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STATE NEWS

President's Message By Jessica Rhein, P.E.

Hello all! Welcome to a new year of KSPE. I'm excited to serve as your president this year. I hope I get to meet and talk with you at our upcoming chapter visits.

If you heard me speak on Friday at the State Conference in Wichita this summer, you heard me talk about selling the PE. It amazes me how many people I meet on a daily basis who don't understand what we do or the importance of our daily jobs. This year I challenge each of you to "sell your PE". No, I don't mean to go down to the street corner and try to get the best price for it. You worked hard for it and it's too valuable for that. What I mean is to tell people what you do, talk yourself up, and let the world know what it means to be a PE. Tell everyone, from the people standing in line at the grocery store, to your neighbors, to the people you sit next to at church. Sometimes it's hard to step outside our comfort zones, that's part of the nature of being an engineer. But it still is a good thing to do once in a while.

You're probably reading this message either close to or right after the National Conference, PECON, is held in Kansas City. If you happen to read it before, please make an effort to get a last minute registration to attend. It's not every day something this big, with Professional Engineers from all over the country, is right in our own backyard.

President's Message Continued

Other exciting upcoming events coming up soon: Governor Laura Kelly will sign a Proclamation for PE Day, which will be August 7. Does your chapter have something planned to celebrate? If so, take some photos and share them! It's fun to see what others are up to.

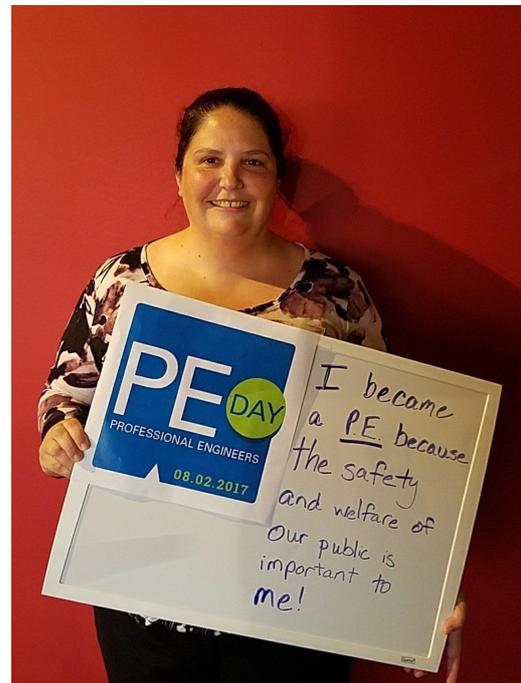
The Wichita Chapter will be hosting their 2nd Annual BBQ Bingo event on August 23 at Exploration Place in downtown Wichita. This exciting event raised \$4,000 to donate to STEM education last year, and hopes to do even better this year.

I'd love to know upcoming events that your local chapters are doing, so please feel free to share.

Until next time,

Jessica Rhein, PE

2019-2020 KSPE President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Lyon, P.E. - Eastern Chapter

Noella Masengesho - Eastern Chapter

Michelle Wirth, P.E. - Eastern Chapter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

By Travis Lowe



KSPE Members,

Greetings from KSPE World Headquarters! We just finished a great Conference, and it has already been a busy summer for the association. We have many updates to share. But first, we want to thank you for your continued support of KSPE that enables KSPE to provide and operate efficiently for you.

Summer 2019 is off to a roaring start.

The 2019 Legislative Session ended in May, wrapping up a busy year on the legislative front. As we discussed in our previous publication, KSPE weighed in on multiple legislative policy areas. Though the session is over, our work is still not completed. At our Annual Conference, the KSPE Board of Directors approved many contributions recommended by KSPE PAC. These contributions will be used to help legislators with a proven track record of supporting issues important to Licensed Professional Engineers to come back to Topeka. At the Conference golf tournament in June, almost \$3,000 was raised by our membership to build the PAC bank account. Thank you very much to those who supported this!

In addition, the KSPE lobby team is meeting with stakeholders later this month in an effort to reach a compromise on the Home Inspector Bill that was considered in the Senate earlier this year. We will work diligently to ensure our members are not subject to double requirements to provide work under the scope of a P.E.

