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## STATE NEWS

President's Message  
By Dennis Kuhlman, P.E., FNSPE

Welcome 2019! By now, many of you have made and already broken your new years resolutions! I know that I have – who needs to get into shape anyway! But as we look forward, it is important that KSPE recognizes the challenges of the future and takes active steps to address those changes.

The new membership model is now in full swing. Suggested changes in the KSPE Constitution and By-laws have been completed and have been approved by the KSPE Board of Directors for submission to our membership. You should have received an official ballot via email with a voting return of January 31. Please VOTE now!

With the focus on changes within NSPE and KSPE, it is clear that we are strongest with a large membership base. A large membership base makes it much easier to defend the importance of the PE at both the local and national levels. The Kansas Legislature has begun their work in Topeka and KSPE and the Government Relations Committee are actively monitoring actions and potential legislation. As the new session progresses, there are a couple of things that you as members should do:

1. Get to know your local legislators on a personal basis. There are many meet-and-greet sessions held throughout the state where individual legislators provide updates on their activities and answer questions from constituents. These functions provide a perfect opportunity for you to interact face-to-face with your representative. Then when you contact them at a later time, they recognize who you are, allowing you to make your points more effectively.

## President's Message Continued

2. Monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature through the regular member updates from Travis Lowe. The actions of the legislative body are not always predictable and surprising components added to bills are not uncommon. Sometimes these additions have unintended consequences that are not beneficial to the general safety and welfare of Kansas citizens.

3. Use this coming year to become a more visible supporter of Professional Engineering. Encourage those around you to become active members of NSPE/KSPE and those not yet licensed to become Professional Engineers. Take the opportunity to become a member of the Order of the Engineer and proudly wear the stainless steel pinky ring on the working hand as a

symbol of being an engineer. The ring is a conversation starter that will allow you to inform others in your community about Professional Engineers and what we do everyday to benefit society.

4. Plan on attending the KSPE Annual Conference June 12-14, 2019 in Wichita. The Conference provides an opportunity to communicate with fellow engineers, attend technical sessions that earn continuing education credits in support of your license, enjoy social events with your fellow engineers, recognize your fellow engineers special achievements at the awards ceremony, and you can even be initiated into the Order of the Engineer, if you have not previously been initiated.

5. Plan on attending the 2019 PECON (NSPE National gathering), which will be held in

Kansas City July 17-21, 2019. This location is so close that it is an event that you do not want to miss and this will provide an opportunity for KSPE to have the largest contingent in attendance!

2019 is going to be another exciting year with many advances in science, technology, and engineering. Challenges, yes, but challenges are the thing that makes our profession exciting. I hope you are looking forward to the challenges of the New Year and the potential positive impact that the solutions have on our future!

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

By Travis Lowe

KSPE Members,  
Greetings from the KSPE World Headquarters! We are excited to share this record-size publication highlighting KSPE news on multiple fronts. We have many updates to share, but first we want to thank you for your continued support of KSPE that comes in so many ways.

As a new year rolls in, KSPE is hitting the ground running. The 2019 Legislative Session is underway, E-Week is around the corner and the Board of Directors have approved Bylaw changes that need your approval.

On the legislative front, Governor Kelly was sworn into office this week and 165 legislators checked in for duty at the Statehouse. This session promises to be an active one as legislators work to make the final adjustments to hopefully end the school finance litigation that has lasted several years. Despite the new Administration change, the Legislature is more conservative than it was a year ago. In an interesting twist,

since November, two state senators and one House member changed their political party affiliation from Republican to Democrat. KSPE is watching all legislation to see if it would impact Licensed Professional Engineers in any way. We are your legislative representation in Topeka. This is possible because we have a strong KSPE with an active membership. Please share this message with any colleague who may not be a member.

KSPE has several events on the horizon. Chapters are holding MATHCOUNTS events in February with the state event on March 2 in Topeka. The licensing ceremony is also in Topeka on February 15 and E-Week is the week of February 17. Don't miss the Water Quality Seminar on March 8 and of course, plan to attend the 2019 Annual Conference in Wichita on June 12-14. All of these events are very important and help



grow our association and industry in Kansas.

