



KSPE

Eastern Chapter News

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President's Message

By: Cliff Speegle, P.E.

I hope you all survived Halloween. I vote for 70 degree weather every Halloween. I saw a lot of costumes in our neighborhood...firefighters, Scooby Doo, a ninja, Mickey Mouse, but I didn't see any kids dressed as an Engineer... Oh well.

There may have not been any engineers on Halloween, but hopefully we did peak a few students interest in engineering at the Olathe School's 8th Grade Career Fair. A group of us participated and shared about our profession to hundreds of 8th graders. We received a wide range of questions, some good and some a bit odd. It was interesting to ask the students what they thought engineers do. I got a range of responses, but it is a reminder that we have to tell the public what engineers do. I got the sense that the kids had heard the term engineer a lot but never with much in the way of specifics or tangible comparisons. It is our job as an organization to promote our profession and this is one small way of doing that. Thanks to Tawn Nugent for getting this set up and those members that gave up part of their day to talk to the students.

We followed up the chance to promote engineering to 8th graders with our Legislative Breakfast and a chance to interact with our legislators. Although it sometimes feels like legislators fight like 8th graders, this is always a nice event where we get to showcase what

KSPE does and how we strive to protect and promote the profession. A big thank you goes out to Charlie Love for setting up another successful Legislative Breakfast. Charlie has provided a summary of the meeting later in the newsletter.



Our November meeting is coming quickly and we'd love to see you there. We will get an overview of what KSPE is doing from our State President and our lobbyist, Travis Lowe. Since we take December off because of the holidays, this will be our last meeting of 2016. It's hard to believe 2017 is almost here. The start of a new year quickly brings our Mathcounts and Bridge Building competitions and we'll be looking for volunteers.

Thanks for being part of KSPE and supporting our industry.

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KSPE EC Website

The website will be updated on the 1st of each month or as needed should there be time sensitive information.

Check it out...

www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx

If you have photos taken at KSPE events, please submit them to Cheri Schoenhals, cschoenhals@gbateam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Event Information

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Announcement

KSPE Update

Travis Lowe, KSPE Lobbyist
Keith Beatty, KSPE State President

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016

Location: Hereford House
17244 Midland Dr
Shawnee, KS 66217

Price: \$35

Menu: Choice of:
Steak Medallions or
Grilled Chicken or
Baked Cod

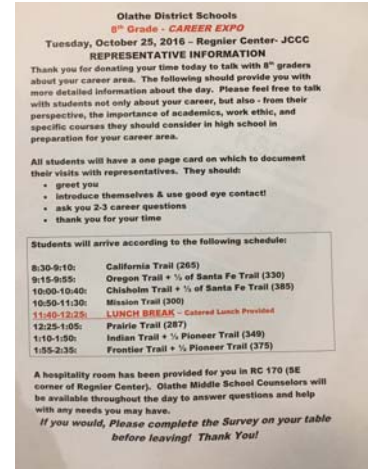
Time: 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. Registration/Networking
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

RSVP: Please RSVP to Cheri Schoenhals by **Thurs. Nov. 10**
to cschoenhals@gbateam.com
Include meal choice with RSVP
No-shows will be billed

Olathe School District 15th Annual 8th Grade Career Expo

2300 8th graders in attendance

Thanks to volunteers: Eric Keenan,
Brian Scovill, Ryan DaMetz, Don
Allison, Cindy McCann and Cliff
Speegle



Event Information

Legislative Breakfast

By: Charlie Love, P.E.

Eastern Chapter held our annual Legislative Affairs event with elected officials on Thursday, October 27, 2016. This year we had a great turn out. Invitations were extended to Mayors & County Commissioners, as well as State Senators, Representatives and Candidates within the Eastern Chapter geography. The event, held at the Ritz Charles, began with registration and networking at 7:00 am, and was followed by breakfast. This year there was a total of 72 in attendance with 21 being elected officials and candidates.



Following breakfast, Travis Lowe from Gaches Braden and Associates introduced himself and gave each elected official an opportunity to introduce themselves. After which, a presentation was made by Michael Johnston, Chief Executive Officer of Economic Lifelines, a statewide coalition that promotes transportation investments. He briefly discussed the Kansas history of transportation programs and how they have led to a well rated transportation system. In addition, he spoke to the importance of continuing to fund these programs if we wish to keep a well rated transportation system.



This event was an excellent opportunity to network with elected officials and encourage them to use our members as a technical resource for information. Feel free to contact Charlie Love at (913) 477-7660, or clove@lenexa.com for additional information about this event or for any recommendations on how this event could be improved.

