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Zitterkopf Installed As MSPE President

Ronald E. Zitterkopf, P.E. was installed as president of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers at the Annual Banquet event on Saturday, June 17, 2006 during MSPE's 69th Annual Convention in Springfield, Missouri.

Bernard (Bernie) Berson, P.E. conducted the installation ceremony. Also installed were Vice President Charles E. Powell, P.E., Treasurer Benjamin A. Ross, P.E. and Immediate Past President Brad R. Parrish, P.E. President-Elect Ronald Kadane, P.E. was unable to attend.

MSPE's new president is Vice-President of Black Veatch Corporation and Executive Vice President of B&V International with over 35 years experience in the management and execution of projects. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engi-

neering from the University of Nebraska and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri. Ron is a licensed professional engineer in Missouri, three other states, Puerto Rico and India and is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. He is past president and past state director of Western Chapter and has also held various positions in the MSPE-PEPP practice division including the chairman's position in 1998-99, and was the 1979 MSPE Young Engineer of the Year. In addition to MSPE, Ron is also affiliated with numerous engineering and law professional associations including serving nationally as a past chairman of the Engineers Joint Contracts Document Committee. Ron and his wife, Cynthia, have two daughters.



Incoming NSPE President-Elect Bernie Berson installs Missouri's 2006-2007 officers (standing, from left to right) Immediate Past President Brad R. Parrish, P.E., Treasurer Benjamin A. Ross, P.E., Vice President Charles E. Powell, P.E. and President Ronald E. Zitterkopf, P.E. during the Annual Banquet at the society's 69th Annual Convention held in Springfield, Missouri.

Lunch With The Governor

MSPE members attending the Annual Convention on Friday, June 16, 2006 were treated to the rare treat of having Missouri's Governor Matt Blunt in attendance. The Governor discussed his plan for improving Mathematics, Engineering, Technology and Science education in the state.



The Community Service Project

WHO:
All MSPE Chapters

WHAT:
Raise 66-pounds of food for the needy in response to MSPE's Annual Convention Community Service Project Challenge

WHEN:
MSPE's 69th Annual Convention
June 15-17, 2006

WHERE:
Springfield, MO at the beginning point of historic Route 66

WHY:
To make a difference and "Promote Community Service"



Neil Brady, P.E., Charles Powell, P.E. and David Howe, P.E. finish loading the 1412.65 pounds collected during the Annual Convention Community Service Project bound for the Ozark Food Harvest to feed the needy.

MSPE Shows 1412 lbs Of "Can Do" Spirit Southwest Chapter Wins Food Drive With 611.25 Pounds

By Cherie Bishop
Editor, The Missouri Engineer

It was a simple plan, have MSPE's Chapters and the MSPE staff each raise 66-pounds of food to be donated to the needy through the Ozarks Food Harvest.

To the 2006 Annual Convention Community Service Project coordinators, the goal of 660-pounds was lofty, but definitely reachable. But no one guessed MSPE members' generosity would bring 1,412.65 pounds of food.

Southwest Chapter won the "Can Do" Award, a unique loving cup perched on top of a Campbell's tomato soup can and mounted on a black base, for bringing in 611.25 pounds of food. Encouraged to be creative in meeting the food drive goal, Southwest Chapter collected monetary donations from members'

and the chapter's friends of the society before going shopping for a truck load of bargains.

The remaining 800-plus pounds were donated by: Western Chapter, 201.25 pounds; Northwest Chapter, 181.65 pounds; Ozark Chapter, 178.05 pounds; St. Louis Chapter, 131.30 pounds; Central Chapter, 86.90 pounds; MSPE Staff, etc. 26.25 pounds.

Because of the food drive's immense success, plans are already underway for a "second annual" food drive as the Community Service Project for the 2007 Annual Convention in Kansas City, Missouri on June 21-23, 2007.



