



JEFFERSON CITY CHAPTER **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 Chapter Meeting

The MSPE Jefferson City Chapter Lunch will be Tuesday, November 18, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd. There will be a lunch buffet with a choice of three entrees, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert, tea, lemonade, and coffee. The cost will be \$8 per member. When you pick up your food, please mention that you are with the Engineers Club. We will be meeting in the “Annex” room, through the bar area off the main dining room. Our speaker will be Eric Seaman and he will be discussing drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and materials from last year’s ASCE infrastructure report.

Other Upcoming Meetings , Events, and Miscellaneous Issues

5th Annual Fall Professional Development Days

MSPE’s 5th Annual Fall Professional Development Days will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2 and 3, 2008. This 2-day event provides up to 15 hours of professional development hours (PDH) for your P.E. licensure renewal at less than \$40 per PDH unit. Scheduled program topics include the following:

Day One Topics: Nuclear Energy: Generating Electricity for Missouri’s Future, Utility Scale Wind Generation, Legal Considerations When Designing Storm Sewers, Line Route Selection for Transmission Lines, The Past, Present, and Future of Cellular Communications, and Floor Slabs & Moisture Testing.

Day Two Topics: Design Aspects of Levees, Business Ethics, Plan Review from the Reviewer’s Perspective, and Internet Security.

Pre-registration is required as classroom space is limited and the deadline for registration is by 5 p.m. on Friday November 21, 2008. Lodging is available at a cost of \$79 plus tax until November 1, 2008. Call 573-635-1234 or 1-800-338-8088 to make a room reservation. A copy of the registration form is provided at the end of this newsletter for your convenience. For any questions, please contact the MSPE office at 573-636-4861.

Annual Spouse’s Meeting

The Annual Spouse’s Meeting will held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Summit Lake Winery, Norton Room. The cost for the event is \$11 per person excluding any alcoholic drinks ordered. The entertainment includes a wine tasting

presentation provided by the Missouri Wine & Grape Board. Please RSVP to Ashley Reinkemeyer at Ashley.Reinkemeyer@modot.mo.gov or (573) 751-3728 by Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Chapter Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th at the Doubletree. More details on the event will be forthcoming.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the MSPE Building on East McCarty. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Results of Chapter Meeting Lunch Location Survey

In October, Jefferson City Chapter Members were asked to complete a survey soliciting opinions on using McAlister's Deli as the lunch venue for the monthly chapter meetings. The past several monthly chapter meetings have been held at McAlister's Deli and the Chapter Officers were interested in your opinions on whether to continue to meet at McAlister's for the next few months, or to look for a new lunch venue for the chapter meetings. The survey consisted of the following four (4) questions:

1. How well do you like having monthly MSPS lunch meetings at McAlister's Deli? (on a scale of 1 to 10)
2. Do you feel the lunch price of \$10.00 is reasonable? (on a scale of 1 to 10)
3. What, if anything, do you dislike about having MSPE lunch meetings at McAlister's Deli?
4. What restaurant or venue would you suggest for MSPE lunch meetings?

A total of 24 members responded to the survey and generally people do like McAlister's, but the comments showed that most people feel it is too crowded and the room is probably too small for our group. The responses to question 2 varied more, but generally most considered the price of \$10 for lunch to be acceptable. A number of alternate lunch meeting locations were suggested including the Eagle's Club, American Legion, Panera Bread, Ryan's, Ria's, Doubletree Hotel, Bingham's, and the MSPE building. Chapter President Ashley Coffman, P.E. will be checking out some of the alternate meeting locations for the November meeting.

Past Events and Meetings

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 Chapter Meeting

The MSPE Jefferson City Chapter Lunch was held at McAlister's Deli in Jefferson City on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Matthew Davis with MoDOT was the speaker and he discussed the MoDOT civil engineering recruiting process, how the recruiting season went this year as compared with previous years, if there has been an increase or decrease in the interest of engineers and if there has been a change in the demographics of recruits over the years.

Pictures of the October 28, 2008 meeting are below.



Top Left and Right: MSPE Chapter meeting attendees listen attentively to Mathew Davis, HR Specialist from MoDOT as he talks about the civil engineering recruiting process and how the recruiting season went this year as compared with previous years.

Bottom Left and Right: MSPE Chapter meeting attendees enjoy their lunch before the presentation.

