

MONTHLY

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

by: Cindy McCann, PE

I was at the Kansas City Zoo recently, enjoying the boat tour in the Africa section with my family. The tour guide asked if we thought the zebras were white with black stripes or black with white stripes. I have to admit I had lightly pondered the question before, but I never realized there is one single actual answer. If you shave a zebra he's completely black. That means he's black with white stripes. Who knew?



*Am I white with black stripes or black with white stripes?*

Unlike zebras, our legislators and other elected officials rarely find the issues they face to have easy, singular answers. That's why they rely on subject matter experts to

provide them the information they need to make the best decisions for the public good. As engineers, we are subject matter experts and it is our responsibility to talk to our officials about the topics that matter most to us. We should certainly start and maintain a dialogue with them throughout the year, but with this month's chapter meeting we are prepared to make it easy for you. October brings the most relaxed opportunity to meet our elected officials and discuss concerns ahead of the new legislative season. In a non-election year such as this one the focus can be completely on issue education. You're invited to join in the breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 26 at Ritz Charles in Overland Park. Thanks to Charlie Love for making these arrangements once again. Please reach out to your officials with a personal invitation and tell them you will meet them there.

Also this month please join us for the young engineer's happy hour being planned by Cody Porter for Tuesday, October 17. While it's designed to be a recruitment event for young

engineers we don't want to scare off seasoned engineers who might be able to come and provide information to the folks still early in their careers. Be sure to get in your RSVP by October 9 and we'll see you at the Fox and Hound in Overland Park. Bring a friend!

Speaking of providing advice, there's still time to sign up for a two-hour shift at the KSPE booth at Olathe School District's 8th Grade Career Expo. We'll be at Johnson County Community College on Tuesday, October 24. Contact Tawn Nugent if you need more information.

If October didn't provide you enough opportunities to get involved feel free to contact me or anyone on the Board to find out how you can be a part of the activities that get really busy after the first of the year. Events like Bridge Building, Mathcounts, and the E-week Luncheon can really use your help!

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# Event Information

October Breakfast Meeting

## Government Affairs Breakfast

Join us for our annual October Government Affairs Breakfast. Kansas State Legislators within the metro area will be invited. In effort to make this event a success, we request each attendee extend a personal invite to their state legislators and encourage them to attend.

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Ritz Charles  
9000 West 137th St  
Overland Park, KS

*Speaker:*

Aaron Deacon, Managing Director with KC Digital Drive, topic on Smart Cities

*Guests:*

Elected officials (invited)

*Agenda:*

7:00 a.m. Registration/Networking

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

7:55 a.m. Welcome, KSPE Briefing

8:05 a.m. Elected official self-introductions

8:25 a.m. Feature Presentation: Aaron Deacon, KC Digital Drive

9:00 a.m. Adjourn

Board meeting to follow

*Breakfast:*

scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuits, orange juice, coffee

Members and Guests: \$30

*RSVP:*

Cheri Schoenhals at [cschoenhals@gbateam.com](mailto:cschoenhals@gbateam.com) no later than Friday October 20

## Future Events

### November

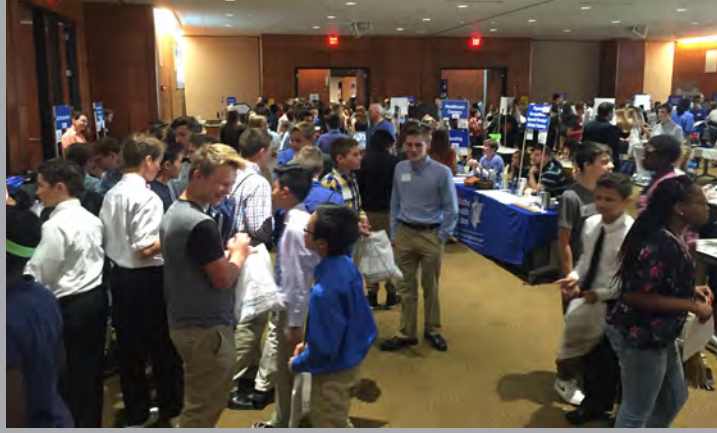
16 - KSPE President Visit

### February

22 - KC Metro Engineers  
Week luncheon

## Volunteers Needed

# 16th Annual Olathe School District 8th Grade Career EXPO



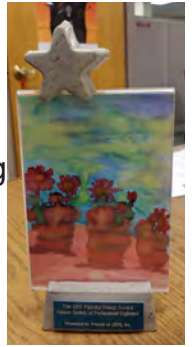
The 16th Annual 8th Grade Olathe Public Schools Career EXPO will be held on Tuesday, October 24th at Johnson Community College. This event provides over 2,000 8th graders a chance to talk with professionals in wide variety of careers. KSPE Eastern Chapter has hosted a booth for the past seven years introducing hundreds of young minds to the field of engineering.

Please join us this year by volunteering your time and energy to represent KSPE. We need at least 6 volunteers between 8 am and 3 pm. Please contact Tawn Nugent for more information and to volunteer for a shift.

