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MSPE And Educational Foundation Financial Records In Good Order According To Audit Committee Findings

MSPE's Ad Hoc Audit Committee issued a report stating "We find the financial records of MSPE, the Educational Foundation and the Building Fund to be in good order." The report, from the three-member committee of Treasurer Breck Washam, P.E., Jefferson City Chapter State Director David Bange, P.E., and Past President Kensey Russell, P.E., was released on September 9, 2011 after conducting an internal audit on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

Only one recommendation was cited on the audit report's summary. The audit committee suggested obtaining an annual extension letter from The Rhoads Company which provides lobbying services for the society since extensions of the original 2007 contract were not on file during their review of contracts for services to MSPE and the Educational Foundation.

Procedurally, the committee examined the Society's financial statements and compared them to source documents, bank statements, and investment statements using a random selection of different months for MSPE and the Educational Foundation - which includes the Building Fund.

In their findings the committee reported:

- Monthly bank statements and reconciliations were generally in good order.
- No gaps in check se-

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- Invoices supported each check
- Profit/Loss statements and Balance Sheets are filed with each fund monthly.
- Balance sheets present a

conservative snapshot of assets and liabilities, as accrued interest that is not realized is not reported, but un-cleared transactions are shown as liabilities.

Investment statements

were correctly reported on the financial statements.

MSPE's Financial Audit Policy and Procedures, adopted June 6, 2008, recommends a four-year financial audit policy with internal audits conducted on years one and three.



MSPE's Ad Hoc Audit Committee members (from left to right) Breck Washam, P.E., J. Kensey Russell, P.E. and David Bange, P.E. review MSPE's financial documents for fiscal year 2010-11.

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Gimme Me 5!

MSPE 2011-12 Member Recruitment



"... I propose a goal of increasing membership by five percent by the end of this year. To accomplish this, I'm asking each member to personally contact five non-member engineers and ask them to join," Britt Smith, P.E., MSPE 2011-2012 President

From The Editor:

As published in the June/July 2011 President's Message of *The Missouri Engineer*, Britt Smith, P.E. challenged every MSPE member to personally contact five non-member engineers and ask them to join the society.

During the Executive Committee on August 19, 2011, this membership recruitment effort was somewhat jokingly christened "Gimme Five." But it accurately fits President Smith's proposed goal, "... of increasing membership by five percent by the end of this year."

The plan is simple: "To accomplish this, I'm asking each member to personally contact five non-member engineers and ask them to join," Smith wrote.

MSPE's President fully understands this isn't going to be an easy task for some when he penned, "I know that walking up to someone and asking them to join MSPE is going to put some of us out of our comfort zone. The first time will be difficult. The second, a little easier, but by the fifth, it should be almost bearable."

As you do your part to meet President Smith's goal for all members to "Gimme 5" new members, here are some ideas to help you achieve success. Use one or as many ideas as you like. And, please feel

free to tailor them to suit your personal style:

- Share your personal membership story. Tell how and why you became a member and what you enjoy most about MSPE.
- Give examples of how membership in MSPE benefits you, personally.
- Using MSPE's mission of "promoting the ethical and competent practice of professional engineering" express how this makes a difference in your engineering career.
- Explain how MSPE was founded to enact a registration (licensure) law for engineers, and still advocates strong licensure laws to protect public health, safety and welfare from unethical or unlawful practice.
- Appeal to the new prospect's pride in the engineering profession by telling them about MSPE's involvement in community service programs like MATHCOUNTS, Project Lead The Way, Discover "E" and Engineers Week activities geared to enhancing the image of the professional engineer as well as paving the way for

future engineers.

- Enlist a prospective member's support to join you in a chapter activity you're sure they will like.
- Tout MSPE's relationship with the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects (MoAPELSLA) - the state licensing board. Explain MSPE is the only organization that has the privilege of making recommendations to the governor for engineers to be appointed to the engineering division of the state licensing board.