Membership remains the most important action item for our society. Please talk about KSPE to your fellow P.E.'s. Mentor new and/or young hires in your department, schools and firms and press the importance of KSPE. Remember, for anyone joining the Association or renewing after July 1, KSPE membership dues dropped from \$329 to \$299. We hope you help us retain and grow our membership by promoting the dues reduction. While most associations are having to increase dues to account for rising costs and inflation, KSPE is reducing the dues. Please help spread this message.

In closing, please note all the activity and news in this issue. A lot is being done on your behalf!

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

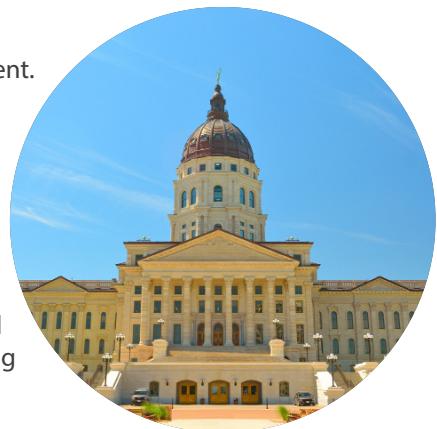
By Travis Stryker, P.E.

The KSPE Governmental Relations Committee (GRC) had our first meeting in preparation of the 2019 legislative session in December. Over the last year the GRC has updated KSPE's policy statements and stayed in front of legislative issues that could affect the PE license in Kansas. For 2019, the Committee has established the following items as priority legislative issues that we will be tracking closely with the help of our Executive Director Travis Lowe.

- Support adequate state and local funding for infrastructure maintenance and replacement.
- Be proactive in the State budget planning that will occur this session.
- Support the new transportation plan and influence completion of the current transportation plan.
- Support adequate funding and action for water-related programs.
- Prevent professional services from being taxed.
- Protect dedicated funds for the Engineering Initiative Act passed in the 2011 Session.
- Support Qualification Based Selection (QBS) and Alternative Delivery procurements.
- Monitor and oppose policies related to combining occupational licensure with professional licensure and technical and management certifications that erode professional engineering scope of practice.

Our Committee continues to have strong involvement from members of KSPE. If you are interested in joining the GRC, please contact me at [travis.stryker@casconstructors.com](mailto:travis.stryker@casconstructors.com).

Thanks,  
Travis Stryker, P.E.  
KSPE GRC Chair



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Becker, P.E.

Josh Beckman, P.E.

Brayson Benne, P.E.

Peter Clark, P.E.

Stephen Gore, P.E.

Nathaniel Miller, P.E.

David Niemann, P.E.

Michale Panethiere, P.E.

Brad Shores, P.E.

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# PROPOSED KSPE BYLAWS CHANGES

## VOTE BY JANUARY 31ST

Your vote is important. In order for our Bylaws to be adopted and valid we must have a minimum response of 20% of all KSPE members. The rationale, action items to date, and links to the referenced documents are provided herein.

Thank you to the KSPE Bylaws Committee for their extensive efforts in addressing the governing language and aligning KSPE with the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). Should you have any questions or comments regarding the Bylaws, please do not hesitate to reach out to the KSPE leadership.

Sincerely,  
 Kerrie Greenfelder, PE, DBIA  
 KSPE Bylaws Committee Chair

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) Bylaws Committee endorses a cohesive and integrated approach for the administrative and governing language encompassing the activities of KSPE. KSPE is currently governed by a Constitution and Bylaws. Updates or amendments to these documents have not been made since 2003 (Constitution) and 2008 (Bylaws). The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) provided suggested language for State Society Bylaws, which included modifications to the membership model, policies, and procedures that were adopted by NSPE in July 2018. KSPE and the KSPE Bylaws Committee have actively worked toward the adoption of the suggested language. In August 2018, the KSPE Bylaws Committee determined that the following course of action was deemed necessary to fully adopt the NSPE Model Bylaws:

- A. Combine the KSPE Constitution and Bylaws language such that the governing language is retained in only one document;
- B. Transfer all applicable KSPE Constitution language into the KSPE Bylaws document;
- C. Remove the KSPE Constitution as a governing document;
- D. Revise the KSPE Bylaws language such that it aligns with the minimum practices of KSPE;
- E. Revise the applicable KSPE Bylaws language with the suggested NSPE organization, format, and language;
- F. Create a separate KSPE "Operating Manual" to outline the operating procedures for KSPE.

