurt J Rotering, Treasurer KSPE EC
August 7, 2019

Total **\$ 29,376.67**

August Meeting Minutes

Yearly Planning/Kick-off Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Attendees: Tony Rome, Charlie Love, Rachel Henkhaus, Kurt Rotering, Allison Bruner, Tawn Nugent, Anne Schroer, Rod Holcomb, Mark Johnston, Ryan Dametz, Kristin Leathers-Gratton, Cody Porter

Call to Order at 4:40 pm at Coachs' Bar & Grill in Overland Park, KS
Approved agenda from May 2019 Board Meeting

Committee Reports:

- Legislative – Charlie has contacted the location for several dates. Has also contacted Travis to confirm availability for those dates. Waiting to hear if speaker is available and should know by 8/23.
- MATHCOUNTS – Looking to split up the tasks amongst several individuals.
- Model Bridge Building – None of the winners sent bridges into National competition.
- Fundraising – No Report
- Membership – Allison is setting some goals as the new chair and will bring those to September meeting to discuss.
- Awards – Looking into a generic plaque for EOY february presentation
- Young Engineers – Possible Chiefs watch party – 10/17 or 11/18
- Engineering Preparation – Will work with KC Stem Alliance to distribute funds. Group approved \$3000. Will keep another \$500 for other items.
- Engineer's week – Tony working with MSPE on speaker and location. Has been decided that split will continue to be 50/50.
- Advertising – Raised prices on newsletter ads. Plan to ask for legislator sponsors for October meeting.
- Community Service Project(s) – Ryan will send contact information for ADA ramp organization.
- State Director – Meetings are set up. The first meeting is scheduled for 9/6.

August Meeting Minutes Continued

Reports

- Treasurer's Final Report & proposed budget – Kurt reviewed the year-end Treasurer's report with the Board. At the conclusion of the discussion, the *Board reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 budget and provided input to finalize the budget. Kurt will assist Rachel as necessary.*

Chapter Meetings -----Rotering

- September: NSPE President visit and joint meeting with MSPE. September 26
- October: Legislative meeting
- November: KSPE President & Executive Director visit
- December: Football watch party social?
- January: Joint meeting with MSPE & planned by KSPE
- February: Joint meeting with ASCE & planned by ASCE
- March: March Madness event
- April: Joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by SAME?
- May: Awards meeting
- June: Summer Social
- State Conference: June in Kansas City

Old/New Business -----Rome

- Liability Insurance – *Working to obtain this as a Chapter.*
- Advertising Income
- EFK Funds
- Meetings
- Online registration
- 2020 State KSPE Conference will be in Kansas City. Eastern Chapter to aid in planning efforts.
- Open forum
- Newsletter deadline – August 30.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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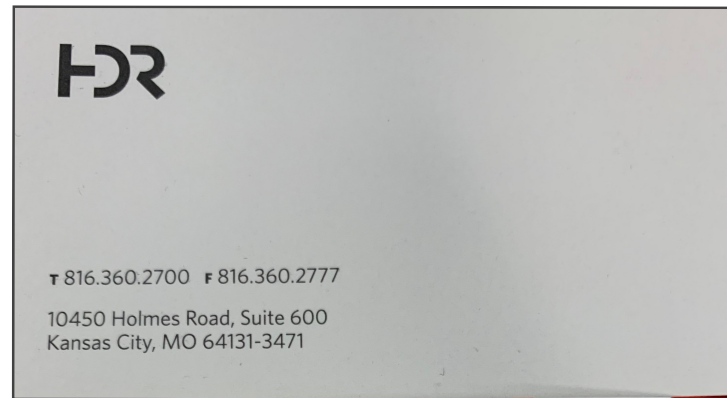


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