- Invite a fellow engineer to attend a chapter function with you. Offer to give them a ride and pay for their lunch, dinner if the chapter doesn't have an incentive that already provides this to prospective members.

Take advantage of the Join Now section on MSPE's website - www.mspe.org - to print out membership applications and benefit statements for hand-out to your new member prospects.

And, finally, feel free to contact MSPE's office if you have any questions.

Good luck ... Cherie L. Bishop

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The following members have accepted appointments as 2011-2012 State Committee Chairs for MSPE. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact the chair via email to see if there are still opportunities for you to serve.

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MSPE's Executive Committee deliberates agenda items at their first meeting of the 2011-2012 administrative year. From left to right (left photo) Vice President Neil Brady, P.E., President-elect David Howe, P.E., Treasurer Breck Washam, P.E., (center photo) Board of Director Representative Ed Austin, P.E., Young Engineer Representative Tim Quinn, E.I., Board of Director Representatives Gary Strack, P.E., (right photo) Immediate Past President Kurt Higgins, P.E. and President Britt Smith, P.E.

Revisions To Young Engineer Of The Year Nomination Form Requested

At their first meeting of the new 2011-12 administrative year, held on August 19, 2011, members of the Executive Committee voted in favor of developing a better nomination form for the Young Engineer of the Year award. Their action was taken in response to the June Board of Directors' discussion led by Awards Committee Chair Fred E. Palmerton, P.E. on what changes should be made to stimulate nominations. Members of the Executive Committee suggested the revised nomination form be designed so it is easier for chapters to make nominations while insuring information provided by the young engineer nominees still meets all criteria for the state and national Young Engineer of the Year award competitions since MSPE's Young Engineer of the Year may also be eligible for the national level competition.

The eight-member Executive Committee - composed of President Britt Smith, P.E., President-elect David Howe, P.E., Vice President Neil Brady, P.E., Treasurer Breck Washam, P.E., Board of Director Representatives Ed Austin, P.E., Gary Strack; and Young Engineer Representative Tim Quinn, E.I. - also took the following actions:

- Discussed highlights the NSPE Annual Meeting held during July in Las Vegas, Nevada where MSPE's President said revisions to the NSPE Professional Policies on Industrial Exemption and on Procurement of Engineered Products were approved by the House of Delegates. President Smith also shared information he gathered from programs on Association 101 to Recruit, Engage, Retain Members; Selling Memberships, along with a Volunteer Time Commitment Opportunities matrix. He encouraged distribution of the information to the local chapters for implementation.
- Agreed President Smith should con-

tinue as the society's NSPE House of Delegates representative for one more year.

- Approved the year end financial report for the July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 fiscal year and noted an internal audit for Fiscal year 2010-2011 was set for August 31, 2011. (See Page 1 for related story)
- Met in a closed session where an increase in staff salaries was passed.
- Received reports on the following committees' activities:
 1. 2011 Annual Convention: Immediate Past President Kurt Higgins, P.E. and Director of Operations Cherie Bishop reported successful participation and a positive bottom line.
 2. 2012 Annual Convention and 75th Anniversary: President Smith and Cherie Bishop reported the 2012

Planning Committee is holding an on-site meeting the following Monday at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri which was selected as the conventions headquarters hotel. President-Elect Howe who is chairing the 75th Anniversary celebration said about 20 MSPE Past Presidents, Hall of Fame recipients and MSPE members named NSPE Fellows have shared ideas on how to celebrate MSPE 75th Anniversary.

3. Membership: Director of Membership Marla Day presented membership statistics showing 1442 total members. From July 2010 to July 2011, total membership increased from 1386 to 1442 based on student membership growth from 49 to 174. Meanwhile, the engineer

membership fell 69 members from 1337 to 1268.