Back to our Conference, we were extremely pleased with the event in Wichita. Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, volunteered and helped in any way to make this event a big success. We had three days filled with action and the feedback has been very positive. Go ahead and mark your calendar for next year's Conference in Olathe June 3-5, 2020. If you have not attended one of our conferences before, this is a great chance, even if it is for just one day!

At the Conference's Annual Awards lunch, we were able to recognize a great group of members and the supportive public that support KSPE and its mission. We also installed new officers, which includes the addition of Jim Kowach as the new Secretary. Jessica Rhein took the reins of the presidency from Dr. Dennis Kuhlman. As Jessica works to improve the association over the next year, we thank Dr. Kuhlman for his great year as President. I can say first hand it was a pleasure working with him.

Please take note of the upcoming P.E. Day on August 7. Make sure to be active on social media and tag KSPE and NSPE to show our unity.

In closing, remember that 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 our association or renewing after July 1, 2018, KSPE membership dues dropped from \$329 to \$299. We hope you help us retain and grow our membership by promoting the dues reduction and the benefits KSPE provides. 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. With all the activity and news in this issue, KSPE is working hard on your behalf. There are many opportunities to get involved with KSPE. We appreciate your support to help promote and protect Licensed Professional Engineers.

See you soon,

Travis Lowe

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2019-2020 KSPE PRACTICE CHAIRS

PEC- Mike Hoffman, P.E.

PEHE- Thomas Roberts, P.E., F.NSPE

PEG- Gary Janzen, P.E.

PEI- Amy Martens, P.E.

PEPP- Joe Drimmel, P.E.

2019-2020 KSPE STATE DIRECTORS



Eastern Director- Charlie Love, P.E.

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Tri Valley Director- Brent Chesnut, P.E.

Wichita Director- Shawn Mellies, P.E.

SAVE THE DATE

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2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 3-5
Embassy Suites Hotel - Olathe, KS

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2019 KSPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Travis Lowe (right) giving PAC update



Ron Gaches showing off his seersucker



Dr. Dennis Kuhlman receiving the Past President's Plaque



Jessica Rhein, KSPE President



Legislative Panel



Installation of officers



KSPE Past Presidents



2019 KSPE AWARD WINNERS



NSPE Fellow Award to Rick Ensz



Order of the Engineer Ceremony



**Government Engineer of the Year,
Catherine Patrick**



**Engineering Intern of the Year,
Cody Porter**



**Outstanding Engineering Achievement,
MAASTO Regional Truck Parking**



**Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year,
Laura Hirsch**



**Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year,
Kay Barriger**

2019 KSPE AWARD WINNERS



**Engineer of the Year,
David Jacobson**



**Young Engineer of the Year,
Michelle Boehm**



**Outstanding Citizen of the Year,
Cindy Miles**



**Professional Development Award
Garver**



**2019 KSPE Award,
Bobb Stokes**



**2019 Special Recognition
Governor Laura Kelly**

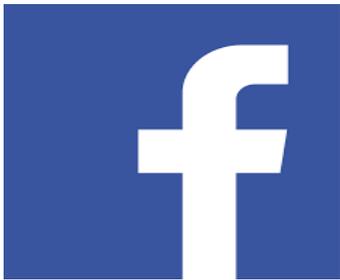


**EFK Teacher of the Year
Kay Barriger**



EFK Teacher of the Year

KSPE SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS From May 1 - July 5 2019



44 Facebook fans
30 posts



91 Instagram Followers
21 posts



335 Twitter Followers
31 tweets

RONALD LEE CHANDLER OBITUARY

Ronald Lee Chandler, 81, of Salina, died Saturday, May 18, at Salina Regional Health Center.

Born in Wichita, second of nine children of Wilbur and Marie Chandler, he grew up in Chanute and graduated from Chanute High School in 1956, Neosho County Community College in 1958, earned his Bachelor of Engineering at Kansas State University in 1961, and his Professional Engineer license in 1961. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1955 to 1962. Ronald married Nancy Harris in 1961.

A professional civil engineer, Chandler spent his entire career with Wilson & Company Engineers and Architects, joining the firm in 1961 and retiring as Senior Partner in 2003. He was a member and past president of Kansas Consulting Engineers and the Smoky Valley Chapter of Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE). He was named Engineer of the Year by KSPE in 1998 and given the KSPE Award for 2018-19.

