

The Missouri Engineer

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A Message From Your 2018-2019 MSPE President Michael Purol, P.E.



I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2018 Annual Convention this year! A big thank you goes to the Convention Planning Committee for another outstanding event. Since the Convention, new staff has been busy working on the transition. As you can imagine, there are many moving parts, but so much has already been accomplished. Our Association has introduced the new staff working on your behalf through communications, in their respective specialty roles. We are excited for our membership to get to know them all!

We are fresh off a phenomenal NSPE Conference that took place in Nevada. Several Missouri members made the trip that allowed them to network and represent our

state society. Both Travis Lowe and Stacey Meyer attended on behalf of MSPE and interacted with other members and staff from across the nation. As you have heard, NSPE's new membership model is now in place. **This new model reduces membership dues for three-tier members from \$360 to \$299, a net drop of \$61!** This is a great benefit to our members. Travis and the staff have shared this news on social media. Please encourage your fellow P.E.s to join- there has never been a better time! New members will join via our MSPE links online that take you to NSPE's website. We urge our members to check out NSPE.org, log in and update their information.

I am working with the MSPE staff to coordinate chapter visits and other opportunities to meet with members. **There is quite a bit going on right now with MSPE and we are extremely excited to share the updates.** Please watch for updates from the chapters as we are working to keep steady communication from the state office with chapter news.

Staff has been working diligently with several of our committees including the Kimmel Fund Committee, Finance Committee, IT Committee, and Membership

Committee. Our Executive Committee just met at the Ozark Shrimp Feed to review Association business and the transition.

Please pay close attention to the email correspondence coming from the MSPE office. There are very important updates on Association news and the work being done on your behalf. Also, please remember to follow the MSPE social media accounts. We are now on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram.

In closing, we want to **thank you for your support of MSPE.** We also want to thank Bruce and Cherie for all of their help in the transition to make the next year successful. A big support of appreciation also goes out to Stacey, who is now part of the Braden Heidner Lowe (formerly Gaches Braden) team, for her continued work on membership services and the entire new staff for their work since July.

It is going to be a busy year. Please do not hesitate to call our staff at 573-636-4861 if you have any questions or need assistance in anyway.

-Michael Purol, MSPE President

"My formal education, along with continued education has given me the technical skills required for my career. However, MSPE has given me the opportunity to improve my soft-skills including leadership skills, which has helped advance my career."

-Michael Purol P.E., MSPE President, 2018-2019



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Editor's Message: Please enjoy the new, fun attributes and design of the Summer 2018 Issue of the Missouri Engineer. If you have any engineering-related photos from your work that you may like to see featured in future editions of the ME, please send them to rnincehelsers@mspe.org. Thank you, and enjoy your read!
-Rachel Nincehelsers, Editor, Director of Communications

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Executive Director Message

MSPE Members,

We hope everyone has had a great summer! It is my pleasure to send you this message as the new Executive Director of MSPE. I am part of the Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates (previously Gaches, Braden & Associates) team, which has been retained by the MSPE Board of Directors to provide full association management services for MSPE.

As you know, MSPE President Michael Puro announced changes within the office staff, which included the choice to mirror other SPE organizations that efficiently use an association management firm. The concept of an association management firm may be foreign to some of you. In short, we provide full association management services, including strategic planning and management, communications, event planning, as well as marketing and financials for clients. We do this for over twenty nonprofit associations, societies and foundations from across the country.

The opportunity with MSPE has allowed Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates (BHL) to open an office location in Jefferson City, which we hope continues to grow for decades to come. Of particular interest to you, BHL has provided association management and lobbying services to the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and its 501(c)(3) foundation, the Engineers' Foundation of Kansas, for more than twenty years. BHL has also provided association management and lobbying services for ACEC of Kansas for more than fifty years. In addition, our firm manages leadership programs for several ACEC states, including ACEC of Missouri's Future Leaders Academy. We have worked with many of you for years, including Bruce Wylie, who has also helped with our transition, while he remains as Executive Director for ACEC of Missouri.

Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates has a staff of eleven that specializes in specific areas of association management. Several of these employees will work as MSPE staff

to complete a robust scope of services outlined by the MSPE Board of Directors. Please reference the "Meet Your MSPE Staff" section in this publication for specific staff roles.

We are excited to continue the great work provided by Bruce, Cherie and Stacey over the years that makes MSPE a strong association. As mentioned, we have years of experience in the SPE (Society of Professional Engineers) world, with great relationships at NSPE. Our staff has also had the pleasure to serve on NSPE's first and second membership model taskforces, which will keep MSPE firmly in the loop on the sequence of changes. We plan to use all of our knowledge and relationships to ensure MSPE has as smooth of a transition as possible. This means all two-tier associate members (MSPE & Chapter) were grandfathered in as associate members June 30. Another important change is the fact we are not able to enroll any new "state-only associate members" after July 1. New members who sign up on July 1st or after become three-tier members. As part of the new NSPE membership model, membership dues will now be set at \$299, which is a net drop of \$61, from \$360. That equates to a 17% decrease in dues cost! NSPE is still considering adding a government rate in the near future. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Speaking of NSPE, our own Gary Strack has concluded his term as North Central Region Director on the NSPE Board. We thank Gary for his service!

MSPE just finished its 2018 Convention at the Camden at the Lake Resort. This was a great event at a beautiful venue. We want to thank every member, sponsor and volunteer that helped make this convention a success. Next year's convention date is June 17-19 at the same location... Be ready for another great convention!

Fall PDH Days are December 12-13, 2018 and will be here before you know it. See page 10 of this publication for further details.

Over the last several weeks, you should



have noticed an increased presence on MSPE social media. Please follow or "like" us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and/or LinkedIn, as we can use this as a tool to share information and attract interest in the Association!

The legislative session has concluded, though the transition in the Governor's office will keep an active buzz in Jefferson City. We would like to thank the lobbying team at the Statehouse and look forward to their continued work for MSPE and ACEC of Missouri. This is an important function of MSPE.

Through the transition, our Board of Directors will be meeting more often to handle Association business. The Board recently approved a budget that forecasts income and expenses for the next fiscal year. A great deal of planning goes into our budget forecasting so we can make sure the books balance for the Association.

It goes without saying that a primary goal for us is membership retention. If you know of any licensed professional engineers who are not members, please encourage them to join!

Thank you again for your support and being part of the solution,

Travis Lowe

Travis serves as MSPE's Executive Director. Lowe is leading transition efforts and provides strategic direction to ensure the association performs more efficiently.

Travis Lowe is Vice President of Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates (BHL) and serves both lobbying and association management clients at BHL (previously Gaches, Braden & Associates). Lowe also serves as Executive Director for the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and is their lead lobbyist. In addition, Lowe serves on NSPE's Membership Model Taskforce and has been instrumental in MSPE's integration of the new membership model. His ability to work strategically and with many issues has helped Travis thrive in a busy environment, meet deadlines, and multi-task with a variety of audiences. He has eleven years experience managing issues for clients. Travis also serves as Executive Director an international livestock association and a 501(c)(3) animal health research foundation. Originally from Texas, Travis moved to attend the University of Kansas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Meet Your New MSPE Staff

Stacey R. Meyer, Director of Membership

Stacey has been hired by Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates to continue management of MSPE membership processing and planning of the semi-annual licensure ceremonies.

For the last five years, Stacey has been dedicated to providing excellent customer service to MSPE members. Now a part of the Braden Heidner Lowe Team, she will provide her experience with MSPE, and use her extensive knowledge and background to continue the organization's member recruitment, retention, and engagement efforts. Stacey has over 15 years of experience with associations, meeting planning, membership, and non-profit organizations. She will continue to implement and oversee MSPE's Professional Engineer Certificate Ceremony/Order of the Engineer Events, Enterprise and Sustaining Organization programs, and Membership services. Stacey will remain in Jefferson City, Missouri at MSPE's office building.