Kurt Higgins, P.E. (left) accepts the "Can Do" Award presented to him by David Howe, P.E. to recognize the 611.25 pounds of food collected by Southwest Chapter for the Annual Convention Community Service project food drive.

Extra Mile Resolution

Kenneth Epperson (below, right) is presented the Extra Mile Resolution by MSPE President Brad Parrish, P.E. for his unselfish-service to MSPE in trying to revitalize the Northeast Missouri Chapter during the Annual Banquet event at the society's 69th Annual Convention.



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David Howe, P.E. (left), Annual Convention Community Service Project Coordinator along with Annual Convention Chair Charles Powell, P.E. (center) and MSPE President Brad Parrish display the final results of the food drive.

Board of Director Representatives and Young Engineer Elected

In accordance with the society's bylaws, two members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and a Young Engineer representative were elected to serve a one-year term on the Executive Committee.

Selected as BOD representatives were Kurt Higgins, P.E. of Southwest Chapter and Kevin A. Rohner, P.E. of Western Chapter. Steven M. Linehan, E.I.T. of Western Chapter will be the Young Engineer representative.

Kurt Higgins, P.E. is a civil engineer and project manager for Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in Joplin, Missouri. He graduated with a BSCE from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1994. This is Kurt's second term as a BOD Representative. A member of MSPE since 1995, he is a past Southwest Chapter President and PEPP Chairman and has served on several Chapter and State Committees, including chairing the Publications Committee this year. Kurt and his wife, JoAnn, have two sons, Jacob and Hayden.



Kevin A. Rohner, P.E. is an Assistant Vice President and Associate with TranSystems Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri and has over 26 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. He earned a B.S degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University and is a



licensed Professional Engineer in Missouri and three other states. Kevin joined MSPE over 25 years ago and is Past President and State Director of Western Chapter. He has served on the MSPE Annual Convention Planning Committee for two years. Kevin is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Public Works Association and has been active in both professional and civic organizations. He and his wife, Kathy, have one son and one daughter. Golf and flying are Kevin's hobbies.

Steven M. Linehan, E.I.T is a highway design engineer for HNTB Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri. Steve, a 2004 graduate of Kansas State University, has been working for HNTB for a little over year working mostly with roadway design. He works daily figuring

roadside elements and their implementation in the overall project. Steve and his wife, Amanda, have been married for two years. They have a dog, two rabbits, and a house renovation project that keep them active and entertained.



PEPP Award Winners

Lee's Summit Public Works ... Dena Metzger, P.E. (pictured at left) accepts the MSPE QBS Award from MSPE-PEPP Vice Chair Charles Powell, P.E. which is given to recognize the City of Lee's Summit for their use of Qualifications-Based Selection methods to procure professional design services. Pictured at right, Kevin Skibiski, P.E. (on the left) accepts MSPE-PEPP Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to promoting the role of professional engineers in private practice.



President and First Lady Recognition

2005-2006 MSPE President Brad Parrish, P.E. (pictured at left) accepts the President's Plaque from Incoming President Ronald E. Zitterkopf and First Lady Cora Parrish (pictured at right) listens to words of appreciation from Incoming President Zitterkopf before receiving a thank-you gift from the society.



Chapter President Certificates and Pins were presented by MSPE 2005-2006 President Brad Parrish, P.E. (second from left) to Northwest Chapter President Jerry McDonald, P.E., St. Louis Chapter President Breck Washam, P.E. and Southwest Chapter President Michael Atkinson, P.E. during the Board of Directors meeting

Alysen Abel Is Young Engineer Of The Year

Alysen Abel, P.E. was awarded the 2006 Young Engineer of the Year during the Annual Banquet at MSPE's Annual Convention in Springfield, Missouri.

The award acknowledges outstanding service to MSPE, the engineering profession and the community. As the society's Young Engineer of the Year, Alysen becomes Missouri's nominee for the 2007 Young Engineer of the Year presented by the National Society of Professional Engineers.