4. Fall PDH Days Report: Neil Brady, P.E. reported the planning committee for the upcoming Fall PDH Days on December 6 & 7, 2011 is being formulated.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Acting on behalf of MSPE's Educational Foundation, the Executive Committee also:

- Passed a resolution transferring the RSF Endowment Funds, as requested by the endowers.
- Approved the fiscal year 2010-2011 year-end income statement and balance sheet.

The Executive Committee's next meeting will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011 in the MSPE office.

Special Legislative Session Continues With Action On Disaster Funding, Economic Development

House leadership objected to Governor Jay Nixon withholding money from the 2012 operating budget to pay for the state's natural disasters. They contend the state's Rainy Day Fund be used to pay for short-term natural disaster relief. House Bill 6 passed by the House calls for the General Assembly to use Rainy Day Funds to match Federal Emergency Management Agency expenditures for Missouri's 2011 natural disasters up to June 30, 2012. House Bill 7, establishing a Joint Committee on Disaster Funding, was passed by

the House to oversee monies for disaster recovery appropriations from the Budget Reserve Fund or other sources as authorized by law.

Most of economic development bill, Senate Bill 8, a main focus of the Special Session was gutted by the Senate which objected to using tax credits to fund the project. If the bill is to pass, it will be up to the House to find a way to put back most of the needed funding.

The Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) - Senate Bill 7- should make its way to the House the second week of the special legislative session. This

legislation sets up the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Fund, which will receive annual appropriations made by the General Assembly, based upon recommendations made by the directors of the Departments of Economic Development and Revenue, and contributions made by private entities.

For more information, go to MSPE's website at www.mspe.org and choose "Legislative Advocacy" from the left navigation bars to reach the most up-to-date Legislative Report.

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Ozark Chapter Hosts 71st Annual Shrimp Feed At New Location

**By Neil Brady, P.E.
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On August 4, 2011 the MSPE Ozark Chapter held its 71st Annual Shrimp Feed. The Shrimp Feed is our chapter's largest fundraising event. Proceeds from this event help sponsor our chapter's activities such as local chapter scholarships, model bridge contest and discover engineering day during engineer's week.

After 70 years we moved the event to the Price Cutter Ball Park in Ozark, Missouri. The change to this venue provided for indoor restrooms, electricity, paved parking, shade and plenty of bleacher seating. Although the logistics of changing locations was quite a lot of work, we heard nothing but positive comments from the attendees.

We sold 897 tickets this year down from the 966 tickets sold last year. The three weeks of 100+ degree weather prior to the day of the event probably hurt ticket sales. The weather for the day of the event turned out to be a high of 94 with a nice cool breeze which helped us sell 31 tickets at the door compared to normally around 10-12.

The entire event was put on by the over 80 chapter volunteers who did everything from cooking the shrimp and making the sauce to serving the food and drinks. Without our chapter member's support we would not be able to have such a great event.

Some interesting statistics from the event:

- 1,500 lbs of shrimp cooked
- 4,000 lbs of ice to store shrimp
- 672 bottles of water consumed
- 279 gallons of beer consumed
- 60 gallons of soda consumed
- 45 lbs of Colby Jack cheese consumed
- 35 lbs of Swiss cheese consumed
- 45 lbs of Ham consumed
- 45 lbs of Turkey consumed