Bridge Building Volunteers Needed

By: Mark Johnston P.E.

The Eastern Chapter's 34th Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 28, 2017 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 2017 International Bridge Building Contest in Dallas, TX.



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 816.945.5898 (mjohnston@hwlochner.com).

Treasurer's Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report for October 2016

October 26, 2016

Cash on Hand

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| Beginning Balance as of September 23, 2016 | \$430.00 | |
| Additions | \$0.00 | |
| Reductions | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance as of October 26, 2016 | | \$430.00 |

Checking Account

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| Beginning Balance as of September 23, 2016 | \$3,814.46 | |
| <i>Deposits</i> | | |
| <i>Dues from State</i> | \$217.50 | |
| Total Deposits | \$217.50 | |
| <i>Payments</i> | | |
| <i>October Meeting Deposit</i> | \$297.00 | |
| <i>Sept Exec Sec Salary</i> | \$150.00 | |
| <i>Service Charge - September</i> | \$5.00 | |
| Total Payments | \$452.00 | |
| <i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i> | | |
| <i>Deposits</i> | \$0.00 | |
| <i>Withdrawals</i> | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance as of October 26, 2016 | | \$3,579.96 |

Money Market Account

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| Beginning Balance as of September 23, 2016 | \$5,411.60 | |
| <i>Deposits</i> | \$0.00 | |
| <i>Withdrawals</i> | \$0.00 | |
| <i>Dividend Reinvest</i> | \$0.09 | |
| Ending Balance as of October 12, 2016 | | \$5,411.69 |

Engineers Foundation of Kansas

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| Beginning Balance as of September 23, 2016 | \$3,692.78 | |
| <i>Deposits</i> | | |
| <i>Withdrawals</i> | | |
| Ending Balance as of October 26, 2016 | | \$3,692.78 |

PEPP Dispersal CD

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| Beginning Balance as of September 23, 2016 | \$14,185.77 | |
| <i>Deposits</i> | \$0.00 | |
| <i>Withdrawals</i> | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance as of October 12, 2016 | | \$14,185.77 |

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Rome, P.E.
Treasurer

Total \$27,300.20

October Meeting Minutes

Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Time: 9:00 am Location: Ritz Charles

Attendees: Cliff Speegle, Cindy McCann, Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Rod Holcomb, Rachel Henkhaus, Ozzy Bravo, Kristen Leathers, Cody Porter, Ryan Dametz, Mark Johnston

Call to Order (9:05)

Approved agenda

Reports:

- Previous meeting minutes
 - Minutes had been previously approved
- Treasurer's report
 - Money market account was recently closed by Waddell and Reed. This was unexpected and Tony is looking into new money market options.
 - PEPP account details being reviewed.
 - Reviewed current Treasurers report.
 - Discussed getting a PO Box and email set up for Treasurer's duties.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative
 - Michael Johnston from Economic Lifelines spoke at the event. Well attended with 72 people attending, of which 21 were elected officials and/or candidates. Thank you letters will go out to the elected officials and candidates that attended.
- MATHCOUNTS
 - Date of event is set for . One new school has confirmed, Turner School District.
- Model Bridge Building
 - Date set for Saturday, January 28th. Working with Prairie Fire Museum to confirm location. Prairie Fire Museum is also interested in working together on other STEM related events.
- Fundraising
 - Fundraising requests will go out at the end of November. Working on the sponsor poster board.
- Membership
 - No Report
- Awards
 - Towards the end of November the Engineer of the Year award process will begin.
- Young Engineers
 - No events confirmed but there is consideration of joining ASCE Hockey (Mavericks) event.
- Engineering Preparation
 - Fall requests are due by October 31 and Olathe Career fair went well.
- Engineer's week Speegle
 - Cody and Ozzy are helping with planning roles. Post cards and speaker planning underway and Business Journal has been contacted. Cliff is looking for volunteers to help in planning this event.
- Advertising
 - Thirteen ads totaling \$800 have been sold to date.

Meeting Minutes continued

- State Director
 - No Report
- Community Service Project(s)
 - No Report

Chapter Meetings

- November meeting
 - Thursday, November 17th at Hereford House in Shawnee. Travis Lowe and KSPE State President will be present.
- No December meeting

Old Business

- Cliff presented options for new table top banner. Next step is agreeing upon graphics to place on banner.
- Our current banner is getting old and there should be consideration given to replace it this year or next.

New Business

- Monday October 31st for newsletter deadline
- KSPE Eastern Chapter Twitter handle is @KSPE_EC. Encouraging members to send photos of themselves and their projects in effort to promote KSPE and our members.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:37 am

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