Alysen Abel, P.E. receives MSPE's 2006 Young Engineer of the Year award from 2005 recipient Benjamin A. Ross, P.E.

Chosen in February as Western Chapter's Young Engineer of the Year, Alysen is employed at Peridian Group, Inc. in Gardner, Kansas where she serves as Project Manager on various municipal roadways and storm sewer projects. Alysen received her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Evansville in May 1999 and her Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the University of Kansas in December 2004. She is a registered Professional Engineer in Kansas and Missouri.

Alysen has been very active in the Western Chapter of MSPE volunteering for the Bridge Building contest and editor of the newsletter. She is currently serving as Chair for the Chapter's Engineers Week Committee and is also a member of the state Annual Convention Planning Committee.

Alysen has an extensive resume of professional involvement in several engineering societies. She has served on the board of directors for the American Society of Civil Engineers. In 2005, Alysen served as President of the American Society for Engineering Management. She is also involved in the American Public Works Association, the Engineers Club of Kansas City, and the National Association of Women in Construction.

St. Louis Chapter Young Engineer of the Year Jason S. Dohrmann, P.E., a project manager with Howard R. Green Company's St. Louis, Missouri office, was also recognized as a state candidate.

Missouri MATHCOUNTS 20th In Nation West Junior High Wins 3rd Straight State Competition

By Cliff Jarvis, P.E.
State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator

Missouri MATHCOUNTS completed the 2006 season with a 20th place finish in the National MATHCOUNTS event held during May in Arlington, VA.

The top four Missouri MATHLETES® and top team coach advanced to compete in National MATHCOUNTS following the State competition, which was held at the Havener Center on the UMR campus on March 25.

A total of 132 students representing 44 schools from across Missouri competed at this year's event. Congratulations to all of the students and coaches.

The top three teams were:

First Place

West Junior High School -Columbia
Coached by Mike Rowson

Second Place

Pembroke Hill - Kansas City
Coached by Alexis Vienne

Third place

Central Junior High School - Cape Girardeau
Coached by Mary LeGrand
and the top four individuals were:

First Place

George Yu, 8th grade
Saeger Middle School
Coached by Michael Van Beers

Second place

Amadeus Zhu 8th grade
West Junior High School
Coached by Mike Rowson

Third place

Michael Zhao, 7th grade
Parkway Southwest Middle School
Coached by Jill Lauer

Fourth place

Owen Hill, 7th grade
Central Junior High School
Coached by Mary LeGrand



Missouri's State MATHCOUNTS team (from left to right) Michael Zhao, Owen Hill, George Yu and Amadeus Zhu pose with MSPE State Coordinator Cliff Jarvis, P.E. (back row, left) and State Coach Mike Rowson (back row, right) of West Junior High School in Columbia at the National MATHCOUNTS banquet.

This was West Junior High School's third consecutive first place finish and George Yu's second top four finish. Congratulations to Coach Rowson and George for their remarkable success.

George also finished 11th in the National MATHCOUNTS event and Michael finished 40th out of 228 students. As a team, Missouri finished 20th out of 57 teams. Daesun Yim from New Jersey was the 2006 National MATHCOUNTS champion and Virginia took the top team honors.

The MATHCOUNTS Committee would like to thank 3M - Missouri for their continued support of the Missouri MATHCOUNTS program. Their financial support provided lunch for the students, coaches and volunteers at the State event. The 3M Foundation also provided a new large MATHCOUNTS banner that was used as a backdrop for the photo session at the State competition and provided

shirts for the State Team to wear at the National event.

The committee also extends their appreciation to MSPE's Professional Engineers in Government (PEG) and Professional Engineers in Private Practice (PEPP) for their financial support of our program. Once again this year, PEG provided \$50 US Savings Bonds to each member of the 1st Place team. PEPP pledged \$400 to offset costs of the State competition. A tremendous debt of gratitude is also owed to the many volunteers, both members and non-members, that make the Chapter and State events possible. Without their help our MATHCOUNTS program would be less effective in completing its mission.

