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# WSPE - OCTOBER Newsletter

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## President's Message

What is the value of your membership? Every once in a while the WSPE board has to assess this question to see if WSPE is fulfilling the expectations of its members. KSPE's mission statement 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."* This mission statement is the foundation upon where our membership value lies. In general, each of the three levels of membership (national, state, and local) do very well in upholding the foundation of your membership. However, each level has seen overall trends of decreased membership. So if there is tangible value to your membership, why the decrease in membership numbers?

One thought that I have for why the decrease is that we don't promote our membership enough. I know I'm guilty. Sure, I have had conversations with other engineers on membership in NSPE/KSPE/WSPE and its value. But I haven't done a great job in following up on those discussions later (and I assume I'm not alone here). Follow up "sales pitches" are not exactly what engineers are known for. So what else can we do to promote, grow, and maintain our society? Here are two initiatives that can give us a start for getting to where we want to be without having to do "sales pitches":

**Mentorship.** I encourage senior engineers to find a junior engineer to mentor – show him/her what it means to be an engineer and why it's necessary to promote and defend licensure. In turn, I want to encourage junior engineers to challenge the senior engineers – "what got us here won't get us there" mentality.

**Outreach.** I encourage all engineers to get involved, whether within your local community or within the engineering society. The WSPE board is currently speaking with USD 259 to deliver presentations and discuss the engineering profession with science and engineering classes in the area. Look for a sign up soon. We are also looking to promote the Mathcounts and Engineer for a Day events through local media in February. We are working to spread the importance of the profession.

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### PAST NEWSLETTERS

You can access past WSPE Newsletters at <http://www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Wichita.aspx>

## President's Message (Cont.)

There are certainly other initiatives to which we can further the engineering profession. Whatever the case may be, I encourage you all to seek continued growth both personally and professionally. Lastly, below have included several links to great articles which tie in to the message above. I hope you enjoy them.

[Mentorship Is Key To Career Success For Young Professionals](#)

[If You Want To Be Successful, What Got You Here Won't Get You There. \(Here's What Has To Change.\)](#)

[The Value of Professional Organizations](#)

[The Importance of Engineering: Education, Employment, and Innovation](#)

Have a great week! I hope to see everyone at the next monthly meeting on October 19 at Scotch and Sirlain!

Steven Linehan, P.E.  
WSPE President

*"Engineers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems."*  
-Scott Adams

## Engineering Showcase

You are invited to the Goddard Eisenhower High School Engineering Showcase Open House, where students will be presenting their exhibits.

Friday, November 3rd, 2017  
Goddard Eisenhower High School Engineering Showcase  
11 AM to 1 PM

Location: Commons Area of Goddard Eisenhower High School  
1230 S 167th St W  
Goddard, KS 67052

If you are able to attend or would like additional information, please contact Brandon Sommer (bsommer@goddardusd.com).

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# Upcoming Events

## October 19th, 2017

Monthly Lunch Meeting  
12 PM to 1 PM

Speaker: Jason Van Nice, P.E.  
KDOT Stormwater Compliance Engineer

Location: Scotch & Sirloin  
5325 E Kellogg Ave.  
Wichita, Kansas 67218

## October 26th, 2017

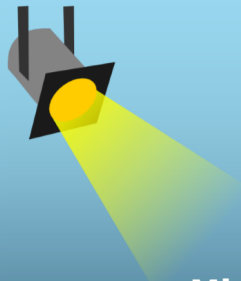
WSPE Social  
5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Third Place Brewing  
630 E Douglas Ave, Suite 150  
Wichita, Kansas 67202

## June 6th - 8th, 2018

KSPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hilton Garden Inn  
410 S 3rd Street  
Manhattan, Kansas 66502



## New Member Spotlight

The Kansas Society of Professional  
Engineers  
Wichita Chapter  
welcomes our new members:

**Michelle Boehm (Cillessen and Sons)**  
**Jennifer Myers (Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc.)**  
**Scott Evans (MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc.)**

Members,  
Don't forget to invite your fellow professionals to upcoming meetings. You may also mention the benefit of becoming a KSPE member. If you need help in discussing membership benefits, click on the link below for more details. Don't forget to mention that new members can receive 6 months of free membership.

<https://kspe.wildapricot.org/About-KSPE>

October 19th, 2017

## **OCTOBER LUNCH MEETING**

**Speaker:** Jason Van Nice, P.E.  
KDOT Stormwater Compliance Engineer

**Topic:** Updates to the KDHE General Stormwater Permit

**Location:** Scotch & Sirloin  
5325 E Kellogg Ave  
Wichita, KS 67218

**Date:** Thursday, October 19th, 2017  
12 PM—1 PM

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person

***IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS TO THE SOCIETY DOWN, MEMBERS WHO RSVP AND DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE COST OF LUNCH (\$20 PER RSVP).***

Reservations Due by Monday, October 16th at NOON  
RSVP to Mike Hoffman  
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***KSPE Mission Statement***

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***E-Newsletter News***

The e-newsletter is being distributed every month directly to the desktops of the majority of the members in our society. This has greatly reduced our mailing and publications costs and we hope to increase our savings by getting more and more members on the e-mail list for the e-newsletter.

If you are not getting the newsletter via e-mail and would like to receive the newsletter in your e-mail instead of by postal service, please send me an e-mail and I will switch you to the e-mail list.

Also, if you are having problems with the e-newsletter or know someone that isn't receiving theirs, please contact me at the above e-mail address.

**Mark Your Calendars! - Upcoming Events**

<i>September Lunch Meeting</i>	<i>September 21, 2017</i>
<i>EFK Golf Tournament</i>	<i>October 6, 2017</i>
<i>WSPE Social at Third Place Brewing</i>	<i>October 26, 2017</i>
<i>KSPE Annual Conference</i>	<i>June 6-8, 2018</i>

**Treasurer's Report**

The current checking account balance is \$6,816.36

***Contact Information***

Please go to the NSPE Website [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org) and update your membership information. Click on the membership link and then click the online change of address form. Your username is your membership ID# (found on your NSPE card) and your password is your last name.

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