Family was always the most important priority to him. He was an avid private pilot, a proud member of United Flying Octogenarians and flew over 200 flights for EAA Young Eagles. A lifelong student of history, economics and philosophy, and champion of free enterprise, Ronald was an unwavering fan of the Kansas State Wildcats. He was a member of Salina Rotary Club, Salina Country Club, Burger King Coffee Group and Christ Cathedral, and served on the board of directors of Salina Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald is survived by Nancy, his loving wife of 58 years; daughter, Amy Williams (Scott); sons, Doug (Lori) and Tom Chandler; and grandchildren, Haley, Chandler and Abby Williams, Emma and Keaton Chandler and Trey and Zoe Werr. Also surviving are brothers, Steve and Chuck Chandler; and sisters, Ruth LaRue, Judy Holtry, Jane Holt, Middy Gilfillan and Marty Hughes. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Roger Chandler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Christ Cathedral.

Donations in his memory can be made to AOPA Foundation You Can Fly Challenge or Ashby House, in care of Ryan Funeral Home, 137 N. Eighth St., Salina, KS 67401.

For more information or to leave condolences, please visit
www.ryanmortuary.com.

KSPE PRACTICE CHAIR UPDATES



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UPDATE

By Joe Drimmel, P.E.

Professional Engineers in Private Practice (PEPP) Update – July 2019

The American Council of Engineering Companies – Kansas (ACEC-KS), held the Annual Membership Meeting in Wichita on June 13. Election for the Board of Directors took place and Jeff Hancock took the helm as President. Other officers include:

Past President – Tyler Glissman
 President Elect – Joe Drimmel
 2nd Year Vice President – Matt McQuality
 2nd Year Vice President – Chris Bohm
 1st Year Vice President – Jeff Keller
 1st Year Vice President – Brett Letkowski
 Treasurer – Jeff McKerrow

Rick Worrel, ACEC-Kansas National Director, reported highlights from ACEC National. Linda Darr was hired as the new President/CEO of ACEC National. She is focused on enhanced communication with member organizations. Holding true to her word, Linda actually came to Kansas City and had dinner with the Kansas Board members earlier this year. She shared with the board members how ACEC National helped support the passage of the five-year FAA bill the Water Infrastructure Act, she also stated that National helped states fight off assaults on QBS and the transparency legislation pushed by the software development business.

One of the recommendations from the Transportation Task Force Conclusions and Recommendations Report was for KDOT to be authorized to use alternative project delivery methods. The final report requests KDOT officials to work with industry representatives on a proposal to the Legislature to define appropriate alternative delivery methods for statutory change. KDOT has formed an Alternative Delivery Committee in response to this request. Secretary Lorenz has facilitated three meetings to date in which a group of the ACEC Board members have participated. The intent is to have a document ready for next session.

ACEC will host a Leadership Summit on August 22 in Lawrence. This is open to all ACEC members and you do not need to be an Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) graduate! Come learn about what it takes to effectively lead a team and inspire people to reach their fullest potential. Speaking of ELP, the class is full again this year!

Please mark your calendars for the ACEC/KDOT Partnering Conference on October 22. 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 Joseph Drimmel, P.E. of HDR Engineering at 816-360-2701 or at joseph.drimmel@hdrinc.com

KSPE PRACTICE CHAIR UPDATES

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

By Tom Roberts, P.E., F.NSPE



Professional Engineers in Higher Education (PEHE) Update – July 2019

Dennis Irwin, P.E., Ph.D., F.NSPE and Past-National PEHE Chair is Director, Interest Group on the NSPE Board of Directors. His term on the NSPE BoD will expire in 2020. Dennis retired July 14, 2019 after serving 18 years as Engineering Dean, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Dennis also served as President, Ohio Society of Professional Engineers in 2015 and is currently on the OSPE BoD as PEHE Chair.

Special thank you to KSPE members who were inducted into the Order of the Engineer Link #106 at the recent KSPE Annual Conference in Wichita:

Mark Dolechek, Garver
Bob Koopman, PEC
James Remsberg, Argent
Ian Reekie, Schwab-Eaton
Dakota Zimmerman, Garver

These professionals made an important personal statement about the importance of ethical practice by taking the "Obligation of An Engineer."