In order to ensure that KSPE is transparent and aligned with NSPE, it is important to maintain the proper governing language. As KSPE membership, needs, and requirements vary from year-to-year, it is important to retain the administrative provisions that allow for a nimble State Society. NSPE model documents recommend the inclusion of Constitution and Bylaws language into one document. This single-document practice aligns with modern, not-for-profit governance. With the creation of an "Operating Manual", the document can be easily modified as the needs of KSPE change, thus eliminating the onerous amendment procedure like that of the Bylaws. The proposed KSPE Bylaws is presented in the Attachment [or put on KSPE website and add link].

Action Items:

- A. November 13, 2018: The KSPE Executive Committee passed a motion to move the proposed KSPE Bylaws for an approval vote to the KSPE Board of Directors.
- B. December 13, 2018: The KSPE Board of Directors passed the motion to adopt the new KSPE Bylaws, contingent on membership approval.
- C. Through January 31, 2019: The KSPE membership shall vote to accept the proposed KSPE Bylaws (attached), in accordance with Article XIV (AMENDMENTS), Section 3 of the Constitution ("Section 3. An amendment shall become effective only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by the members, provided that at least 20 percent of the members have voted.").
- D. February 1, 2019: With an affirmative vote from the KSPE membership, the proposed KSPE Bylaws (attached) will become effective in accordance with Bylaw 14 (EFFECTIVE DATE), Section 1 ("Section 1. These Bylaws shall become effective upon its adoption in the manner prescribed for voting on amendments and thereupon the previous Bylaws and prior amendments thereto are repealed.").
- E. February 1, 2019: Begin development of the KSPE "Operating Manual."

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# KSPE PRACTICE CHAIR UPDATES

## PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UPDATE

By Jeffery Hancock, P.E.

NSPE-Kansas members involved in private practice are working hard to keep "Professional" in Professional Engineering. Through the American Council of Engineering Companies - Kansas (ACEC-KS) the ACEC Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) moderator, Dave Comstock, P.E., recently moderated a panel discussion involving three panelists from industry at the Kansas League of Municipalities Meeting held in October in Topeka. The panelist discussed the benefits of QBS, how the QBS process works, and some of the common questions asked about QBS. The panel discussion was intended to educate and inform attendees that consultant selection through QBS ensures the most well-qualified consultants are designing public infrastructure; and providing the greatest overall value to the owner and user.



In addition to QBS, ACEC-KS has been actively involved with the Governor's Transportation Task Force. Kenzil Lynn, P.E. of Schwab-Eaton is representing ACEC-KS and professional engineers in private practice as a member of the Task Force. Task Force meetings are occurring throughout the state. Joe Drimmel, P.E. of HDR recently provided testimony at the Hays Task Force meeting regarding alternative delivery of KDOT projects. The primary message of the testimony was in support of alternative delivery methods that preserve QBS for selection of design consultants.

ACEC-KS, representing professional engineers in private practice, is involved with several partnering committees. These committees include the KDOT Road Design Partnering Committee; the KDOT Bridge Design Partnering Committee; the AIA/OFPM/OSFM/ACEC-KS Partnering Committee, and the Corps of Engineers Partnering Committee. These committees generally meet at various times throughout the year to discuss improving the collaborative nature of relationships between professional engineers in private practice and the individual agencies. Through these discussions, the goal is open communication and strong professional relationships resulting in more productive delivery of infrastructure projects from professional engineers and consultants.

The NSPE-KS PEPP representative, exists to safeguard professionalism of engineers working in private practice throughout Kansas. If you have any issues or concerns you feel are compromising this professionalism, please contact Jeffrey Hancock, P.E. of SMH Consultants at 785-776-0541 or at [jhancock@smhconsultants.com](mailto:jhancock@smhconsultants.com).



## KANSAS MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION DATES & LOCATIONS

### Eastern Chapter

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Jewish Community Center of  
Kansas City  
5801 W 115th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66211

### Smoky Valley / Tri-Valley Chapters

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Kansas State Polytechnic  
2310 Centennial Road  
Salina, KS 67401

### Southeast Chapter

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Pittsburg State University  
Kansas Technology Center  
1701 S Broadway  
Pittsburg, KS 66762

### Topeka Chapter

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Washburn University  
Henderson Learning Resource Center,  
Room 100  
1700 SW college Ave  
Topeka, KS 66621

### Wichita Chapter

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Wichita Collegiate School  
9115 E 13th Street N  
Wichita, KS 67206

### Kansas MATHCOUNTS Competition

Saturday, March 2. 2019

Washburn University  
Henderson Learning Resource Center,  
Room 100  
1700 SW college Ave  
Topeka, KS 66621



# ENGINEERS' FOUNDATION OF KANSAS UPDATE

By Wayne Nelson, P.E.

