President’s Message

By: Ryan DaMetz, P.E.

The start of a new KSPE Eastern Chapter year once again finds summer winding down, school beginning, and the Royals running away with the American League Central Division (okay, maybe that last one is new territory for us). Our monthly chapter meetings are about to commence, and I look forward to being able to interact with all of you fellow engineers on a regular basis again.

We have a terrific group of officers and committee chairs that will ensure another successful year. Cliff Speegle is the Vice President and will be planning our monthly meetings; Cindy McCann is the Secretary and will keep minutes at our board meetings; and Charlie Love joins the officers as Treasurer to help keep our budget on track.

Our September meeting kicks off the year as a joint meeting with MSPE Western Chapter on Thursday, September 17th. For the 52nd year in a row, the NSPE President will travel to Kansas City to address both chapters. And this year, travel will be via car instead of airplane as our very own KSPE Wichita Chapter member, Tim Austin, is this year’s NSPE President. Tim has been extremely active at all levels of KSPE/NSPE, and I hope to see high attendance in show of support for one of our own.

I am excited to be the Eastern Chapter President, and I am eager to see all of you throughout the upcoming year. I encourage you to attend as many meetings as you are able and participate in one or more of the many different events we host, from MATHCOUNTS to Bridge Building to community service. We have had great success in the past, and I know your continued contributions to and involvement with KSPE will help us have another positive year.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Ron Gaches for his dedicated work as KSPE’s Executive Director over the past 17 years. Ron has had a tremendous impact both within KSPE as well as externally as our lobbyist at the Statehouse. We couldn’t have had a better leader to see us through the past 17 years, and his hard work has been very much appreciated. In addition, we are very optimistic for a bright KSPE future with Brandy Johnson as our new Executive Director and Travis Lowe as our new lobbyist.

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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**

**September Dinner Meeting**

Joint Meeting with The Western Chapter of MSPE
52nd Consecutive Year to Meet with the NSPE President
A Kansas City Tradition

NSPE President: Timothy R. Austin, P.E., F.NSPE

**Date:**
Thursday, September 17, 2015

**Location:**
Grand St. Café
4740 Grand Ave
Kansas City, MO 64112

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

**Meal Options:**

#1 - Sirloin with Mashed Potatoes: Marinated grilled Sirloin, caramelized onion marmalade, Worcestershire Butter, Whipped potatoes, green beans

#2 - Roasted Chicken: Yukon Potatoes, French Green Beans, Artichokes, Roasted Tomatoes, Garlic Chicken Jus

#3 - Surf & Turf: Sauteed Salmon, Roasted Chicken, French Green Beans, Roasted Tomato Butter Sauce, Roasted Potatoes

Vegetarian option available upon request.

**Cost:**
$35 Members

**Registration:**
RSVP by Sept. 8th, 5pm

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**Other Event Info**

**Save the Date**

Eastern Chapter’s Annual Fall Legislative Event will be a breakfast held Tuesday morning October 20th at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park. State Senators and State Representatives within our Chapter will be invited so this is an excellent opportunity to meet them and voice our concerns on issues we feel are important to us professionally and personally. Mark your calendars and plan to attend on October 20th. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

**Olathe School District 14th Annual 8th Grade Career Expo**

The 14th Annual 8th Grade Olathe Public Schools Career EXPO will be held on Wednesday, October 21st 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.
**Important Information**

**Spread the Word**

Don’t forget that KSPE Eastern Chapter offers grants to regional school programs promoting STEM related activities. Each year up to $3,000 is disbursed to qualifying programs. Past recipient programs vary from providing supplies for Bentwood Elementary School’s Engineer for a Day program to assisting with travel expenses for Shawnee Mission South’s Academic Decathlon to compete in a national competition. Please visit our chapter website and the Funds Request page for more information. Please help us spread the word through your network of community partners.

**Job Shadowing**

JCCC is kicking off a new job shadowing program for engineering students. The JCCC Job Shadowing program is an exploratory opportunity for JCCC students to gain real-world knowledge of a possible career of interest to them. It is a structured program that guides students through a process that includes connecting with a JCCC faculty member, conducting a job shadowing visit with an employer “mentor” and reflecting upon the experience with a career counselor. The students will be well prepared to conduct their visits with professionals.

The Job Shadowing student visit will be a short 2-4 hour experience where the student will visit your company site, conduct a short informational interview with you to learn more about your role and career path, learn about a project that you’re doing or some duties of your job, and perhaps tour your office area or company to gain a broader understanding of your business. You will be able to set the number of student visits that you wish to have. It can be as little as 1-3 a semester depending on your schedule and student interest in your career field.

If you are interested, contact LeAnn Cunningham lcunningham06@jccc.edu or Kiel Johnson at kjohnson@waterone.org

**Annual Conference 2016 in Kansas**

KSPE Eastern Chapter will be hosting the KSPE Annual Conference in 2015 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 June/July/August 2015**  
**August 24, 2015**

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Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

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