Rachel Ninceheler, Director of Communications

Rachel serves as Director of Communications for MSPE and the MSPE Educational Foundation.

Rachel has experience in several aspects of association management, focusing on communications. Rachel supports the Membership Services manager by supporting social media functions, newsletters, and website updates and development. Rachel graduated from Washburn University where she received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing and Business Management.



Jennifer J. Matzek, Director of Finances

JJ serves as MSPE's Financial Director and provides financial services for MSPE and the MSPE Educational Foundation.

JJ provides accounting support to our clients. She has a comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of accounting principles and regulatory compliance guidelines. JJ has 17 years of experience in nonprofit accounting and working directly with executive committees and boards of directors. She has proven her ability to identify and implement improvements to streamline processes and increase efficiency and productivity. JJ has her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Emporia State University.



Alison Connell, Director of Events

Alison serves as MSPE's Director of Events and manages the MSPE Annual Conference and Fall PDH Days.

Alison joined Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates as a seasoned event planner for multiple association clients. Alison's 15 years of experience includes organizing association conferences from the industry side as well as leading hotel and convention center sales departments for hundreds of events. She truly understands how to plan events from both sides of the negotiating table. Alison was born in Topeka and grew up in Colorado.



Greg Braden, Foundation Tenant Manager

Greg serves as Tenant Manager for the building owned by the MSPE Education Foundation.

Greg has 30 plus years in management of employee benefits, especially in the area of retirement and insurance plans. He manages the BHL 401(K) plan, health, life and disability insurance for BHL employees, as well as insurance needs for each association. He also manages the office space owned by Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates, as well as properties of his own. Greg graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Kansas State University.



Until We Meet Again... NSPE NCR Director Gary Strack Farewell

Thank you for a great two years serving as your North Central Region (NCR) Director on the National Society of Professional Engineers Board of Directors. As I took office, McKinley Advisors was presenting the summary of findings to the House of Delegates which ultimately led to the current Membership Model. I am confident your state and chapter leaders spent as much time as the NSPE Board of Directors did in weighing the pros and cons of this model before deciding to adopt integrating with NSPE. Your leaders' willingness to tackle this modification in how our relationship is changing with NSPE as well as changes within our state and chapter level fiscal responsibilities, has been inspiring and helpful.

For those of you in the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, I urge you to support your current leadership as they develop a new structure of working with an experienced association management group, Braden Heidner Lowe and Associates (previously Gaches Braden). The initial discussions of ways to move MSPE forward were occurring when I first served on the MSPE Executive Committee over ten years ago. Should you have questions regarding BHL's capabilities, I

suggest you contact Travis Lowe, MSPE Executive Director or any KSPE Board Member, as they have a long history of working with BHL.

In closing, I want to thank all North Central Region House of Delegate members, Executive Directors and State Officers for your participation and support during my service as NCR Director.

Using my friend Ron Black, P.E.'s theme for his MSPE Presidency, "Be Engaged!"

Thank you for sharing your time with me and supporting NSPE!

Gary Strack, P.E., SECB
NCR Director 2016-18



"Gary served as an outstanding liaison and representative from our region to NSPE. His work ethic is a testament to his character and devotion to serving others."

-Travis Lowe, MSPE Executive Director

MSPE New Membership Model Now in Effect Three-Tier Membership Dues Drop 17% for Missouri Members

The National Society of Professional Engineers' new membership model became effective on July 1. The new model sets a uniform dues structure of \$299 for three-tier (NSPE/MSPE/Local Chapter) members for renewals and anyone new joining the Association. For Missouri, this will reduce the three-tier membership level from \$360 to \$299, a \$61 drop in annual dues. There are other financial benefits for MSPE too.

As part of the new model, societies are not able to allow new "state-only" two-tier members for anyone who joined after July 1. Existing state-only MSPE members will be able to continue as "grandfathered" members. Because MSPE is an active Association with a full staff,

the Association will actually retain a higher percentage of the dues share with NSPE.