The Board of Directors of the Engineers' Foundation of Kansas (EFK) met October 4 in Manhattan. Board members listened to a presentation on the NSPE Educational Foundation by Foundation President Eric West, P.E., FNSPE. President West also shared the workings of the Texas Engineers' Foundation.

EFK also held another very successful fundraiser golf tournament this past October. Brent Wooten has worked very diligently to provide a top class golf event for EFK. Next year's event is scheduled for September 13, 2019 at Colbert Hills in Manhattan. Save the date and I encourage everyone to play and become a sponsor for this event. It is the major fundraising event for the Foundation. Thank you to all who participated and contributed this past year.

This past year two of the deans of the engineering colleges, Royce Bowden at WSU and Michael Branicky at KU, gave notice of leaving their positions. Wichita State University has selected Dennis Livesay, PhD as its new Dean of the College of Engineering. He assumed the helm January 1. As of this writing, no announcement has been made by the University of Kansas in their search for a new Dean of Engineering.

The next board meeting of the EFK will be January 24, 2019.

# MATHCOUNTS UPDATE

By David Johnson, P.E.

Greetings from your new "rookie" State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator! I know you all have not heard that for a while, based on Don Taylor's many years of service. After 35 years of being involved with MATHCOUNTS in some capacity or another (most recently State Coordinator), Don decided to hang up his State Coordinator calculator last year. I want to thank him and the many other faithful KSPE member volunteers and sponsors who make the Chapter and State Competitions a success each year.

At the chapter-level this year the Southeast, Topeka, and Wichita Chapters will be holding their competitions on February 2. The Eastern Chapter competition will be on February 5, and the Tri-Valley/Smoky Valley Chapters joint competition will be on February 9. If you have a hankering to help with any of these competitions, please contact your local Chapter Coordinators. I am SURE that they would LOVE to have your assistance.

At the state level this year, the competition will be held again at the Henderson Learning Center on the Washburn University Campus in Topeka. The date of the competition is March 2. The competition will run from 12:00 noon to 5:30 pm. Volunteers are definitely needed for this event. Primarily, graders are needed from about 12:30 to 4:00 pm. If you can help, please let me know at [davidj@bluebeacon.com](mailto:davidj@bluebeacon.com) and I would be pleased to add you to the volunteer list. Typically, the KSPE Board has a meeting in the morning, and those members stay to help in the afternoon, but that is not the case this year. I am anticipating a shortage of volunteers, so your help would be GREATLY appreciated.

Thank you to the KSPE Board and membership for trusting me to lead this important state competition for 6th thru 8th grade students. I am looking forward to being amazed again by the best-of-the-best young math minds at work. If I don't see you on March 2, I wish you each the best for 2019!

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# KSPE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: REBECCA GREIF, P.E.

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**Chapter:** Wichita

**Education:** Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University, 2013

**What is your employment/education history?** I graduated from K-State in December of 2013 and began my career with the City of Wichita as the Small Projects Engineer until December of 2017 when I joined PEC where I currently work as a Design Engineer. Tell us about your family; I grew up in an Army family which brought us to Kansas in 2003, my parents retired to Manhattan where they currently live and work. I have one sister who resides in Kansas City with her family, and my husband and I are working on building our roots in Wichita.



**What is your greatest accomplishment to date?** Being able to coordinate and work with 250+ high school students through our chapter's Engineer for a Day shadowing program over the last four years. The passion and joy they have for learning and the creativity they bring gives me great hope for the future of our profession.

**One fun fact about you:** I got to climb on the Giza pyramids when we lived in Cairo – talk about some amazing engineering!

**What do you like to do with your free time?** I really enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching football, playing board/card/yard games and traveling to new places. Why did you become an engineer? I became an engineer to help people. I always enjoyed math and science and an outreach program at K-State showed me how I could use those to make the world a better place via engineering.