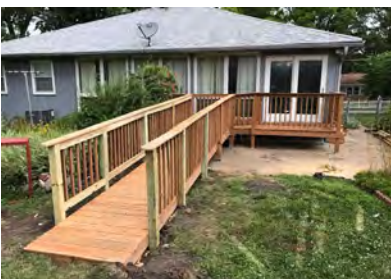
If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Tawn Nugent at [tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com](mailto:tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com). Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.

## KSPE Eastern Chapter Awarded 2017 Faithful Friend Award from Friends of Johnson County Development Services (JCDS)

Looking to expand on their community service partnerships within eastern Kansas, the KSPE Eastern Chapter took on the challenge to hone their planning and construction skills this spring in a partnership with the APWA KC Metro Chapter. The organizations were assigned the construction of an ADA Ramp for the home of four young men looking to live independently in Olathe, Kansas.



The KSPE Eastern Chapter took to the challenge on two different work days – one in April and one in June. A total of over 15 volunteers on those two different dates helped complete the ADA ramp for these young men ahead of the 4th of July weekend. The work included measuring the gradient of the ramp, digging out foundation supports, pouring quickrete for the foundation supports, aligning several wooden beams and transverse supports, as well as installing railing and cutting balusters.



To KSPE Eastern Chapter's surprise, on September 21st 2017, we were awarded along with APWA KC Metro Chapter the 2017 Faithful Friend Award during JCDS' Annual Fundraising and Celebration Banquet. We are honored and thankful to continue to make a difference in our Johnson County community. We are already looking to get back in action in the coming months with helping paint inside one of the homes that Friends of JCDS helps maintain.

More information on Friends of JCDS can be found here: <http://friendsofjcds.com/about-us/>



# YOUNG ENGINEERS HAPPY HOUR

**Come get to know other engineers in the eastern chapter and find out more about KSPE.**

- Talk to other Engineers
- Find out about KSPE
- Enjoy good food and drinks
- Watch Postseason baseball

*The goal of KSPE 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.*

**Tuesday  
October 17, 2017  
5:30 to 7:30pm**

**Members: \$20  
Bring Someone: \$10  
Potential Member: Free**

**RSVP: By 10-9-2017 to  
[cschoenhals@gbateam.com](mailto:cschoenhals@gbateam.com)**

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10428 Metcalf Ave.  
Overland Park

**Eastern Chapter**  
**Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)**  
**Treasurer's Report for August/September 2017**  
 September 25, 2017

**Cash on Hand**

Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$405.00	
Additions	\$0.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of September 25, 2017		<b>\$405.00</b>

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$3,809.18	
<i>Deposits</i>		
Total Deposits	\$0.00	
<i>Payments</i>		
Total Payments	\$0.00	
<i>Transfers to/from Money Market</i>		
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of September 25, 2017		<b>\$3,809.18</b>

**Money Market Account**

Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$5,414.68	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	\$1.50	
Ending Balance as of September 25, 2017		<b>\$5,416.18</b>

**Engineers Foundation of Kansas**

Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$7,635.32	
<i>Deposits</i>		
	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>		
	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of September 25, 2017		<b>\$7,635.32</b>

**PEPP Dispersal CD**

Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$14,407.88	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$1.84	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of September 25, 2017		<b>\$14,409.72</b>

Respectfully Submitted,



Oswaldo Bravo, P.E.  
 Treasurer

Total **\$31,675.40**



# September Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 26, 2017

Attendees: Cindy McCann, Cliff Speegle, Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Cody Porter, Tawn Nugent, Ozzy Bravo, Rachel Henkhaus, Rod Holcomb, Ryan DaMetz

Call to Order (4:36 pm)  
Approved agenda

## Reports:

- Previous meeting minutes – previously approved via email
- Treasurer's report – There wasn't much activity. Ozzy contacted State KSPE for reimbursement and plans to issue payment for September Executive Secretary Expenses.

## Committee Reports:

- Legislative – Meeting is set for October 26 at the Ritz-Charles. There was no change in pricing structure. Charlie is finalizing a speaker.
- MATHCOUNTS – Registration is open for schools. Rachel plans to attend coordinators conference in October.
- Model Bridge Building – No Report.
- Fundraising – No Report.
- Membership – Discussion about new chair for this committee and overall membership issues for society.
- Awards – Ryan needs the CAP contact. New website has updated Awards submittal link.
- Young Engineers – Event on October 17 at Fox & Hound in Overland Park. Working on a flyer.
- Engineering Preparation – October 24 is Olathe Career Fair. Tawn looking for 6 volunteers.
- Engineer's week – Just held another planning meeting. Date is set for February 22 and committee is now focusing on securing a speaker.
- Advertising – No Report.
- State Director – Board meeting on Sept. 7. Started planning for 2018 Annual Conference, Working on finances and budgeting. Was decided not to order banners as a group. There is a new website. Cliff discussed the membership report.
- Community Service Project(s) – Ozzy said that the group received an award for helping construct an ADA ramp.

## Chapter Meetings

- October 26, Legislative Event, breakfast mtg at Ritz Charles
- November 16, KSPE President visit, dinner mtg

## Old Business

- ASCE Dream Big event – Held the kickoff event. 700-800 kids will attend on October 12.

## New Business

- Newsletter deadline Oct. 2
- Funds Request Task Force – Cliff, Tony, Cindy and Tawn will meet.
- Membership

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.




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