The membership model has generated a lot of discussion over the past two years across the nation. State societies were asked to individually decide whether they wanted to "integrate" or "non-integrate" into the new national model. Seeing the benefits of the new model, Missouri voted to integrate. Only four of the 52 state and territorial societies voted to non-integrate. NSPE is still considering adding a government rate in the near future.

"This is a great opportunity for Missouri," explained MSPE Executive Director Travis Lowe.

"Our members' dues will drop 17% while most associations are having to increase dues to account for increased costs and inflation. Also, MSPE will receive a larger share of the dues split with NSPE, which allows us to do more with that money at the local level. A strong MSPE and NSPE is good for all licensed Professional Engineers. We are aware of licensure threats and other concerns across the nation. With the dues price reduction, it is a great time to recruit your fellow engineers."



MSPE Members Attend NSPE 2018 Annual Conference Las Vegas, Nevada

"From Wednesday, July 18 to Sunday, July 22, NSPE members and others convened in Las Vegas for the 2018 Professional Engineers Conference. The time included sightseeing, professional development, education, networking, and installation of new officers and board members."
-NSPE website

For additional details on the Conference, go to www.nspe.org/resources/professional-engineers-conference.

Photo From Left to Right:
Breck Washam, Michael Purol, Matt Bedinghaus, Britt Smith, Travis Lowe, Gary Strack, Stacey Meyer and Ron Black



Above: MSPE bowling team celebrates together at the Brooklyn Bowl Event at the NSPE 2018 Annual Conference. **Left to Right:** Melody Black, Ron Black, Gayla Strack, Gary Strack, Marco Arredondo, Nora Arredondo, Stacey Meyer and Matt Bedinghaus.

2019 NSPE Conference Kansas City, Missouri

Mark Your Calendars!

July 17-21, 2019

Kansas City Marriott Downtown



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Professional Engineers Day 2018

Governor Michael L. Parson Recognizes Professional Engineers

Missouri's PE Day 2018 was a hit! A big thank you goes out to Governor Parson for recognizing our Professional Engineers and all of your hard work to make our world a better place. MSPE's social media platform had great positive feedback on P.E. Day, with several NSPE/MSPE members recognizing our society and telling us why they decided to further their careers by becoming Professional Engineers. Go check out what P.E.s across the U.S. had to say on our MSPE Twitter or Instagram @themoengineer, or our MSPE Facebook and LinkedIn outlets!



Ron Black, P.E., PMP
@rblack1700

Why did you become a licensed professional engineer? I decided that engineering was right for me at an early age, but the more I understood the responsibility that comes with engineering, the more committed I became to becoming licensed. #LicensedPEDay @themoengineer



