



Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

By: Kurt Rotering

I was hoping the first message of my Presidential year could be all about Football, Fall, and Pumpkin Spice, but as we all know, that will not be the case. Most importantly, I hope everyone is doing as well as you can be in this interesting and obviously challenging time. If you haven't yet, please go out and enjoy the weather and the numerous parks and trails in and around the Metro to help relax and recharge.

For those that don't know me, my name is Kurt Rotering, a Traffic Engineer for Walter P Moore. Despite the circumstances I AM excited to be your President and to welcome all of you back to another year of KSPE Eastern Chapter. Our board has already met and are working through how to keep everyone enthusiastic and engaged by bringing KSPE-EC to you. At least through the end of the year, we are going to be doing everything virtually, so keep your eyes open for invites, including several announcements later in this newsletter.

The first event this year is the annual NSPE Presidential visit. Tricia Hatley, P.E., F.NSPE, will be providing a live virtual update to our membership on September 16th. Details about this Zoom call are provided on the next page. I look forward to hearing from Tricia, especially how COVID-19 has impacted NSPE and her outlook for her presidential year.

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President's Message Continued

Speaking of presidents, 2020 is obviously an election year, and although most of the noise is about the presidential election, where we can have a larger impact is with our local elections.

KSPE's mission Statement is ***"KSPE is dedicated to promoting, protecting and advocating the success and integrity of the licensed Professional Engineer and Engineer Intern by delivering professional development products and services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the profession."***

Although this year we won't be able to host and coordinate as much in-person advocacy and discussion, Travis Lowe and his team will still be working behind the scenes and providing us updates. I also encourage everyone to reach out to their State Representative, State Senator, and other local elected officials to discuss the importance of licensure, funding, and any other concerns you may have personally or professionally.

If you are still reading, I thank you, and now I will finally talk Football! I'm really excited about the upcoming Chiefs season, as it should be full of highlights, wins and hopefully another deep playoff run! KSPE-EC most likely won't be having our normal Chiefs watch party this fall, but we are concocting a way to have fun all together regardless! Now on to pumpkin spice.... Just kidding, I don't know anything about pumpkin spice. Here's to a great (albeit unusual) year, and I look forward to talking to and seeing all of your faces at some point this year either in person or virtually!!

September Meeting Information

Presidential Visit with MSPE

(VIRTUAL)

Date: Wednesday, September 16th

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: Free

Event Details:

Presenter: Tricia Hatley, P.E., F.NSPE
NSPE President 2020-2021

Zoom Call-In Information:

Join Zoom Meeting

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KSPE Fall Events

Eastern Chapter's Annual Fall Legislative Event

(CANCELLED)

Typically, KSPE-EC hosts a breakfast meeting and invites State Senators and State Representatives within our Chapter to attend. Due to the current situation we are not able to host this event this year. We encourage each one of you to reach out personally to voice concerns on issues important to you professionally and personally.

KSPE and Legislative Update

(VIRTUAL)

When: Noon, October 15th

Where: Virtual

Please join us as we team up with the Wichita Chapter for a KSPE update from the KSPE President (and our friend), Brian Scovill and a timely Legislative Update from Travis Lowe shortly before the fall election. Keep an eye out for a link to this virtual update.

Mathcounts 2020-2021 Update

2020-2021 MATHCOUNTS Competition Series (VIRTUAL)

Math counts is taking the 2020-2021 competition series online this year! We know there are so many unknowns right now, but Mathcounts has made some changes this year to keep our volunteers, coaches and students safe:

- 4 levels of competition, with the first 3 online: chapter, chapter invitational, state and national
- 4 online practice competitions starting in October
- Register up to 15 students per school at the 2021 Chapter Competition

Additional changes for this year (only! ... fingers crossed) are on the Mathcounts website <https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>

We look forward to all of your help on competition day in 2022! Until then, stay healthy and safe.

Treasurers Report

June/July 2020



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

Beginning Balances Date: May 6, 2020
Ending Balances Date: July 31, 2020

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$ 2,176.89
<i>Deposits</i>			
	MSPE-WC 2020 E-Week for EFK	\$ 3,925.96	
	EFK - 25% Executive Secretary salary	\$ 450.00	
	February dues from KSPE	\$ 420.00	
	Total Deposits	\$ 4,795.96	
<i>Withdrawals</i>			
	Check 1263 - Executive Secretary	\$ 200.00	
	Check 1264 - Executive Secretary	\$ 200.00	
	Check 1265 - EFK for E-week less \$383.89 expenses	\$ 3,542.07	
	Total Withdrawals	\$ 3,942.07	
Ending Balance			\$ 3,030.78

Savings Account

Beginning Balance			\$ 14,531.87
<i>Deposits</i>			
	Interest	\$ 2.43	
	Total Deposits	\$ 2.43	
<i>Withdrawals</i>			
	None	\$ -	
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -	
Ending Balance			\$ 14,534.30

Money Market

Beginning Balance			\$ 5,593.16
<i>Deposits</i>			
	Interest	\$ 0.31	
	Total Deposits	\$ 0.31	
<i>Withdrawals</i>			
	None	\$ -	
	Total Withdrawals	\$ -	
Ending Balance			\$ 5,593.47

