



JEFFERSON CITY CHAPTER APRIL NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 Chapter Meeting

The MSPE Jefferson City Chapter Lunch for May will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at the American Legion at 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd. The meeting will be in the “Annex” room, through the bar area off the main dining room. The meeting will be a lunch buffet with a choice of entrees, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert, and your choice of tea, lemonade, or coffee to drink. The cost will be \$8 per member and please mention that you are with the Engineers Club when you pick up your food. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Ashley Reinkemeyer by Friday, May 22, 2009. Ashley can be reached by email at ashley.reinkemeyer@modot.mo.gov or by phone at (573) 751-3728.

The speaker for the meeting will be Eric Schroeter, P.E., MoDOT District 5 Assistant District Engineer and he will be discussing the 2007 Jefferson Street Bridge Closure Project over US 54 in Jefferson City. In November 2007, a tanker truck full of fuel crashed on Route 54. The explosion damaged the Jefferson Street Overpass so severely that it had to be demolished and rebuilt. To minimize the impact to the city's traffic, the project was completed in one month, despite very poor weather conditions and the holiday season.

Thursday, May 28, 2009, Joint MSPE/ASCE BBQ

Our joint ASCE/MSPE BBQ will be held on Thursday, May 28th at the Riverside Park Pavilion. Additional details on the BBQ can be found on the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Past Events and Meetings

Friday, April 17, 2009 P.E. Certificate Presentation Ceremony

The PE Ceremony for newly registered engineers was held on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Capitol Rotunda followed by a cookie and punch reception. MSPE honored each of the twelve new P.E.'s attending the ceremony by presenting them with a certificate before their family and friends. Jefferson City Chapter President Ashley Coffman, P.E. served as the Master of Ceremonies and MSPE Vice President Benjamin Ross, 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, communicated the annual responsibilities for keeping P.E. licenses current.

Congratulations to all the newly Certified P.E.'s. Pictures of the ceremony and the speakers for the event are provided below. JC Chapter members, David Bange, P.E., Don Neumann, P.E., Art Rice, P.E., and Jason Sommerer, P.E. volunteered their time to help at the ceremony.



Top Picture: Twelve new P.E.'s get their license in the MSPE ceremony. JC Chapter President Ashley Coffman, P.E. speaks from the podium on right.
 Middle Left/Right: New P.E.s and their family and friends listen to the speakers during the ceremony.

Bottom Left: The speakers for the ceremony (listed from left to right): MSPE Vice President Benjamin Ross, P.E., Master of Ceremonies Ashley Coffman, P.E., Judy Kemper, Executive Director for the Licensing Board, and Dr. Paul Munger, P.E. Professor Emeritus from M.S. & T.

Bottom Right: Volunteers Jason Sommerer, P.E, MSPE Membership Director Marla Day and Andy Bonderer, P.E. from the Central Chapter listen to the speakers at the ceremony at the Capitol rotunda on Friday, April 17th.

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The MSPE Jefferson City Chapter Lunch for April was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the American Legion at 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd. Cody Dailey, P.E., S.E., with Trabue Hansen and Hinshaw Inc. was the main speaker. He discussed the proposed changing requirements for professional licensure for those practicing in the structural engineering field due to the increasing body of knowledge required to practice in this field and as new projects include more complex designs, building materials, serviceability requirements, seismic performance criteria, and project deliver methods. The presentation included a discussion regarding the debate on what should be the minimum educational standards required for PE licensure and the criteria other states are requiring to practice structural engineering in the U.S.

Britt Smith, P.E., also briefly discussed MSPE’s state only membership initiative. He explained the possibility of allowing a two-tiered (state & chapter) membership instead of the traditional three tiered (national, state & chapter) membership and the upcoming vote in June concerning changing the governance bylaws. Those in attendance, along with pictures of the speakers are provided below.

Bob Anderson, P.E.
 Bob Atkinson, P.E.
 David Bange, P.E.
 Larry Benz, P.E.
 Theron Broadfoot
 Ed Bybee, P.E.
 Ashley Coffman, P.E.
 Chris Criswell, P.E.
 Cody Dailey, P.E (speaker)
 Garrett Depue

Frank Dolan, P.E.
 Emad Faddoul, P.E.
 Bill Fanska P.E.
 Mike Fritz, P.E.
 Bob Gilbert, P.E.
 Guy Gilbert, P.E.
 Jennifer Harper, P.E.
 Dan Maxwell, P.E.
 Ed Moody, P.E.
 Don Neumann, P.E.

Ashley Reinkemeyer, E.I.
 Art Rice, P.E.
 Britt Smith, P.E. (speaker)
 Jason Sommerer, P.E.
 Charlie Stieffermann, P.E.
 Micah Taylor, P.E.
 Shane Wade, P.E.
 Bill Washburn, P.E.



Left: Britt Smith, P.E. discusses the possible change to a two-tiered (state & chapter) membership.
 Right: Cody Dailey, P.E., S.E. discusses the current status and debate for changes regarding the minimum educational standards required for the PE licensure to practice structural engineering.

Membership Update

Please extend a warm welcome to Edmund Moody, P.E. of MODOT and Micah Taylor with the City of Jefferson who have recently joined the Jefferson City Chapter.

Also please remember that membership is vital for our society. If you know someone who is not a member of MSPE, please give them an application and invite them to attend a meeting. The 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



MSPE/ASCE BBQ

Date: Thursday, May 28th

**Location: Riverside Pavilion at Ellis Porter Park
(Grant St. at Edwards St., Jefferson City, MO)**

Agenda:

**4:00pm – 5:00pm Tour of Missouri American Water Plant
(909 West Main, Jefferson City, MO)**

- Given by Steve Ridenhour, Operation Supervisor
- Please arrive at the plant before 4:00pm

5:00pm – 6:00pm Happy Hour

- Enjoy drinks donated by CMPS
- Play washers

6:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner

7:00pm – 8:00pm Presentation

Trent Brooks, PE, MoDOT District 5 Project Manager, will speak about the Stimulus Funding and the proposed changes to the Missouri Blvd., MO 179 and US 50 intersection/interchange from the Stimulus Funding.

Menu:

Barbequed/Grilled Hamburgers and Bratwurst
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips and Cookies
Any additional side or dessert is welcome
(if you bring a side or dessert \$2 will be taken off of your total cost)

Cost: \$10/adult and \$3/child

Spouses/significant others/guests/children are welcome

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 26th with number attending
to Ashley Reinkemeyer at
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or 573-751-3728**