Michael Aitken, P.E., F.NSPE, LEED AP, CxA
@NSPEPrez

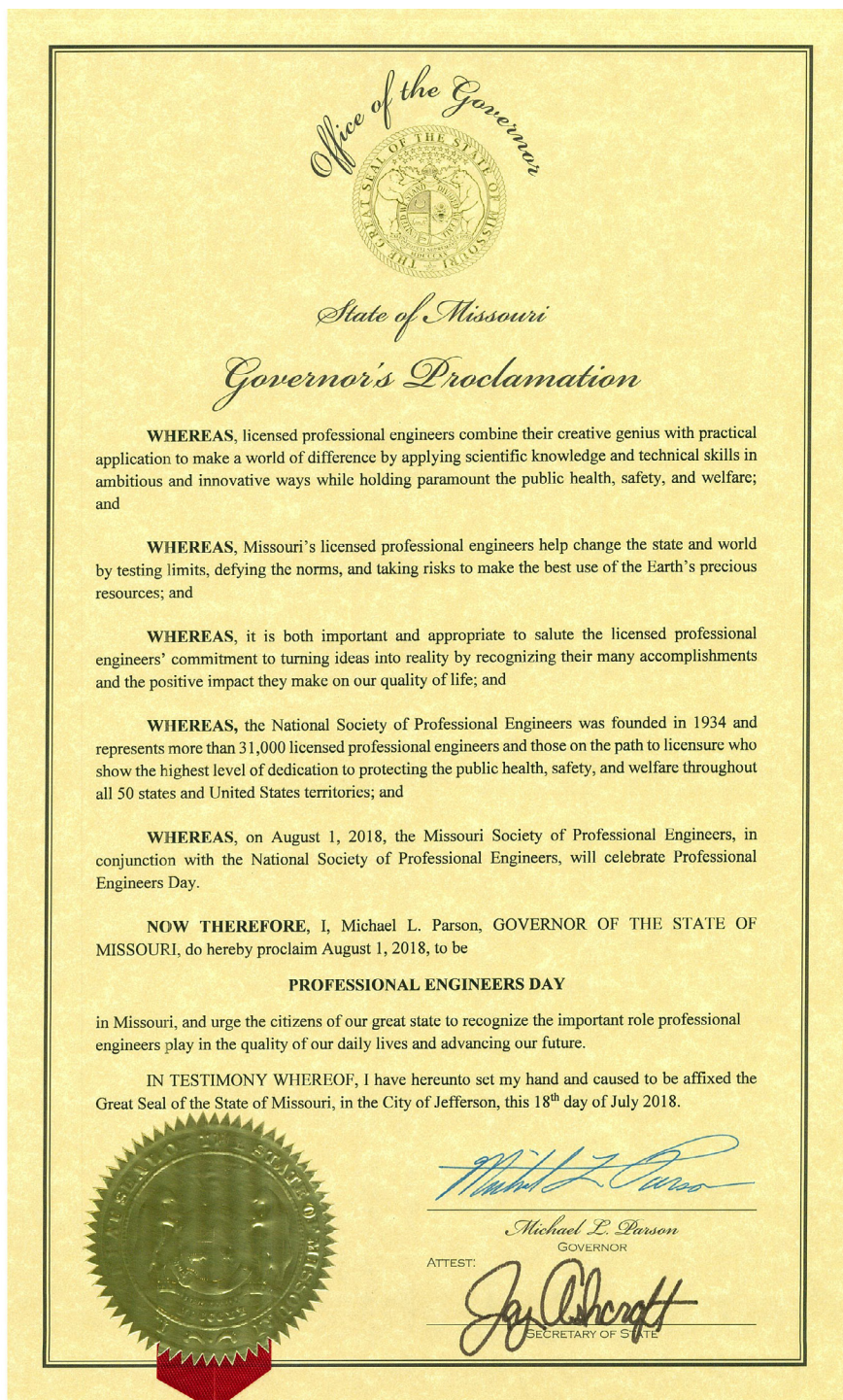
Please help @NSPE celebrate PE Day by letting someone know why you became a Professional Engineer. I became a Professional Engineer to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. The systems we design improve our clients way of life.



Tom Roberts, P.E., F.NSPE, F.ASEE
@NSPEPrez

I became a PE to expand career options - and later understood the incredible value of @KansasEngineer @themoengineer and @NSPE support of ethical practice as my career advanced.

On behalf of MSPE- Thank you PEs for all of the contributions you make towards improving our communities and our world!



August 1, 2018

P.E. Day 2018 on MSPE Social Media



Reached
443
People



Reached
826
People



Reached
Hundreds
of People



Reached
407
People

Becoming a Professional Engineer

Thoughts From Your MSPE Chapter Presidents

Michael Buechter, St. Louis Chapter President

"Being a Civil Engineer, becoming a PE was important to advance my career. But more importantly, I became an Engineer to do something useful and be of service to those around me. These are the thoughts and intents of the NSPE Code of Ethics, that is to, "Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public." By becoming a member of MSPE I am able to associate with others with similar values and to have a voice in the conversation about professional engineering and licensure."