**If you weren't an engineer,** I would be a teacher!

## FAVORITES

**Restaurant:** WBC in Wichita, Keltic Star in Manhattan, and Gella's in Hays are a few of my favorites in Kansas – so basically anywhere that has good food and good beer.

**Vacation Spot:** Anywhere new! I love traveling so finding new favorite spots is a joy, and I love recommendations! I really enjoyed my short trip to Costa Rica and would like to go explore more.

**Sports Team:** K-State Wildcats, KC Chiefs

**Song or Music Artist:** All of it! From Bob Segar to Aaron Watson – I'm a very eclectic person and always enjoy having music on no matter what I'm doing.



# SAVE THE DATE!

# Water Quality Seminar

March 8, 2019

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Ramada Downtown

420 SE 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas

Would your company like the opportunity to interact with dozens of the water engineering industry's top professionals in Kansas? The Water Quality Seminar brings together members of the American Council of Engineering Companies Kansas (ACEC KS), Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE), and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Water Department from all around the state for a day of training and collaboration.



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## KSPE Spring 2018 Continuing Education Seminar

*Current Issues in Public Sector Engineering*

**Session 5**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Wichita Water Center

101 E. Pawnee

Wichita, KS 67211

This seminar will focus on regulatory and legislative topics. Attendance is open to everyone, attending a previous session is not a requirement to register for future sessions.

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# KSPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS IN SALINA

KSPE Directors across the state gathered to discuss finances, sponsorships, upcoming events and other opportunities to advance the society.

The Board held a strong emphasis on membership retention as the society believes it is unacceptable to lose a member unless they have left the state or industry. Staff reported annual partner sponsorships have performed well in this fiscal year, thanks to the support of dedicated firms. Attention now turns to the upcoming Annual Conference in June as conference sponsors are needed to help cashflow the event.

The Board voted to approve a comprehensive overhaul of Bylaw changes that have been presented to the membership. The proposed changes transcend KSPE from the antiquated system of having a constitution and bylaws, instead of one reigning bylaws document. In addition, the changes incorporate the new NSPE membership mode, which must be updated in the society's rules. Voting by the membership must be completed by January 31.

Chapter directors and practice division chairs provided updates for the Board, as well as NSPE updates supplied by President Dennis Kulhman, Executive Director Travis Lowe and NSPE HOD Representative Adam Stodola.

KSPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD QUARTERLY MEETING  
AT THE SALINA REGIONAL  
AIRPORT HANGER ON  
DECEMBER 14.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JANUARY 2019 STATE NEWS

By Travis Lowe

The new year brings a new Legislature and Governor into office. The 2019 Legislative Session officially began on Monday, January 14. The House and Senate convened for the first time that day, with committees holding introductory meetings over the course of the week. Earlier in the morning, Governor-Elect Laura Kelly will be sworn into office as Kansas' 48th Governor. Inauguration activities included the inaugural ball Monday night and State of the State address on January 16. The next week will be eventful and provide a better picture of how the legislative session may look over the next few months.

The administration transition is being watched very closely for insight into Governor Kelly's direction for the state. Julie Lorenz has been appointed for the Department of Transportation. Lorenz worked for KDOT Secretary Deb Miller when the last comprehensive transportation plan was assembled. Mark Beem, the CEO of the Kansas Livestock Association, has been appointed as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Governor Kelly has announced she will retain Governor Colyer's Budget Director and Adjunct General. Staff members were announced this week and included a mix of seasoned statehouse legislative staffers and a few new faces.

The House and Senate are gearing up for a busy session. For the House, Speaker Ron Ryckman retains the highest office in the chamber but all other leadership roles are filled by new members. House Majority Leader Dan Hawkins, Speaker Pro Tem Blaine Finch

and Minority Leader Tom Sawyer have all named their new staff members who will assist their efforts for the next two years. Two weeks ago the Speaker announced committee chairs. There were a few changes made to compensate for the new House roster.

The Senate looks a bit different, considering the members did not stand for election last fall. All legislative leadership is the same as the previous four years. However, four new senators will be sworn into office to fill vacancies created last fall. In addition, two Republicans made national headlines when they changed their party affiliation to Democrat, now giving the 40-member chamber a composition of 29 Republicans, 10 Democrats and one Independent.