The Order of the Engineer will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in April 2020 at Cleveland State University. This event will include a traditional Link Induction Ceremony, an ethics forum that will be moderated by Arthur "Art" Schwartz, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), followed by a celebration and awards banquet all to be held on campus at CSU. Stay tuned for more information.

Tom Roberts, P.E., F.NSPE, F.ASEE has been appointed by NSPE to serve as the NSPE representative to the ABET Board of Delegates, 2019-2022. Voting members of the ABET Board of Delegates represent the interest of their Member Society, serve as a communication link between ABET and the society, and provide input to the strategic planning process. ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental agency that accredits programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. ABET accreditation provides assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards of the profession for which that program prepares graduates.

The Engineering Foundation of Kansas (EFK) Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 13, at the Colbert Hills Golf Course in Manhattan, KS. 8:00 am Registration; 9:00 am Shotgun Start. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the educational and ethical practice needs of engineering students, engineering educators and practicing professionals. Special thanks to Brett Wooten for his ongoing efforts to organize the tournament.

Those present at the PEHE Interest Group meeting at the June 2019 KSPE Annual Conference in Wichita committed to developing 2019-2020 goals that follow the NSPE strategic plan, including the following key focus areas:

- 1) Driving Growth
- 2) Shaping Public Policy
- 3) Educating for the Future
- 4) Diversity and Tomorrow's Engineer

More details will be available following the July NSPE Professional Engineer's Conference in Kansas City.

The KS-PEHE supports the goals of NSPE by encouraging professional licensure of engineering faculty and encouraging professionalism and leadership within institutions of higher education. Please send your ideas and suggestions for assuring this vision to: Tom Roberts, P.E., Asst. Dean Emeritus, Kansas State University, 785-565-1286 or at tcr@ksu.edu.

KSPE PRACTICE CHAIR UPDATES



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN INDUSTRY

By Amy Martens, P.E.

Professional Engineers in Industry Update

Professional Engineers in Industry (PEI) volunteered again this spring during the Engineering Expo at the Kansas Children's Discovery Center (KCDC) in Topeka. This is always a great event to encourage local youth to consider engineering as a future career. Please contact Amy Martens, PEI Chair, at amy.martens@bcbsks.com if you are able to assist with upcoming STEM events to encourage our youth to learn more about engineering!

PEI held our annual membership meeting in Wichita on June 13th. We had a productive meeting including updates to members on local and national issues impacting our profession as well as state and national society business.

PEI provides value to members in industry through the promotion of professional practices and policies, including support of the licensure process for engineers in Industry. Our mission includes offerings of educational and professional development opportunities and actions to increase the public awareness of the contribution of professional engineers in Industry.

Thank you,

Amy Martens, P.E.

KSPE PARTNER SPONSOR PROGRAM



Dear KSPE Member and/or Supporting Firm,

Thank you for your continued support of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE). 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:

P.E. Licensure Ceremony – KSPE teams up with other organizations to recognize individuals who have recently passed the PE exam by holding a winter and summer licensure 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.

Legislative Advocacy- KSPE's advocacy work in Topeka includes a lobbying team that reviews all legislation introduced in the state Senate and House and advocates KSPE's legislative priorities. This includes protecting Professional Engineer license, which has come under attack in nearby states.

For as much as \$2,500 or as little as \$1,000, your firm can continue to support the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and our efforts to promote the profession by becoming a KSPE Partner Sponsor. However, for those firms not interested in participating in the Annual KSPE Partner Sponsorship Program, KSPE would appreciate any sponsorship investment your firm deems appropriate. To participate in this manner, please insert a dollar amount in the "Other Amount" portion of the Partner Sponsorship form.

Enclosed you will find an outline of sponsorship levels and benefits, as well as a form to enroll. KSPE Partner firms will also be recognized at the KSPE Annual Conference events. These benefits will begin immediately upon commitment to the KSPE Partner Sponsorship program. 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,

Jessica Rhein, P.E.
2019-2020 President
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers



KSPE PARTNER SPONSOR PROGRAM



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ENGINEERS' FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CALENDAR

EFK

**20th Annual Golf
Tournament**

September 13, 2019



Colbert Hills
Manhattan, KS
8:00 am Registration
9:00 am Shotgun Start



KSPE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOSH BECKMAN P.E.



