



KSPE

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President's Message

By: Cliff Speegle, P.E.

We have around a month left until the election. Are you tired of it all yet? All the noise makes it easy to just tune out. But as engineers, it is critical that we engage. We should engage at all levels, but especially at state and local levels. We are a thoughtful, fact driven group that cares about making our communities safe and reliable. Let's make ourselves a valuable resource to our legislators.

The September meeting was a good opportunity to step back and think about how NSPE and KSPE bring value. I am often just thinking about the next chapter meeting, and don't focus on the value of the protection of licensure. As a KSPE member, we always want you to be involved in our chapter and attend meetings, but even if you can't attend as often as you want, it is nice to know that your membership alone helps in the effort to protect our profession.

Our legislative breakfast is fast approaching. Please plan on attending, personally asking your representative to attend, and showing how much our profession is engaged and ready to participate. It should be a well-attended event. KSPE is a critical voice to protect licensure, but please engage personally as well.

We had a great visit from our NSPE president, Kodi Jean Verhalen, PE at our September meeting. She came with a great message and led some valuable discussion. She is setting the ground work for what we need to do as a profession to adapt and stay relevant in the future. We must continue to explain and promote the value our profession brings to our quickly changing society. Our own chapter member, Adam Stodola, is leading the Future of the Profession task force for Kodi. Thanks to Adam for taking the time to lead that effort. I am sure he is making sacrifices to make the time for that committee.

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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

Government Affairs Breakfast

Join us for our annual October Government Affairs Breakfast. Kansas State Legislators and candidates 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/candidates and encourage them to attend.

Michael L. Johnston
Chief Executive Officer of Economic Lifelines

- Date:** Thursday, October 27, 2016
- Location:** Ritz Charles (southwest of 135th & Antioch)
9000 West 137th St
Overland Park, KS
- Speaker:** Michael L. Johnston, CEO of Economic Lifelines, a statewide coalition that promotes transportation investments
- Menu:** \$30 for plated breakfast, includes scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuits, orange juice, coffee
- Guests:** Elected officials and candidates (invited)
Travis Lowe from Gaches Braden & Associates
- Time:**
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| 7:00 a.m. | Registration/Networking |
| 7:30 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 7:55 a.m. | Welcome, KSPE Briefing |
| 8:05 a.m. | Elected officials self-introduction |
| 8:25 a.m. | Feature Presentations: Economic Lifelines |
| 9:00 a.m. | Adjourn |
- RSVP:** Please RSVP to Cheri Schoenhals by **Friday Oct. 21** to cschoenhals@gbateam.com
No-shows will be billed

Other Event Info

Save the Date

November dinner chapter meeting will be Nov. 17.

Volunteers Needed

Olathe School District 15th Annual 8th Grade Career Expo

The 15th Annual 8th Grade Olathe Public Schools Career EXPO will be held on Wednesday, October 25th 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@gbateam.com. Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.

Event Information

Michael L. Johnston Bio - October Chapter Meeting Speaker

A native of Parsons, Kansas, Michael Johnston was the President/CEO of the Kansas Turnpike Authority on January 1, 1995. With more than 18 years of service, he retired on June, 15, 2013. From January through mid-May, 2014, he served as interim CEO for the Kansas League of Municipalities, during a permanent executive search. He is currently the chief executive officer of Economic Lifelines, a statewide coalition that promotes transportation investments.

A former state senator from Parsons, Johnston served 14 years in the Kansas Senate, the last six as Senate Democratic Leader. He resigned that post in January 1991 to join the Finney administration as a cabinet officer; first, as the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources and then, for 3 1/2 years as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation. As a legislator and leader, Johnston was involved in a variety of policy issues. He was appointed by Governor Hayden in 1987 to serve on the Governor's Task Force on Highways and was instrumental in the 1989 passage of the Kansas Comprehensive Highway Program.

Through the years, Johnston has served on many boards and commissions. They include a member and past-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System; a member of the Kansas Pooled Money Investment Board; co-chairman of the Infrastructure Committee for the City of Wichita Long Range Planning Task Force; a member of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita School Council and a member of the Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, among others. Johnston serves on the board of Economic Lifelines, the Kansas Food Bank, and is a director of Peoples Bank in Lawrence, Kansas. In 1982, Johnston founded and served as President of Midwest Mortgage Corporation, a mortgage brokerage firm he operated in Parsons until he resigned from the State Senate to join Governor Finney's administration. The business was sold at that time to a local Parsons bank.

Johnston is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School in Parsons. He earned a degree in Business Administration from Pittsburg State University and has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas. He is a United States Army veteran.