Chapter competitions are held in February each year and the State event is in March. Contact your Chapter coordinator for volunteer opportunities or contact cjarvis@ess-inc.com for more information.



Missouri MATHCOUNTS Top 10 place finishers (front row, from left to right) Owen Hill, Michael Zhao, Amadeus Zhu, George Yu, Tasmeen Hussain (back row, from left to right) Christian Dzurny, Luke Barr, Sam Site, Gautam Anand and Grant Gates.

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2006 President's Workshop

Chapter Development Day Building A Bridge Between Chapters and State

On Friday, August 25, 2006, twenty-three state officers and chapter representatives met in the MSPE office to discuss ways of improving member value and benefit.

A special session aimed at Strengthening Chapters was facilitated by Donald L. Hiatte, P.E. (MSPE and NSPE Past President), Fred E. Palmerton, P.E., Missouri's member of the NSPE House of Delegates, presented What's Happening at NSPE and Dale Siebeneck, CPA of Evers and Company discussed finance and accounting practices. Printed below are the workshop notes.

Strengthening Round-Table Topics Facilitator: Donald L. Hiatte, P.E.

Growing MSPE's Membership

How Did You Become A MSPE Member?

- 1 Supervisor/mentor at work encouraged
- 2 Professors promoted becoming a P.E.
- 3 Colleague/peer invited
- 4 Student member
- 5 Joined after seeing MSPE informational table after taking PE Exam
- 6 Peers set example of professional affiliation

- 7 Joined for business development/networking opportunities
- 8 Employer recognition of newly licensed P.E.
- 9 PDH Opportunities
- 10 Culture of the work place/firm expectation to join MSPE

How we become involved shows a need to feel wanted/needed. It also shows that involvement in MSPE begins at the chapter level. As we try to increase membership, we need to think about "Is what brought you to MSPE still going to work today,"

Is the chapter still important professionally? (Ask yourself "what is the value" of MSPE)

- 1 Important for leadership development of the individual
- 2 Helps promote the profession
- 3 Without MSPE we would become technicians or a commodity instead of a profession
- 4 Necessary because colleges are not stressing the importance of professionalism



Donald L. Hiatte, P.E. facilitates the workshop discussion on strengthening chapters.

- 5 Important for networking/business contacts

Need to recognize the societal changes that have taken place over the years and that different generations of professional engineers have different needs/interests.

"Be the change in the world that you want to happen."

What Makes MSPE Unique?

- 1 PDHs on management skills
- 2 Focus on leadership/ethics and business development
- 3 Lobby for the profession – top of the line lobbying group for engineers – protection of the profession
- 4 Networking opportunities – MSPE encompasses all practice areas
- 5 Family friendly

Need to think about why you belong to MSPE and understand that the focus for becoming a member is changing. Should we promote "put us on your resume"?

Also lack of understanding among some of who/what MSPE is/does? And relationship between MSPE/ACECMo is somewhat blurred ... best definition MSPE is composed of individual engineers and ACECMo is composed of firms.

Building Stronger Chapters Ideas To Strengthen Chapters

- 1 Public ceremonies for leadership/installations
- 2 Hold joint meeting with other client based organizations
- 3 Get boss to attend – invite them to be program speaker
- 4 Focus activities on cost/benefit

State Society Support

Would It Be Advantageous To Survey Chapter Presidents for Questions/Input Prior to the Executive Committee meetings?

- 1 Yes, need the interaction
- 2 Input could be provided via email communication
- 3 Distribute Executive Committee minutes to the chapters – two-way communication

Each chapter was provided a copy of the State and Chapter Leader Handbook which gives detailed information on NSPE, MSPE and Chapter Organization and Membership Program Ideas. Chapter officers were encouraged to review the staff responsibilities listed in Chapter 2 to become familiar with the staff.