Chapter: Smoky Valley

Education: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Kansas State University, December 2006

What is your employment/education history?

After graduating from Kansas State University, I began working for Kirkham Michael as an Engineer in Training in January 2007. Twelve years later I am still with Kirkham Michael and serve as the Kansas Transportation Design Manager.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to my wife Camille for eleven years. We are the proud parents of three children. Lakyn (8) is in third grade and enjoys softball, soccer, reading and art. Brantley (6) is in first grade and likes wrestling, hunting, fishing and playing games. Ashlyn will soon be 3 and loves dressing up, putting on makeup and playing with dolls and her older siblings.

What is your greatest accomplishment to date?

Raising my family. Next would be graduating from KSU with honors becoming the first in my family to obtain a four-year degree.

One fun fact about you:

Walleye fishing is my passion. I fish as often as I can and enjoy competing in multiple walleye tournaments each year.

What do you like to do with your free time?

I enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, camping and golf. I am an avid sports fan and enjoy watching all sports, especially KSU football and basketball. I also enjoy coaching the kids' baseball and softball teams.

Why did you become an engineer?

I have always enjoyed solving problems and wanted to be able to help improve people's lives through the work that I did. I realized Civil Engineering gave me the best opportunity to do this.

If you weren't an engineer, you would be: a farmer/rancher.

FAVORITES

Restaurant: Texas Roadhouse, Buffalo Wild Wings, Little Apple Brewery

Vacation Spot: Anywhere I can go fishing!

Sports Team: Kansas State Wildcats, Dallas Cowboys

Song or Music Artist: I can't say that I have a favorite song or artist, but I enjoy listening to country music and 80's rock.



NSPE NEWS SECTION

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NSPE NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR UPDATE

By Matthew Kruse, P.E., PTOE

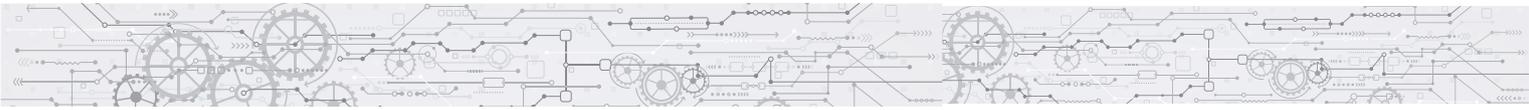


NSPE North Central Region Director Update

Hello again fellow NSPE members and colleagues I hope everyone has registered for the upcoming PECON Conference in Kansas City this month. This is really a great opportunity to attend the NSPE Annual Meeting in our region and especially close to members in both Kansas and Missouri. Many of you have helped with the planning of this event and I want to again thank you for all your help with the preparations to make the upcoming conference a success. 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 included information on the ongoing effort regarding the update to the NSPE strategic plan. Since that update, there has been a great deal of work, along with another in person strategic planning meeting with the steering committee, NSPE representatives, and NICET representatives that occurred in Alexandria at the end of May. At this last strategic planning session our region was again fortunate to be represented by Travis Lowe, who is serving on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Tom Roberts, who is the NSPE Past President, and myself. This was a two-day session discussing the strategic plan and at this session we really started to fine tune the plan. 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, Driving growth, Diversity and Tomorrow's Engineer, and Engaging the State Societies and NICET. If you have any comments or concerns about the strategic planning effort or if we have missed something we want to hear from you, so please feel free to contact me regarding the strategic plan.

Hopefully many of you were able to attend the recent state annual meetings in both Kansas and Missouri, possibly even had a chance to sit down and discuss NSPE with the National Board Members in attendance at each of the meetings. 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. I look forward to seeing some of you at PECON in Kansas City later this month. 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



KSPE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Date	Event	Location
17-21 July 2019	NSPE 2019 PE Conference	Kansas City
19 July 2019	KSBTP Licensure Ceremony	Topeka
13 Sept 2019	EFK Golf Tournament	Manhattan
3-5 June 2020	KSPE Annual Conference	Olathe