Happy Holidays! Hope your holidays have not started with your 9 year-old asking and Googling “is Santa real” this year too!

KSPE busy season is about ready to start early in 2022. Yes, it has been busy with talking to our future engineers at the 8th Grade Career Expo in early November. It is always a pleasure to host our KSPE president, Brian Coomes, and our KSPE Executive Director and Lobbyist, Travis Lowe, in mid-November with their updates. Additional updates from both Brian and Travis can also be found on the KSPE website in the KSPE November-December newsletter.

Here’s what’s coming up for our Chapter events:

- Our last event of 2021 is next Thursday, December 16th! KSPE-EC is hosting a Chiefs Watch Party. Details are later in the newsletter, please join us!
- We will have a January meeting. This meeting is in the works, so stay tuned for further information!
- Our annual KSPE Community Service Event is typically the Souper Bowl of Caring held at Harvesters in Kansas City. We have been in contact with Harvesters and will determine a way to help their mission with either our normal volunteer event or with a food/monetary donation. More information will be shared in January.
- Model Bridge Building will still be held. Details will be sent out soon.
- MATHCOUNTS is back with a BONUS event! Registration is open for the 2022 Chapter Competition on Tuesday, February 1st at the Jewish Community Center. Come join the fun and help grade math problems (answer keys provided).
- Engineers Week Luncheon will be in-person. It will be held Thursday, February 24th at the Downtown Marriott Muehlebach Tower, same pre-COVID location. Please be on the lookout for a request to submit articles for the 2022 Engineers Week supplement in coordination with the Kansas City Business Journal as well as sponsorship opportunities.
President’s Message Continued

Remember to submit award nominations to highlight our amazing licensed professional engineers, teacher, and the work we all do for the betterment of our communities. Thank you to the KSPE Eastern Chapter Board for your continued work on these typical KSPE-EC events including bringing us back to a “normal” in-person year.

Finally, we have openings on our committees: Legislative, Model Bridge Building and Benedictine College Eastern Chapter Liaison (new). Please see “Join KSPE Committees” in the newsletter and consider volunteering to help shape the future of our chapter!

I hope everyone’s family is feeling the holiday spirit this year! Stay safe and healthy as we end 2021 and ring in 2022. Thank you for being a part of KSPE-EC! Happy holidays!

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KSPE Career Expo

Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO

KSPE Eastern Chapter participated in the 19th Annual Olathe District Schools 8th Grade Career EXPO on November 3rd. Over 2,300 students interacted with hundreds of career representatives.

Thank you to our volunteers that promoted our profession and influenced some future engineers!

- Feras El-Ghussein, Forterra
- Kristen Leathers-Gratton, Affinis
- Ryan DaMetz, Lochner
- Bob Miller, TranSystems
- Dan Arbogast, TREKK Design Group
CHIEFS GAME SOCIAL

Come watch the Chiefs game with KSPE!

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Thursday
December 16, 2021
6:30 pm

Members: $30
Potential Member: $15
Drinks and Apps Provided

Register:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kspe-ec-chiefs-game-social-2021-

COACH’S ON COLLEGE
6700 College Blvd
Overland Park, KS 66211

December 2021
MATHCOUNTS Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting an in-person BONUS Mathcounts Chapter competition this year. Our annual MATHCOUNTS competition for the Eastern Chapter of KSPE is back! This year’s bonus competition will be on **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**. Like we have done pre-COVID, it will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City (5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211).

Our bonus competition will advance 4 to 5 teams to the state competition in addition to some advancement opportunities based on a virtual official test. We will be advancing around 20 students to the state competition from this bonus event, so your help in making this in-person event a success would be greatly appreciated.

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 available and willing to help out with the bonus competition or if you have any questions, please contact Rachel Henkhaus at 913.219.6738 or by email at REHenkhaus@GarverUSA.com.
The KSPE Eastern Chapter is seeking nominations for this year’s awards.

Engineer of the Year nominations are due by **January 15, 2022.**

[EOY Nomination Form](#)

All other nominations are due by mid-March 2021 (actual deadline will be announced in a future newsletter).

The Eastern Chapter award recipients will also be submitted on April 1, 2022 to KSPE for State award consideration.

**Award Categories**

- Engineer of the Year
- Young Engineer of the Year
- Intern Engineer of the Year
- Government Engineer of the Year
- KSPE Award
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement
- Professional Development
- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Teacher

Nomination forms may be found on KSPE’s website ([www.kansasengineer.org/awards](http://www.kansasengineer.org/awards)). Please submit your nominations to Allison Bruner at [abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com](mailto:abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com).
JOIN KSPE & GET INVOLVED!

