President’s Message

By: Ryan DaMetz, P.E.

It’s just one year later, and who could have imagined that last year’s run to the World Series (Game 7 no less) could have been surpassed…yet here we are, soaking up another come-from-behind postseason victory resulting in the most beautiful phrase that could possibly be uttered: Kansas City Royals, World Series Champions! The 2015 Royals truly embodied the notion of never giving up and fighting until the very end. What made it even more enjoyable as a fan was seeing how much fun the team had as a group. The Royals may not have had the most talented individual players, but I think it’s fairly certain they proved to have the best team throughout the season.

We had an exceptional turnout for our October meeting at the Ritz Charles. Much thanks to Charlie Love for once again organizing the successful event. It was a non-election year, and yet we still had approximately 20 legislators attend our breakfast meeting to listen to Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment for the Mid-America Regional Council, talk about transportation funding on local, State, and Federal levels and how those dollars are incorporated at a local level. We also had a terrific turnout of KSPE members, and I hope all who came had a chance to meet their own legislators.

I truly believe that our October legislative meeting is one of the most important meetings we have each year. Not only does it allow both sides to put faces with names, but I think it’s a rare opportunity to be in the same room as our local and State policymakers and enlighten them as to what engineers do and what role we play in protecting the welfare of the public. In addition, I think it’s important for them to learn about KSPE’s involvement in promoting STEM-related activities with our youth. If you haven’t done so already, I encourage you to reach out to your legislator. Many of them are eager to receive feedback from their constituents.

Our upcoming November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at the Hereford House in Shawnee. KSPE State President Adam Stodola will be providing an update on KSPE from a statewide level as well as informing us of issues that might arise during this year’s session. Word on the street is that Mr. Stodola will also tell us if the phrase “wait until basketball season” is no longer limited to Jayhawk fans but is now being used in the state of Nebraska. Just kidding, Adam…sort of. We hope to see you all there, and feel free to demand a coworker attend as well.

One last time (because it never gets old): Kansas City Royals, World Series Champions!

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KSPE EC Website

The website will be updated on the 1st of each month or as needed should there be time sensitive information.

Check it out…
www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx

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**

**November Dinner Meeting**

Adam Stodola, KSPE President

**Date:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**Location:** Hereford House - Shawnee
17244 Midland Drive
Shawnee, KS 66217
913-268-8000

**Time:**
- 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Registration / Social
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner / Presentation

**Menu:** Choice of:
- Twin Medallions
  - OR
- Hickory Grilled Chicken
  - OR
- Baked Atlantic Cod

House Salad, Roll, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes
Coffee and Iced Tea

**Cost:** $35

**Registration:** RSVP to Cheri no later than Nov. 13th
INCLUDE MEAL CHOICE WITH RSVP
cschoenhals@gbateam.com
No-shows will be billed

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**Eastern Chapter Legislative Breakfast**

Eastern Chapter held our annual Legislative Affairs event with elected officials on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Invitations were extended to Mayors & County Commissioners, as well as State Senators & Representatives within the Eastern Chapter geography. The event, held at the Ritz Charles, began with registration and networking at 7:00 am, and was followed by breakfast. This year there was a total of 58 in attendance with 18 being elected officials: 15 State Representatives, 2 State Senators, and 1 Mayor.

Following breakfast, Travis Lowe from Gaches Braden and Associates introduced himself and gave each elected official an opportunity to introduce themselves. After which, a presentation was made by Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment from Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). He briefly discussed MARC’s role in providing transportation-planning services for eight counties in the metro area and provided a brief outlook of federal, state, and regional funding.

This event was an excellent opportunity to network with elected officials and encourage them to use our members as a technical resource for information. Feel free to contact Charlie Love at (913) 895-6193, or charlie.love@opkansas.org for additional information about this event.
**Important Information**

**Bridge Building Volunteers Needed**  
By: Mark Johnston, P.E.

The Eastern Chapter’s 33rd Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Museum at Prairiefire 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 2016 International Bridge Building Contest in Chicago, IL.

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 816.945.5898 (mjohnston@hwlochner.com).

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**Annual Conference 2016 in Kansas**

KSPE Eastern Chapter will be hosting the KSPE Annual Conference in 2016 from June 8th to the 10th. If you are interested in getting involved or assisting in any way, shape or form, please contact Kiel Johnson at kjohnson@waterone.org. We’re looking forward to hosting another great conference this coming year with your help!
Treasurer’s Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer’s Report for October 2015
October 19, 2015

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Respectfully Submitted,

Charles L. Love, P.E.
Treasurer
Monthly Board Meeting  
Date: 10/20/14  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Ritz Charles

Attendees: Ryan DaMetz, Tony Rome, Charlie Love, Cindy McCann, Cliff Speegle, Rod Holcomb

Call to Order:  
The meeting was called to order by Ryan DaMetz at 9:00 a.m.

Reports:  
Treasurer’s Report:  
Charlie Love provided the treasurer’s report and budget to date.  
The Sept meeting income/expenses were pass-through as it was a MSPE organized meeting.

Committee Reports  
Legislative  
18 elected officials, many members, and many non-members added up to strong attendance at the Oct Legislative meeting.  The price increase should bring this meeting close to break-even.  Thank you letters will go out soon.

MathCounts  
The event is set for Feb 2 at the Jewish Community Center.  There is a new web based grading program but using it is optional for now.  Save the date letters will go out soon.

Model Bridge Building  
Event is set for Jan 30 at the Museum at Prairie Fire.  School recruitment begins now.

Fundraising  
Letters going out soon.

Membership  
Annual goals were set at the state level along with a strategy.  
The Board discussed nominees for the open chair position.

Awards  
No report.

Young Engineers  
Brett Holt will take over this committee.  
Plans are being made for a spring event.

Engineering Prep  
There was one request for funding.  The group tabled a decision on the request until the Nov. meeting to see if other requests are made.

Engineer’s week  
It is time to start planning activities for 2016 but coordination with MSPE is still pending.

Advertising  
$1100 in ads have been sold and $900 has been collected.
Meeting Minutes Continued

Community Service
Making plans for a Souper Bowl event with Harvesters again.

State Director
State leadership is currently reviewing NSPE policies and making plans for revision.

Chapter Meetings
Next meeting will be Wed Nov 18th at the Hereford House in Shawnee. State President and Eastern Chapter member Adam Stodola will be speaker.

The January chapter meeting will be a joint meeting with MSPE.

Old Business – The group discussed open committee chairs.

New Business

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:30 a.m.
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