Why did you become a Professional Engineer?

"I became a Professional Engineer because it is one of the highest standards to achieve in the engineering industry. Being known as a PE should carry important recognition and stature when meeting with clients and the community." -Kyle Roberts, Western Chapter President



Kyle Roberts, Western Chapter President

"MSPE is specifically beneficial to PEs in Missouri because they actively work to protect licensure at the state legislature level. Engineering licensure is constantly under attack and is commonly tied to licensure discussions with other professions that do not have the same responsibility to protect public safety and welfare. With so many engineering corporations licensed in Missouri and located in the Midwest, it is important for us to have a body of professionals invested in making sure PEs in the state have a way to get plugged into licensure discussions at the state level, while also promoting engineering in their respective communities."

"To create and innovate." -Michael Jones, Southwest Chapter President

Tim Klein, Northwest Chapter President

When asked what the best benefit about being a PE is to him, Tim Klein said, "Knowing that my Engineering skills exhibit the highest standards of honesty and integrity." When asked why Tim became a Professional Engineer he said, "I wanted to raise my Professional character to a higher level."



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LinkedIn Page

Welcome New Members!

Central Chapter

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Columbia, MO 65201

Ozark Chapter

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Burns & McDonnell
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Western Chapter

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GARVER USA
18621 Hwy C
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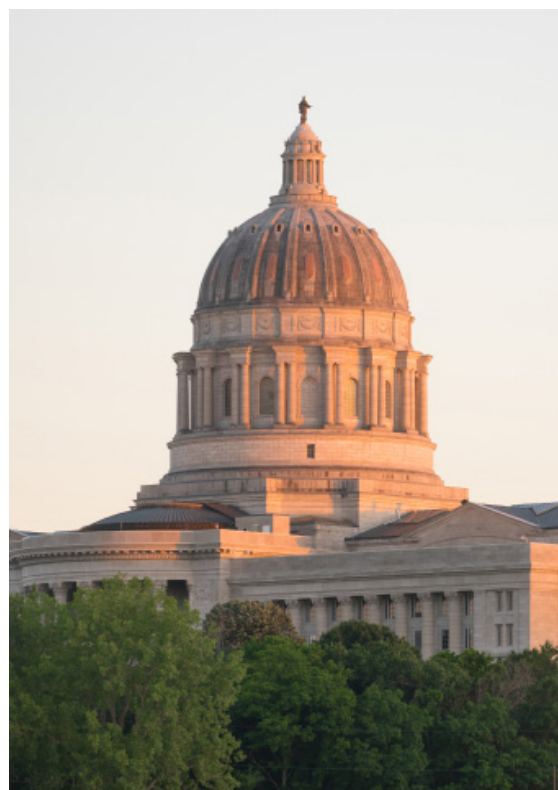
Matthew Buser, E.I.

Burns & McDonnell
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Kansas City, MO 64114

Michael Hanson, P.E.

HDHY Engineering, Inc.
Shawnee, KS 66226

*Member re-joined



Sustaining Organizations

Sustaining Organizations offer your firm:

- *The ability to demonstrate its interest in professional engineering.*
- *An open line of communication with engineering interests throughout Missouri.*
- *Clear indication of your support of the P.E. license and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.*
- *The ability to partner with MSPE to maintain and expand a high level of programs and activities for the benefit of both organizations and its individuals.*

MSPE's Sustaining Organization firms:

A2V Partners, LLC
Springfield, MO

ABNA Engineering, Inc.
St. Louis, MO

Allgeier, Martin & Associates
Joplin, MO

Allstate Consultants LLC
Columbia, MO

Ameren
St. Louis, MO

American Concrete Paving Association
Overland Park, KS

Anderson Engineering, Inc.
Springfield, MO

Black & Veatch
Kansas City and St. Louis, MO

Burns & McDonnell, Inc.
Kansas City and St. Louis, MO

Cook, Flatt & Strobel, Engineers, P.A.
Topeka, KS

Gaskin Hill Norcross, Inc.
Springfield, MO

George Butler Associates, Inc.
Lenexa, KS

Gibbens Drake Scott, Inc.
Raytown, MO

Gredell Engineering Resources, Inc.
Jefferson City, MO

HNTB Corporation
Kansas City, MO

Holmes Murphy
Overland Park, KS

Horner & Shifrin, Inc.
St. Louis, MO

Kuhlmann design Group
St. Louis, MO

Lockton Companies
Kansas City, MO

McClure Engineering Co.
Iowa and Missouri offices

Palmerton & Parrish, Inc.
Springfield, MO

Scurlock Industries
Springfield, MO

Strickland Engineering
Jackson, MO

The Piker-Kulesa Group & RBC Wealth Management
Leawood, KS

Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.
Kansas City, MO

2018 Fall PDH Days

MSPE'S 15TH ANNUAL FALL PDH DAYS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, MO

**December
12-13, 2018**

*Offering 15 hours of
PDH programming!*

MSPE 2018 President's Workshop

Friday, September 14, 2018
10AM - 3PM
MSPE Educational Foundation Building

Registration \$25

Registration/RSVP Form Due by September 7

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

- MSPE Position::
- State Officer
 - State Board of Director Member
 - Chapter President or Other Officer
 - Member

Payment: Online Check

Please make checks payable to MSPE and mail to MSPE, 200 E. McCarty Street, Suite 200, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101. If paying in online, please go to mspe.wildapricot.org.



MSPE 2019 Convention

June 17-19, 2019

Camden at the Lake Resort



Southwest Chapter Barbecue Benefit



Thursday, September 13, 2018

Serving 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Christ's Church of Oronogo

Adult Ticket Price: \$20.00

Children 10 and under are free w/ paid adult

Profits go to the MSPE Southwest Chapter Youth Scholarship Fund for area students.

Contacts for Offline Ticket Purchase:

Bob Sell - 417.880.7351 Michael Keaton - 417.880.7385

Mike Jones - 417.880.7280 Kris Zibert - 417.880.7213

This annual event is held to raise scholarship funds for local students who desire to pursue a career in engineering.

Menu Items:

Meat, side items and dessert.
Tea, coffee and chilled twelve ounce cans of carbonated beverages.

Location:

Christ's Church of Oronogo
22145 Kafir Road
Oronogo, Missouri 64855

No alcohol. Tickets are transferrable. No refunds.

Date:

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Time:

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM CDT

Click here to register.



**Missouri Society of
Professional Engineers**

Save the Date



2018 Fall P.E. Ceremony
2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 29, 2018
Capitol Rotunda, Jefferson City, Missouri

P.E. Certificate Presentation Ceremony

Recognizing Missouri's newly registered professional engineers hosted by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers in conjunction with the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects

For more information see www.mspe.org or contact MSPE Director of Membership Stacey Meyer at smeyer@mspe.org A formal invitation will be emailed at a later date.

Calendar of Events

September 2018

13 Southwest Chapter
BBQ Benefit
Christ's Church of Oronogo,
Oronogo, MO 6:30 - 7:30 pm

14 2018 President's
Workshop
MSPE Educational Foundation
Building, Jeff City, Missouri
10 am - 3 pm

20 Jeff City Chapter
Shrimp Feed and
Wing Ding
Memorial Park, Jefferson City,
MO 5:15 - 8:00 pm

29 2018 Fall P.E. Ceremony
Capitol Rotunda, Jefferson City, MO
2 pm

October 2018

12 MSPE/EF Executive
Committee Meeting
MSPE Educational Foundation
Building, Jeff City, Missouri
10 am - 3 pm

December 2018

12-13 MSPE 15th Annual
Fall PDH Days
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