As a member, you have the power to shape the future of professional engineering! Select the committees you wish to get involved in and return this form to KSPE Eastern Chapter!

Your Name: _________________________________________________________________

Committees

____ Advertising
  Coordinate and acquire advertisers yearly to appear in our monthly newsletters.

____ Awards
  Promote and coordinate yearly awards applications for review.

____ Community Service Project(s)
  Coordinate community service projects for our membership to participate in.

____ Engineering Preparation
  Promote, review, and award funds to organizations which promote STEM related education and activities.

____ Engineer’s Week
  Plan & coordinate the Eastern Chapter KSPE involvement in the annual KC Metro EWEEK luncheon.

____ Fundraising
  Coordinate yearly fundraising efforts for our EFK Funds. These funds help promote chapter activities and grants related to STEM.

____ Legislative & Government Affairs
  Plan, coordinate & promote October Legislative event and yearly visit to the Kansas Statehouse.

____ MATHCOUNTS
  Plan, promote & coordinate local chapter MATHCOUNTS competition.

____ Membership
  Plan & coordinate efforts to promote the recruitment new members and retention of existing members.

____ Model Bridge Building
  Plan, promote & coordinate local chapter Bridge Building competition.

____ Young Engineers
  Plan & coordinate social events for young members and promote the recruitment of new members.

New committee in 2022:

____ Benedictine College Eastern Chapter Liaison
  Connect students with our chapter and report any help they need as this new student chapter starts.

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KSPE November Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Attendees
- Rachel Henkhaus
- Kurt Rotering
- Chad Hall
- Charlie Love
- Allison Bruner
- Darren Meyer
- Cody Porter
- Tony Rome
- Kristen Leathers
- Jordan Herbert

Call to Order
- Agenda approved

Treasurer’s Report
- A few recent events have experienced overages
- Cody requests event organizers utilize the event cost summary sheet to help identify costs for events
- The board will consider event sponsors for 2022, including consideration for pairing sponsorships with newsletter advertisements
- Still need to gain access and complete transfer of money market funds from LPL to Security Bank money market account

Committee Reports:
- Legislative
  - Looking for candidates to take over Legislative responsibilities
  - Legislative breakfast was successful and hosted approximately 15 elected officials
  - Will work with Travis on identifying State House visit date
- MATHCOUNTS
  - Official event will be held virtually
  - State coordinator will determine if additional, unofficial in-person event is held
- Model Bridge Building
  - New chair is needed to lead this effort
  - Event is set for February and will be coordinated by Derek
- Fundraising
  - Rod to send out letter this week or next
- Membership
  - Nicole to send out list of members that have recently dropped membership
- Awards
  - CAPs will provide awards this year
  - Allison will open nominations for Engineer of the Year with December newsletter
- Young Engineers
  - Chiefs Watch Party is scheduled for December 16th at Coach’s on College
  - MSPE young members are also invited to attend, Darren will investigate if larger room is needed depending on number of RSVPs
- Engineering Preparation
  - Great event for 8th Grade Expo was held and well attended
  - Tony will develop plan on reimbursement vs. UMKC PE training course scholarship
- Engineer’s Week
  - Rachel is developing mailing list

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November Meeting Minutes Continued

Advertising ......................................................... Kristen Leathers
  o All newsletter ads are paid
  o Will coordinate with Cody on potential event sponsorships

Community Service Project(s) ..................................... Anne Schroer
  o No report

State Director ...................................................... Kurt Rotering
  o No report

Chapter Meetings .......................................................... Hall
  September (9/30): NSPE President visit and joint meeting with MSPE
  October (10/12): Legislative meeting (Charlie)
  November (11/17): KSPE President & Executive Director visit
  December (12/16): Football watch party social
  January: KSPE Meeting
  February: E-Week
  March: March Madness event
  April: Joint meeting with MSPE/SAME planned by KSPE
  May: Awards meeting

Old/New Business ................................................................... Henkhaus
  • Bylaws update
    o Board to review Bylaws and send potential updates to Jordan
  • Website update
    o Working through updates and will review
  • Wild Apricot update
    o New software is almost ready to demo
  • January KSPE Event
    o Potential for OP roundtable to discuss IIJA preparation and other topics
    o Still exploring option to include MSPE and make this a joint meeting
  • Newsletter deadline – November 30th
# Treasurers Report

**October 2021**

**Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter**

**Treasurer’s Report: Oct 2021**

**Beginning Balances Date:** October 1, 2021  
**Ending Balances Date:** October 31, 2021

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**Total** $35,702.42

Cody D. Porter, PE, Treasurer KSPE EC  
October 31, 2021
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