The first weeks of the session will illustrate the flavor of the session. Kansas now has a Democrat in the Governor's office with Republican super majorities in both legislative houses. It remains to be seen which policy pieces will be crafted for compromise and which may stall due to polarized limitations.

The House Transportation Committee will have a bit of a new look with Jack Thimesch becoming vice chairman and Henry Helgerson becoming the ranking minority member of the Committee. Shannon Francis, who previously served as vice chairman, will remain on the Committee but now serve as chair of the House Transportation & Public Safety Budget Subcommittee. The leadership of the Senate Transportation Committee is the same as last session.

The House Water Committee has been dissolved into the new House Rural Revitalization Committee. This Committee is intended to work several issues, including but not limited to, the sustainability of water. Outgoing House Majority Leader Don Hineman will chair the new Committee. Senator Dan Kerschen returns as chairman of the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Shelby Lopez has resigned her position as executive director of the Kansas Board of Technical Professions. The Board is seeking a replacement and has advertised the job.

Stay tuned ...

Thank you,  
Travis Lowe

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# NSPE NEWS SECTION



## NSPE NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR UPDATE

By Matthew Kruse, P.E., PTOE

Hello again fellow NSPE members and colleagues, I hope everyone had a great holiday season and was able to spend some time with family and friends in a relaxing setting. Now that the New Year has started it seems like things are back to the usual fast pace within the engineering community. I wanted to give you a brief update from NSPE on what has been taking place in the North Central Region. Again, maybe for new members or maybe not everyone is familiar with the formal organization of NSPE, the North Central Region of NSPE is made up of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. The director of a region serves as a representative for two way communication between the chapter and state societies within NSPE and the Executive Board of NSPE.

In my last update, I introduced briefly the new strategic planning effort that NSPE began after the last annual meeting in Las Vegas. A significant amount of time and effort has been dedicated to this planning effort at both the national level and the state level. Several conference calls have taken place between the steering committees and the strategic plan groups, the facilitator for the planning effort hired by NSPE has sat in on at least one conference call with each region within NSPE and along with executive board members, and the facilitator has conducted several one on one interviews with executive directors and state leaders throughout the country. The next major step in the process is a in-person meeting in March of this year with NSPE and NICET strategic planning committee members. One item of note regarding the process is that Travis Lowe, the executive director for the state societies of both Kansas and Missouri, recently agreed to join the steering committee and help with the planning effort. As for reference, the current main focus of the strategic planning effort is concentrated on the following areas: Shaping of Public Policy, Educating for the Future, Communicating Powerfully to Critical Audiences, Diversity of Tomorrow's Engineer, and Engaging the State Societies and NICET. If you have any comments or concerns that we have captured the key areas or we have missed something we want to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me regarding the strategic plan as we want to hear from you.

As a region, we hold a conference call each month with state leaders from within our region where we discuss pertinent items to each state. With the start of the new year, also comes the start of new state legislative sessions. A reoccurring theme that has been becoming more prominent within the country is reevaluating licensure or attacks on the professional licensure. NSPE representatives at both the national level and state level continue to monitor new legislation as it is introduced and help to protect the interest of the engineering profession. Please be on the lookout if they ask for your assistance with any legislative items. Also, a quick reminder that NSPE adopted a new membership model last year and the renewals and new member applications should be done through the NSPE national website. If you haven't received a renewal form or you are having a problem renewing or signing up a new member, please reach out to me or your state leader. It is hard to believe that next month is the beginning of this year's MATHCOUNTS competition. If you have the time, please think about volunteering at your chapter or state level. This is a great event to get in front of young students and continue to grow their interests in math and science and the program really can't continue to succeed without willing volunteers. If you have any questions or comments regarding NSPE, please feel free to reach out to me at 402-496-2498 or matt.kruse@LRA-Inc.com.



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# KSPE'S TRAVIS LOWE APPOINTED TO NSPE STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

National Society of Professional Engineers President Michael Aitken has announced Travis Lowe as the newest member of the NSPE Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Lowe, who serves as Executive Director for the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, joins five other members who represent NSPE's three core constituencies.

NSPE President-elect David Martini, NSPE Vice President Trish Hatley, Rick Guerra, NICET Past President Thomas Frericks and Leanne Panduren round out the Committee roster. The Committee has already started its work and meet regularly via conference call. In-person meetings will take place later this year in Tampa and Alexandria.