January 2019

18 MSPE/EF Executive
Committee Meeting
MSPE Educational Foundation
Building, Jeff City, Missouri
10 am - 3 pm

19 BOD Meeting
MSPE Educational Foundation
Building, Jeff City, Missouri
10 am - 3 pm

April 2019

6 MSPE/EF Executive
Committee Meeting
MSPE Educational Foundation
Building, Jeff City, Missouri
10 am - 3 pm

June 2019

17-19 MSPE 2019 Annual
Convention
Camden at the Lake Resort,
Lake Ozark, Missouri

July 2019

17-21 NSPE 2019 Annual
Conference
Kansas City Marriot Downtown,
Kansas City, Missouri

2018 - 2019 St. Louis Chapter Officers Leadership Transfers



Officers for the 2018 - 2019 Year

Past President: Joshua Crews, P.E., PMP, PhD

President: Michael Cuechter, P.E., D.WRE

Vice President: Eric Hayes, E.I.

Treasurer: Rebecca Losli, P.E.

Secretary: Allison Morris, EI

Left Photo: The 2018-2019 Officers.
From Left to Right: Rebecca Losli, Michael Buechter, Joshua Crews, Allison Morris, Eric Hayes.

Chapter Directors

Michael Rademacher, P.E.
Jeremiah King, P.E.
Adam Zuroweste, P.E.
Erin Jearls, P.E.
Marc Eshelman, P.E.
Jennifer Kuchinski, P.E.

State Directors

Breck Washam, P.E.
Jeffrey Hoevelmann, P.E.
Tom Ratzki, P.E.



Above Photo: Attendees of the July 9 MSPE meeting at MSD.

Leadership



Above photo: Michael Buechter, President, presents Joshua Crews, Immediate Past President, with a commemorative MSPE plaque as a thank you for his service.

The 2018-2019 Officers of the St. Louis Chapter of MSPE were installed at the Officer Installation Ceremony held on July 9, 2018 at MSD. Ron Black the MSPE immediate Past-President conducted the ceremony. Dr. Joshua Crews, Immediate Past President, was presented with a plaque for his service to the organization.

2018 Annual Shrimp Feed

Ozark Chapter - August 9, 2018



The MSPE Executive Committee joined hundreds of local engineers and guests at the Ozark Fairgrounds in Springfield, Missouri for the Annual Shrimp Feed. The MSPE Ozark Chapter's Annual Event is one of the largest chapter events in the nation. MSPE thanks the chapter and volunteers for putting on another outstanding event.



Hundreds of people gathered at the Ozark Fair Grounds on August 9 for mounds of shrimp, sandwiches, drinks and live music.

Executive Committee Meeting

August 9, 2018

The Missouri Society of Professional Engineers Executive Committee convened on August 9 in Springfield before the Ozark Chapter's Annual Shrimp Feed. President Michael Purol and the officers reviewed the vast range of initiatives underway in support of the Association's mission.

Purol told the Executive Committee he is implementing plans to keep committees active with specific charges to complete over the next year. During the meeting, the officers approved recommendations brought forward by the By-Laws Committee that will update the Association's By-Laws in accordance to the new NSPE membership model. These changes, led by Committee Chairman John Huss, will be distributed to the Board of Directors and membership for full approval in the coming months.

Purol is looking forward to the Annual President's Workshop slated to take place in Jefferson City on September 14. Purol wants to keep the chapter leaders engaged on state society activity.

Executive Director Travis Lowe provided a comprehensive report on staff activity that covered new staff roles,

increased social media presence, changes for the new fiscal year, as well as the financial report. Lowe reported that the Financial Committee is now receiving a full report of financial documents on a monthly basis for both the society and foundation.

Lowe noted staff is working on event planning for the next year and the contract for the Fall PDH Days is finalized for the December 12-13 event in Jefferson City.

The MSPE Foundation's

Executive Committee spent time reviewing the staff's recommendations regarding capital improvements. The leasing of the vacant space downstairs of the MSPE Foundation's building is a top priority. The Committee approved recommendations for carpet cleaning and repainting of the vacant office space.

The next MSPE Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 12 in Jefferson City.



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