I hope everyone had a happy holiday season with plenty of food, friends and family. January brings in the New Year and with it, the winter cold. We have lucked out so far on our winter weather but it appears that the cold is here to stay now. So far we have dodged any appreciable snow fall, so let’s hope that trend continues. We also have the first College Football playoff and it has already shown us how exciting those highly competitive games can be. I look forward to seeing Ohio State and Oregon (non-SEC teams!) fight for the title. The Big 12 struggled in their bowl games with only two teams squeaking out wins.

December’s KSPE meeting was only a social meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings and was organized by Keith. The event was lightly attended but everyone that showed up had a great time. Keith is planning to have another Young Engineers event in the spring and he appears to be leaning towards another BBQ type event and I’m definitely looking forward to that!

January’s KSPE meeting will be a joint meeting with MSPE. It is set to be held on January 15th and the speaker will be Paul Rutherford with Summit Tech Academy. He will be discussing STEM Education and the event will be held at Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant. It will be an evening meeting starting at 5:30 for check-in.

If you haven’t yet, please look into nominating a person, project, or company for one of this year’s various awards. The nominations are due soon and we look forward to seeing more interest this year. We have a lot of great engineers and firms within our organization and we need to make sure they are recognized!

Finally, I would like to make sure that everyone has E-week on their schedule for February 26th. A “Save the Date” postcard has gone out and with it a call for articles for the KC Business Journal. Articles will be due January 21st and advertising will be due by January 30th. If you have any questions or comments feel free to ask me or any of the E-week committee members. Keith Schmidtberger will be the primary contact for articles for KSPE. The event is set to be held at the Marriott again.

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

Joint January Dinner Meeting with MSPE
Dr. Paul Rutherford
Summit Technology Academy

Date: Thursday, January 15th
Venue: Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant
11652 Ash Street
Leawood, KS

Menu: TBD
Cost: $35

Agenda:
4:30 p.m.: Board Meeting
5:30-6:30 p.m.: Check-in/Social Networking (cash bar)
6:30 p.m.: Dinner
7:00 p.m.: Program

RSVP: http://www.mspe-wc.org/
By Monday, January 12th

Community Service Event

Souper Bowl of Caring
Harvesters Event
January 31, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Anne Schroer by January 24 if you would like to volunteer.
ashcroer@gbateam.com

Wear your favorite football jersey. All volunteers will receive a bowl of soup afterwards. Volunteers must be 8 years of age and older. Please bring a canned good donation.
More details about volunteering and appropriate attire will be sent to you upon signing up.

KSPE Engineer of the Year Award Nominations

The 2015 KSPE Eastern Chapter Engineer of the Year nominations are due no later than January 12, 2015. Nomination forms can be found at the KSPE website http://www.kansasengineer.org.

Please submit your nomination to Cliff Speegle at cspeegle@affinis.us. The Eastern Chapter Engineer of the Year recipient will be recognized at the E-Week Luncheon in February and also submitted to KSPE for the state award.

Engineer Week Luncheon

Make plans to attend the annual KC Metro Engineers Week luncheon on Thursday, February 26 at the KC Downtown Marriott Muehlebach Tower. We are pleased to welcome the Vice Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board Deb Miller back to the area as our featured speaker. From the booths to the speaker you won’t want to miss this exciting event. Registration opens soon at http://eweek.mspe-wc.org.
Event Information

Volunteers Needed

Bridge Building

The Eastern Chapter’s 32nd Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus 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 2015 International Bridge Building Contest in Portland, OR.

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 816.841.8754 (mjohnston@hwlochner.com).

MATHCOUNTS 2015

We are once again coming up on that time of year when we hold our annual MATHCOUNTS competition for the Eastern Chapter of KSPE. This year’s competition will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Like before, it will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City (5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211).

We need volunteers to help grade, register schools, monitor tests, and help with the awards presentation. Positions are needed for the following times:

Grade & Monitor Tests (majority of people): 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Set up: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Countdown Round & Awards: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer for more than one task, please feel free to stick around as much as you like throughout the day.

If you are able and willing to help out with the competition or if you have any questions, please contact Tony Rome at (913) 895-6001 or by email at tony.rome@opkansas.org.
Treasurer’s Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer’s Report for December 2014
December 31, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy McCann, P.E.
Treasurer

Total | $23,036.49
No Meeting Minutes for December.

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