He and his wife Cindy have two grown daughters.

KSPE EKF Funding Follow-up



KSPE provided \$750 last spring to the Tomahawk Elementary PTA. They sponsored three Jr. FIRST Lego League teams this year (ages Kindergarten to 4th grade) with the grant from KSPE.

17 students are participating in this year's "Creature Craze" challenge, exploring the natural engineering of bees, the interactions and impact they have in their diverse environments, and the technology people have developed to utilize the power of bees. They are designing and expressing their ideas through Lego constructs, and will be presenting their ideas at the school science fair in February. They are also planning a field trip to Maker Faire, where other FIRST Lego teams will be displaying robotics and their exposition displays.

Treasurer's Report

Eastern Chapter
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Treasurer's Report for September 2016
 September 23, 2016

Cash on Hand

Beginning Balance as of August 19, 2016	\$410.00	
Additions	\$20.00	
Reductions	\$0.00	
Ending Balance as of September 23, 2016		\$430.00

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of August 19, 2016	\$3,762.16	
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Deposits

Young Engineers July Event	\$85.00	
September Meeting Income	\$175.00	

Total Deposits	\$260.00	
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Payments

Check Order	\$32.70	
September Meeting Reimbursement to MSPE	\$175.00	

Total Payments	\$207.70	
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Transfers to/from Money Market

<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	

Ending Balance as of September 23, 2016		\$3,814.46
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Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of August 19, 2016	\$5,411.50	
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<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Dividend Reinvest</i>	\$0.10	

Ending Balance as of September 23, 2016		\$5,411.60
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Engineers Foundation of Kansas

Beginning Balance as of August 19, 2016	\$3,692.78	
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Deposits

Withdrawals

Ending Balance as of September 23, 2016		\$3,692.78
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PEPP Dispersal CD

Beginning Balance as of August 19, 2016	\$14,185.77	
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<i>Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Withdrawals</i>	\$0.00	

Ending Balance as of September 23, 2016		\$14,185.77
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Respectfully Submitted,

Total	\$27,534.61
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Tony Rome, P.E.
Treasurer

September Meeting Minutes

Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Time: 4:30 pm Location: Grand Street Cafe

Attendees: Cliff Speegle, Cindy McCann, Charlie Love, Tony Rome, Kent Dvorak, Rod Holcomb (second-half), Kiel Johnson, Rachel Henkhaus, Kodi Jean Verhalen (second-half), Gary Strack (first half)

Call to Order (4:40pm)

Approved agenda

Reports:

- Previous meeting minutes
 - No Minutes to approve
- Treasurer's report
 - Reviewed summer treasurer report discussed at August planning meeting.
 - Reviewed 2016/2017 budget as discussed at August planning meeting.
 - Ordered new checks and Valley View Bank is charging a new \$5/month service charge on the account.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative
 - Date set for Thursday October 27th. Michael Johnston from Economic Lifelines will speak. Looking into different venues for hosting.
 - Legislator invites will go out soon. Personal invites should be made to member's legislators.
- MATHCOUNTS
 - Registration is open.
- Model Bridge Building
 - Will be held last weekend in January and trying to confirm location with Prairie Fire Museum.
- Fundraising
 - Fundraising is underway. Discussed bringing the sponsor poster board to each meeting.
- Membership
 - Some new members have been added, some have dropped. State contacted the dropped members and Dvorak intends to follow up with them.
 - Considering hosting some events to gain new members. There is \$200 allocated in the budget for these events.
- Awards
 - No Report
- Young Engineers
 - No events currently planned. Discussed joining efforts with ASCE or APWA for one of our events.
- Engineering Preparation
 - Website is updated to clarify the date that fall and spring semester funds get voted on. Fall requests are due by October 31.

Meeting Minutes continued

- Engineer's week
 - President and past president will lead the committee. An initial kickoff meeting was held with MSPE E-Week chairs. We will form our committee and assign tasks soon.
- Advertising
 - Eleven ads have been sold to date.
- State Director
 - Keith Beatty is the 2016 State President and Brian Scovill is the 2016 State Secretary.
- Community Service Project(s)
 - Looking at options for this year's events.

Chapter Meetings

- October meeting
 - Thursday, October 27th. Location to be determined. Michael Johnston from Economic Lifelines will speak.
- November meeting
 - Thursday, November 17th. Location to be determined.
- No December meeting

Old Business

Discussed getting new banner and table skirt for events.

New Business

Friday, September 23rd for newsletter deadline

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:25pm

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