The NSPE Board, Strategic Plan Steering Committee and NSPE staff are working with renowned strategic consultant Seth Kahan on maximizing value generation and growth for all three core constituencies that make up NSPE's ecosystem:

- NSPE members, and potential members;
- NSPE State Societies; and
- NICET certificates, their employers, and potential certification services customers.

The strategic planning process will move NSPE forward on the path to success through the implementation of the new membership business model and by clearly defining what is a value, what is the priority, what is the message, and how do we grow.

This strategic plan will be presented to the NSPE House of Delegates in July 2019.



## NSPE MEMBERSHIP MODEL IMPLEMENTATION

### TASK FORCE FORMED; LOWE APPOINTED

The National Society of Professional Engineers has announced the creation of the 2018-2019 NSPE Membership Model Implementation Task Force. This task force succeeds the NSPE Membership Model Transition Task Force, which concluded its work last year. KSPE Executive Director Travis Lowe, who served on the Transition Task Force, has been appointed to the new Implementation Task Force.

The new Task Force started in December 2018 and is intended to further the mission of NSPE by increasing effectiveness, unity and inclusiveness of efforts by national and state leaders (volunteer and staff) in achieving the goals of the new membership business model: to offer a compelling value proposition for integrated membership, expand membership at all levels and support the revenue needs of national and its State Societies.

NSPE Past President Kodi Jean Verhalen, P.E., F.NSPE, Esq., serves as the Chairperson of the Task Force.



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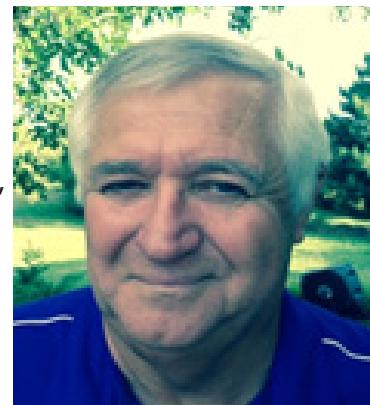


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Dear KSPE Member and/or Supporting Firm,

Thank you for your continued support of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. This is a one-time request that will facilitate effective planning of the various KSPE events throughout our fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and allow firms to more effectively plan and track their KSPE sponsorship investments. Please note that chapter activities and sponsorships are separate.



The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers' 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."

To that end, the KSPE Partner Sponsorship Program supports activities that deliver on this mission such as:

PE Licensure Ceremony – KSPE teams with other organizations to recognize individuals who have recently passed the PE exam by producing a winter and summer ceremony.

KSPE Annual Conference – The KSPE Annual Conference offers various professional development and networking opportunities over the course of the nearly three day conference and includes a golf tournament and Ice Breaker reception. KSPE Partners will receive complimentary registrations based upon their partnership level. Platinum partners will receive three (3) individual conference registrations; Gold partners will receive two (2) individual conference registrations; Silver partners will receive one (1) individual conference registration.

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These benefits will begin immediately upon commitment to the KSPE Partner Sponsorship program or on July 1, 2018. The funds raised by the KSPE Partner Sponsorship Program solely benefit state society funded activities. Please remember to support your local chapter. KSPE appreciates any support your firm may have provided in that past and we look forward to building on that relationship.

Regards,  
Dennis Kuhlman, P.E.  
2018-2019 President, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers



# KSPE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Date	Event	Location
2 Feb 2019	Southeast Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition	Pittsburg State University
2 Feb 2019	Topeka Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition	Washburn University
2 Feb 2019	Wichita Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition	Wichita Collegiate School
2 Feb 2019	Eastern Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition	Jewish Community Center
2 Feb 2019	Smoky Valley Chapter / Tri Valley MATHCOUNTS Competition	Kansas State Polytechnic
15 Feb 2019	KSFTP Licensure Ceremony	Kansas State Capitol
17-23 Feb 2019	E - Week	
2 Mar 2019	Kansas MATHCOUNTS Competition	Washburn University
8 Mar 2019	Water Quality Seminar	Ramada Hotel & Convention Center
20 Mar 2019	PEG Seminar	Wichita Water Center
12 - 14 Jun 2019	KSPE Annual Conference	Wichita
17 -21 Jul 2019	NSPE 2019 PE Conference	Kansas City