- 35 loaves of bread consumed
- 7 cases of chips consumed



MSPE Members Participate In NSPE Meeting



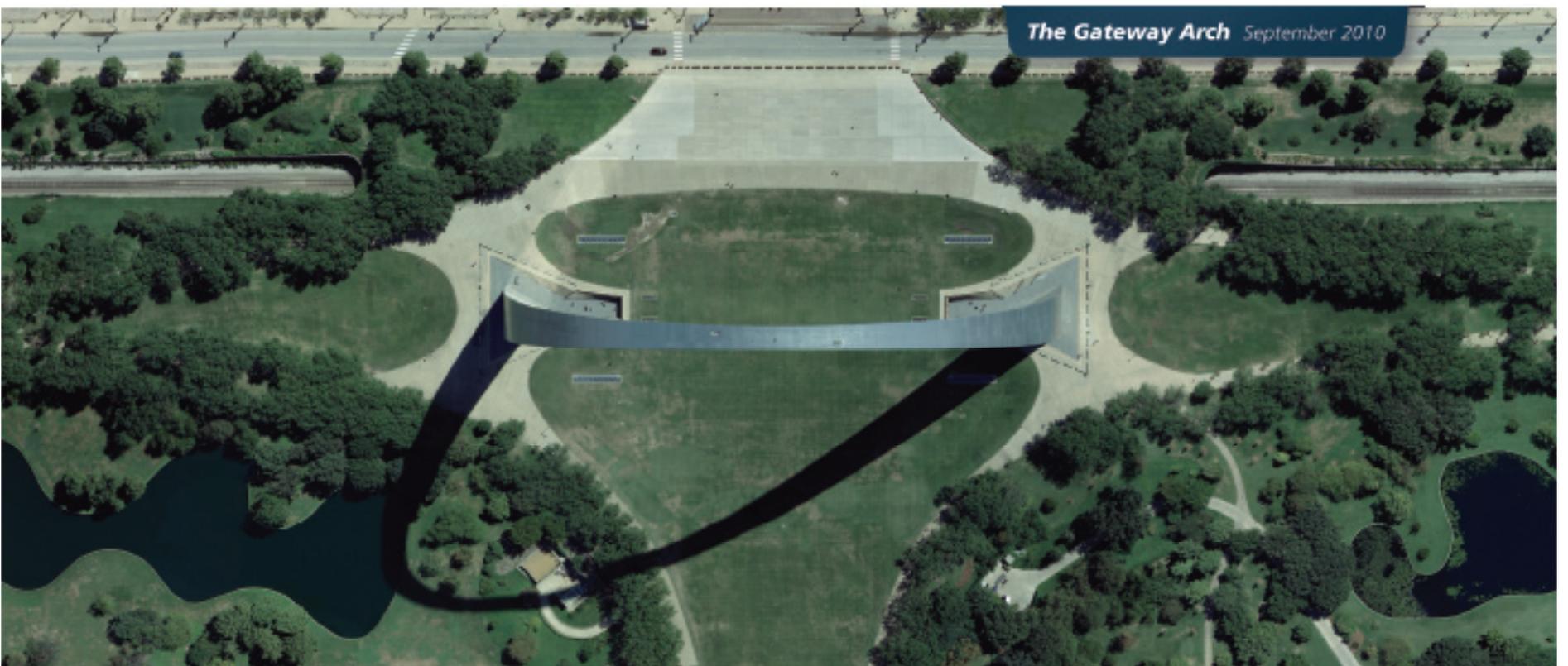
MSPE members in attendance at the 2011 NSPE Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada picture from left to right are (front row) Kevin Skibiski, P.E., Steve Hutti, P.E., Karen Stelling, P.E., Fred Palmerton, P.E., Jo Emerick, P.E., (back row) Cliff Jarvis, P.E., Kevin Sprenkle, P.E., Breck Washam, P.E. and Bill Clarke, P.E.



NSPE PEPP Chair Fred Palmerton, P.E. (below) commemorates the 10-year anniversary of the formations of PEPP's Young Engineers Advisory Council during the PEPP dinner.



MSPE's representative to the NSPE House of Delegates, State President Britt Smith, P.E., is pictured speaking at the HoD meeting (above) and seated at the fourth table, middle row (below).



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P.E. Ceremony October 14, 2011

Six members are among the 130 newly registered professional engineers invited to attend the P.E. Certificate Ceremony hosted by MSPE in conjunction with the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

The ceremony will be held in the Capitol Rotunda from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2011.

A reception hosted by MSPE on the Third Floor of the Rotunda immediately follows the ceremony.

RSVPs must be received by *Friday, October 7, 2011.*