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Executive Committee Conference Call

# Importance of Board of Directors' Relevance Activity Stressed

19, 2013 Winter Board of Directors meeting, MSPE's Executive Committee convened a phone conference to discuss the society's most recent activities and outline agenda items. Key discussion topics included:

# **State Director Relevance Activity**

President David Howe, P.E. asked for a status update on the Relevance Statements assigned to the Board of Directors. The activity groups the directors tor Bruce Wylie asked the Exinto seven teams charged with examining how MSPE can better serve its members. Directors are to identify different problems/issues that keep MSPE from reaching its full potential and propose creative solutions. Executive Committee Sponsors for each team advised the teams are far-from meeting the goal having a verbal and written report ready for the Winter Meeting. Executive Committee Sponsors will be following up with their assigned teams and

directing the society's future. Recommendations from the Relevance reports will be incorporated into a Focus 80 plan that will provide direction for the next five years, when MSPE celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2017.

### **Audit review**

Results of the independent audit of the society and foundation's financial records have been received. Executive Dirececutive Committee to read the Audit Review report and submit any questions for discussion at the committee's January 18 meeting.

# Legislative update

The legislature is in a "learning" mode following the election of 75 new members. Executive Director Wylie reported the pre-filing of bills is moving very slowly, but preliminary indications are that bills concerning economic impact and emphasize the obligation direc- economic development will

In anticipation of the January tors have for determining and receive priority. (See related a meeting of the Professional article on Page 3)

### **Professional Design** Alliance meeting

Design Alliance has been set for Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at MSPE's building. The design alli-

Announcement was made that See Phone Conference, Page 3



President David Howe, P.E. displays the "B1 OF US" sign promoting MSPE while surrounded by three members of Camdenton High School's 4H LASER Robotic Team 3284 who shared their competition experiences at MSPE's Fall PDH Days during a session on Missouri STEM programs. Participating team members included Brigitta Reth, a senior and 4 -year team member who handles public relations; Jacob Harmon, senior, 4-year team member and lead programmer for the team, along with Kyle Gulshen, senior and 4-year member who is the Chief Operations Officer. These students represent the future of engineering and have already elected to pursue STEM-related majors in college.



# President's Message:

# Consider Supporting MSPE's Educational Foundation In The New Year



As we prepare to usher in a new year, the members of MSPE's Execu-Committee and I wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. We also invite you to consider including MSPE's Educational Foun-

dation on your list of charitable contribution recipients in 2013.

All contributions to the Educational Foundation are exempt from taxation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1886 and are deductible under Section 170 of the code. Donating to our society's Educational Foundation is a lasting impression and makes a positive impact on the future of engineering

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Stocks & Bonds are acceptable donations, but you will need to contact the MSPE staff to obtain the transfer details. Stock transfer enables you to donate at

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lows you to claim a higher deduction than if you donated stock proceeds while at the same-time saving you fees and capital gains taxes.

No matter the method or amount, your donation to the MSPE Educational Foundation is an investment in the future that will be used wisely. Thank you in advance for your consideration. By the way, if you are still contemplating chari- David C. Howe, P.E., table contributions for 2012, donations

the current value of the stock, which al- to the Educational Foundation made by December 31, 2012 may be claimed on your 2012 income tax.

Sincerely,

MSPE President 2012-2013

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# Phone Conference (from Page 1)

ance is composed of representatives from MSPE, ACECMo along with the architects, surveyors and landscape architects associations as well as representatives from the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

### PE Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 has been set as PE Day at the Capitol. The event is in conjuction with ACECMo's Transportation Day.

### **2012 Fall PDH Days Results**

Vice President Gary Strack, P.E. reported that the Ninth Annual Fall PDH Days was a great success. Recognition was given to the work of the Fall PDH Days Task Force who developed a strong program for the event. MSPE Director of Operations Cherie Bishop provided statistics from the event attended by 59 professional engineers - 48 of which registered for both days, 58% of attendees completed the evaluation survey and gave the event high marks. She also noted income and expenses are projected to slightly exceed the budgeted profit.

# Software upgrades

Both MSPE's President and Vice President recommended updating the society's software following compatibility issues experienced at the Fall PDH Days where speakers PowerPoint versions were further advanced than MSPE could supports. It was noted that the software has not been updated for several years.

# **Educational Foundation Building Prioritization Report**

An assessment of the Educational Foundation Building is underway to help identify and prioritize needed capital improvements. Terracon Consultants is conducting the assessment pro-bono.

### **Engineer Missouri request**

Executive Director Wylie reported on a request for funding from the Educational Foundation for the Engineer Missouri economic impact study. The sponsors of the program are currently soliciting funds from interested groups. The results of the study will be used to help Legislators better understand the economic potential that can be acieved through infrastructure and engineered capital improvements projects.

# 97th General Assembly Includes Two Members; What Bills Should Engineers Expect In 2013

### By Bruce A. Wylie **MSPE Executive Director**



On Wednesday, January 9, 2013, the 97th General Assembly will convened with a Democratic Governor facing a Republicancontrolled legislature. Republicans hold 24 seats in the 34-member Senate while the

Republican advantage is 110-53 in the

Two of the Republication seats in House of Representative seats are held by professional engineers - Bart Korman, P.E., RLS and Rocky Miller, P.E., RLS - both MSPE members.

