**APRIL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Kansas Section Legislative Update**

**Joint KSPE/ASCE Meeting**

**Presenter – Travis Lowe**

Lake Shawnee - Shelter #2
Topeka, Kansas

Wednesday, May 9th

5:30 pm
Evening Meeting - HHB BBQ
$15 per person
(Beer $1, soda $0.50 each, and bottled water $0.25 each)

Please make your reservation with Troy Bandy via e-mail at troy.bandy@terracon.com no later than Noon on Friday, May 4th.
Murphy’s Law: Anything that can go wrong will go wrong. Have you ever had the feeling that Murphy was an engineer? If so, then it might not surprise you that he actually was. Edward A. Murphy, Jr. was an aerospace engineer involved in testing the human tolerance for G-forces during rapid deceleration in 1948 when the quote was attributed to him. He went on to work on escape systems for some of the most famous aircraft and other safety and life support systems. Although the adage is attributed to him, there is no evidence to support he ever said those words. Murphy’s Law could probably be stated more accurately as “consider what can go wrong and act to prevent it.”

As I was working on this article, the thought occurred to me about how it was starting to focus on the negative. As I was thinking about this, it occurred to me that it is the negative getting attention because the positive was supposed to happen, so it gets ignored. As engineers, it often affects us on a personal level if something does not go according to plan, especially if something disastrous occurs. I have found myself assessing situations that could have had better outcomes and agonizing over what could have been done differently, even if the outcome was beyond my control. However, once I expand my evaluation to encompass the entire data set, it is easier to determine a clearer understanding of the overall situation. I still learn from the negatives, but I am also able to use the positives, too. So when something does not go according to plan, I encourage you to be an accountant and sum up the positive balance with the negative and learn from the net result.

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2018 E-Week Luncheon

This year’s E-Week Luncheon/Awards was held at the Topeka office of Bartlett & West. Congratulations to all of the E-Week Award recipients and a big THANK YOU goes out to Bartlett & West for hosting.
Government Engineer of the Year: Thomas Vlach, P.E. (Shawnee County Public Works)

Engineering Achievement: Willard Bridge (Shawnee County/Finney & Turnipseed)

Outstanding Citizen: Representative Brenda Dietrich

Outstanding Teacher: Danielle Lotton-Barker Southwest Middle School

Outstanding Teacher: Ryan Ritchey Shawnee Heights Elementary School

Outstanding Teacher: Dean Gerlach Washburn Rural High School
We have a number of meetings and activities planned for the remainder of the 2018 year. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings. Please invite a friend and/or co-worker to an event to help us increase attendance and potentially increase the membership of the Topeka Chapter.

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