Friday October 24, 2008 PE Ceremony

The PE Ceremony for newly registered engineers was held on Friday, October 24, 2008 at the Capitol Rotunda followed by a cookie and punch reception. MSPE honored each of the fifteen new P.E.'s attending by presenting them with a certificate before their family and friends. Past JC Chapter President Haskins Hopkins, P.E. served as the Master of Ceremonies and MSPE President Charles Powell, P.E. read the Engineer' Oath to the new P.E.s. Dr. Paul Munger, P.E. Professor Emeritus from M.S. & T. helped convey the special responsibilities taken on by the newly licensed professional engineers while Judy Kemper, Executive Director for the licensing board, helped communicate the annual responsibilities for keeping P.E. licenses current.

Congratulations to all the newly Certified P.E.'s, including JC Chapter President Ashley Coffman, P.E. Pictures of the ceremony are provided below and some of those who volunteered their time to help at the ceremony included:

Christina Baker, P.E.
David Bange, P.E.
Chris Criswell, P.E.

Haskins Hobson, P.E.
Art Rice, P.E.
Jason Sommerer, P.E.



Top: Volunteers Jason Sommerer, P.E and Tony Gott, P.E. help MSPE Membership Director Marla Day register new Professional Engineers for the ceremony at the Capitol rotunda on Friday, October 24th.
Bottom: Fifteen new P.E.'s get their license in the MSPE ceremony, including JC Chapter President Ashley Coffman, P.E. (second from left of the podium on the bottom left).

Membership Update

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member, Theron Broadfoot, E.I. Membership is vital for our society. If you know someone who is not a member of MSPE, give them an application and invite them to a meeting. An application is also available online at

<http://www.mspe.org/membership.html>. First time attendees, member or not, will receive a free lunch. Also be sure to tell them about the Professional Development Hours (PDH) opportunities and the other benefits of being a part of MSPE.

Request for Educational Foundation Donations

The MSPE Educational Foundation needs your donations. The MSPE Educational Foundation provides a tax deductible way for members to benefit the educational outreach activities of our society. It is important to have the resources to reach out to the younger people. We hear frequently that there will be a shortage of engineers in the future and many kids never know that their interest in building, and fixing, and calculating, and discovering can be developed into a wonderful career in engineering. A tax-deductible donation is also a way to help MSPE when you do not have the time to be more actively involved. Please send your donations to:

Jefferson City Chapter MSPE
Attn: Education Foundation
P.O. Box 662
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0662

5th
Annual

Fall PDH Days



Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2 and 3, 2008
Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty St., Jefferson City, Missouri



- 15 PDH Credits in 2 days
- Less than \$40 per PDH unit
- Lunch and breaks included in registration fee
- Lodging available at \$79 plus tax until November 1, 2008
- For room reservations call 573-635-1234 or 1-800-338-8088

Program Topics

• Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Registration, 7:30 - 8 am • Nuclear Energy: Generating Electricity for Missouri's Future, 8-9 am • Utility Scale Wind Generation, 9-10 am • Break, 10-10:15 am • Legal Considerations When Designing Storm Sewers, 10:15-12:15 • Lunch, 12:15 - 1pm • Line Route Selection for Transmission Lines, 1-3 pm • The Past Present and Future of Cellular Communications, 3:15-4:15 pm • Floor Slabs & Moisture Testing, 4:15-5:15 •

• Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Registration, 7:30 - 8 am • Design Aspects of Levees, 8-10 am • Break, 10-10:15 am • Business Ethics 10:15 am - 12:15 pm • Lunch 12:15-1 pm • Plan Review from the Reviewer's Perspective, 1:00-2:00 pm • Internet Security, 2 - 4 pm •



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FALL PDH DAYS REGISTRATION FORM

To register complete this form and mail or fax to:
MSPE, 200 E. McCarty Street, Suite 200, Jefferson City, MO 65101 FAX: 573-636-5475

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Check Enclosed (Make checks payable to MSPE)

Bill My Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Discover

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: Month _____ Year _____

Cardholders Name: _____

Signature: _____

Please check session attendance below:

MSPE Member Single-Day: \$225.00

MSPE Member Both Days: \$400.00

Attend and Join Single Day: \$425.00

Attend and Join Both Days: \$600.00

Non-Member Single-Day: \$450.00

Non-Member Both Days: \$800.00

Circle PDH Session: Tuesday or Wednesday

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Registration Deadline

5 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2008

Questions: Call 573-636-4861