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			\$ 7,997.83
<i>Deposits</i>			
	EFK Fundraising	\$ 500.00	
	Deposit from E-Week	\$ 3,542.07	
	Total Deposits	\$ 4,042.07	
<i>Withdrawals</i>			
	Reimbursement - 25% Executive Secretary Salary	\$ 450.00	
	Total Withdrawals	\$ 450.00	
Ending Balance			\$ 11,589.90

Total **\$ 34,848.45**

Rachel E. Henkhaus

Rachel E. Henkhaus, PhD, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC
July 31, 2020

August Meeting Minutes



Yearly Planning/Kick-off Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 12, 2020

Attendees

- Kurt Rotering
- Tony Rome
- Rachel Henkhaus
- Cody Porter
- Charlie Love
- Chad Hall
- Mark Johnston
- Allison Bruner
- ~~Tawn Nugent~~
- ~~Anne Schreer~~
- Kristen Leathers
- Rod Holcomb
- Ryan DeMetz
- Darren Meyer
- Derek Hopkins

Call to Order----- Rotering

- Approve agenda

Committee Reports:

- Legislative ----- Love
 - Don't think we can have an in-person meeting.
 - Charlie will talk to Travis tomorrow with the State Conference Planning Committee meeting to try to come up with another idea or way to go about it.
 - Might be an opportunity with zoom to do breakout groups that might mimic the table format discussion.
- MATHCOUNTS ----- Henkhaus
 - Will be a virtual event next spring. National event may be in person but could change to virtual as well.
 - Registration is open.
 - Local coordinators are just a local contact, will not be grading/judging since it is all online.
 - Does not need the same volunteer effort as before.
- Model Bridge Building ----- Johnston/Derek Hopkins
 - Still unknown about in-person event and teams building their bridges.
 - Event is supposed to be in February.
 - Probably need to have an in person and potential Plan B.
 - Could potentially have them mail bridges in and then record the breaking?
- Fundraising ----- Holcomb
 - Same plan as other years.
 - Will send out letters around Thanksgiving and there is usually 12-15 respondents on good years.
- Membership ----- Bruner
 - Lost a couple since spring, some were student members.
 - 9% public
 - 7% students
 - 11% female

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August Meeting Minutes Continued



- Will reach out to attendees that aren't members and welcome to new members, etc.
- Awards-----DaMetz/Open
 - Trying to touch base with Mike Nelson at CAPS – Awards
 - Trying to figure out how to recognize last year's awards winners. Might just drop them off and let people say a few words and record it on a 30 second clip.
 - Picture of winners in Newsletter.
 - HNTB/KDOT could present at a virtual event.
 - Need to purchase plaques.
- Young Engineers -----Porter/Darren Meyer
 - Outdoor distanced picnic this fall?
 - Concerned about the potential liability on KSPE or the board
 - Other ideas might be virtual trivia, or sports pools, or other things.
- Engineering Preparation-----Nugent
 - No update
- Engineer's Week-----Rotering
 - Up in the air. Probably not going to happen as usual.
 - Trying to figure out where this will go, probably virtual.
- Advertising-----Leathers
 - Ads have been coming in
 - Garver, GBA, Schlagel, Affinis, HNTB, Pool, Lochner, Wilson
 - Sent out request June and deadline was last week
- Community Service Project(s)-----Schroer
 - No update, likely not able to do same in person service events.
- State Director-----Love
 - Kick-off meeting sept 3rd. Then quarterly meetings.

Reports

- Treasurer's Final Report & Proposed Budget-----Henkhaus/Hall
 - Rachel sent the report and asking for others' feedback.
 - Dinner meetings essentially break even every year so if we don't have in-person events then it likely won't hurt the overall budget.

Chapter Meetings-----Henkhaus/Rotering/Love

- Where to fit in the 2019/20 Awards Presentation?
- **September (9/16):** NSPE President visit and joint meeting with MSPE.
 - Small outdoor boxed lunch for officers only.
- **October (10/15):** Legislative meeting. (Charlie)
- **November:** KSPE President & Executive Director visit
 - Easily be virtual
- **December:** these are undecided
 - Football watch party social.

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- Virtual Squares game, other virtual event?
 - **January:** KSPE Meeting
 - **February:** E-Week
 - **March:** March Madness event
 - Online bracket challenge with prize?
 - **April:** Joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by SAME?
 - **May:** Awards meeting

Old/New Business ----- Rotering

- Liability Insurance
 - Table until we are going to provide alcohol at a non-restaurant meeting.
- Advertising Income
- EFK Funds
- Open forum
 - STEM Alliance – Kurt to check with Tawn.
- Newsletter deadline – August 30.
 - Mathcounts update.
 - Budget/Final Report
 - Update on meetings

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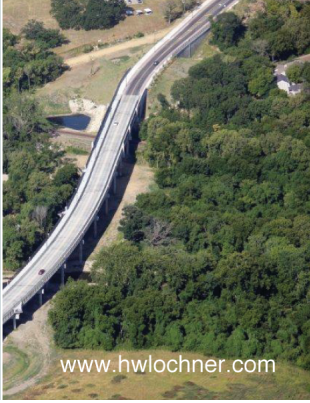
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