Korman begins his second-term in the House after winning re-election for two more years during the primary to represent Montgomery, Warren and St. Charles counties. He has been appointed to serve on the Appropriations Committees for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Transportation and Economic Development. In addition, he will sit on the Professional Registration and Licensing and the Utilities committees. Miller was elected in November 2012 to serve District 124 composed of Miller and Camden counties. He owns and operates Miller Companies, an engineering and environmental services firm located





in Osage Beach.

With 75 first-time legislations undergoing orientation, the pre-filing of bills throughout the month of December has been slowed. However, much of the session's focus will be on jobs and economic development. MSPE also hopes that will include infrastructure investment. One bill of interest to the society deals state bonding of approximately \$1 Billion to help with capital improvements to state-owned buildings and higher education. Other legislative priorities for the society could come out of the Professional Design Alliance, which represents the four professional associations

under the Missouri Board for Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, at their January 30, 2013 meeting in MSPE's Educational Foundation Build-

As we progress to a weekly review of ing forward. legislation, I urge you to review MSPE's activity reports, please note MSPE rates legislation using the following posi-

**STRONGLY SUPPORT:** We use our resources to work the legislation through the process

**SUPPORT:** We like the legislation but do not feel it is a priority for our limited resources

**MONITOR:** Legislation could be of a particular legislator you would be interest as it evolves through the pro-

**OPPOSE:** We do not like this legisla-Professional Engineers, Professional tion and will say so if asked but don't actively spend resources.

> **STRONGLY OPPOSE:** We use our resources to actively oppose and find ways to stop the legislation from mov-

On Tuesday, March 5, 2013, MSPE has Legislative E-Update. As you read the committed to be a part of a special lobby day emphasizing the need for transportation and other infrastructure funding. Mark your calendar to attend this special event.

To represent the society's concerns on a daily basic in the capitol, MSPE contracts with registered lobbyist, Mark Rhoads. If you know of legislation that MSPE should consider or you know willing to contact, please email me at brucewylie@mspe.org.





# 9th Annual MSPE FALL PDH DAYS ===

Participants at MSPE's 9th Annual Fall PDH Days were calling the 2012 event the "best one so far" at the conclusion of the two-day held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5, 2012 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Fall PDH Days provides an opportunity to receive up to 15 PDHs – the equivalent of one-year's worth of continuing competency hours needed to meet Missouri's P.E. licensure renewal requirements. Many of this year's 58 attendees commented their experience at Fall PDH Days provides a good value for their investment and good networking opportunities.

This year's sessions featured 18 speakers discussing topics on: Missouri One Call: ASCE 38-02 Application and Implementation, Re-Defining the Practice of Engineering, Peer Review Law, HR Trends for Engineers, Missouri STEM Education featuring FIRST programs and the Camdenton LASER Robotics team, Conservative Engineering, Expert Witness Testimony, Missouri Nuclear Alliance for Small Modular Reactors, and Consent Decree segments on Is It An Engineering Issue?, Effect on Municipalities, City of Springfield Sanitary Sewer Overflow Case Study and the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District Investigation Prioritization Case Study.









Janet Jakobe-Gray



Rick Eastman





President David Howe, P.E. (above, left) uses a joystick to operate the Camdenton LASER Team 3284's robot built for the First Robotics competiton during MSPE's Fall PDH Days' program on Missouri STEM activities under the watchful eye of Kyle Gulshen, the team's chief operations officer and lead programmer Jacob Harmon. LASER Coach Mitch Comer and Kyle (above, right) discuss the requirements for teams to build their robot for First Robitics competition.







MoAPELSLA Professional Engineering Division Chair Kevin Skibiski, P.E., (standing) answers a question from Allen Pollock, P.E. regarding the board's work on better defining the practice of engineering in the state law.



# Save the date!



MSPE 2013 Annual Convention Sunday-Wednesday, June 16 - 19, 2013 Chateau on the Lake Resort, Branson, Missouri

# **Tentative Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, June 16, 2013** 

MSPE Executive Committee Meeting Welcome Reception

Monday, June 17, 2013

Monday, June 17, 2013

MSPE & Educational Foundation Board Meetings

**Practice Division Meetings** 

Young Engineer Mixer

**Chapter Presidents Networking** 

Annual Banquet Event & Presidents' Reception

(including officer installation and awards presentations)

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013** 

Engineers' PDH Programs Spouse and Kids Activity Family Fun Event

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Engineers' PDH Programs

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# Life, Retired Membership Criteria

Members that may be eligible for Life or Retired membership status should review the criteria below and respond by January 11, 2013 for consideration at the 2013 Winter Board Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2013.

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- a) Has held a valid license or certificate of registration as a professional engineer.
- b) Is age 65 or older and retired from full-time employment and/or the active practice of engineering.
- c) Has been a member of MSPE for at least 30 years and paid dues continuously.
- d) Application for life membership must be made by personal application to the Board of Directors through the state office.

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- a) Has held a valid license or certificate of registration.
- b) Age 65 or older and retired from full-time employment and/or the active practice of engineering.
- c) Paid dues to MSPE continuously for at least five years.
- d) Application for retired status must be a personal written request to the Board of Directors in care of the state office.

# **Welcome New Members**

MSPE welcomes the following new members to the society:

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