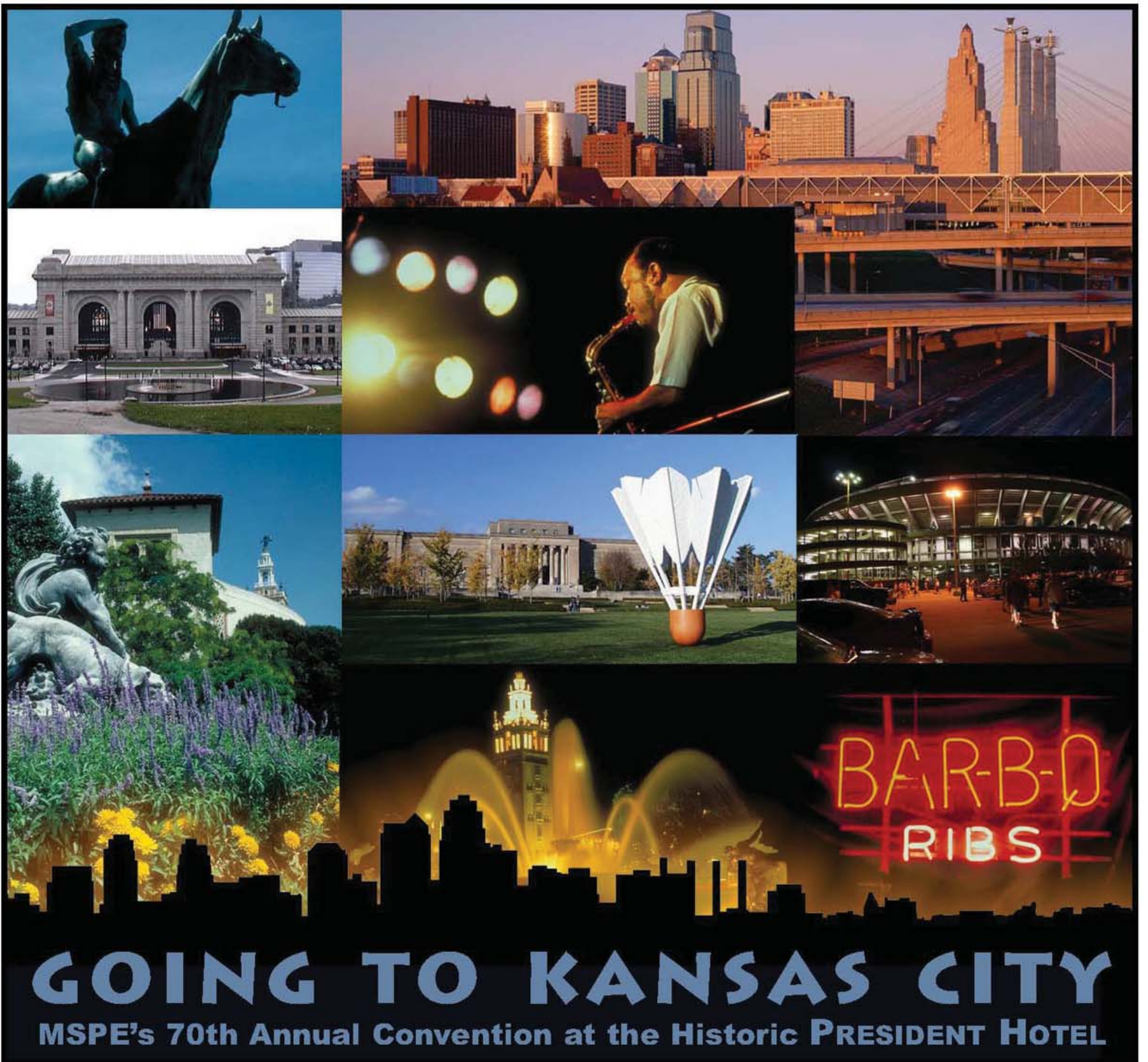
MSPE President Ronald E. Zitterkopf, P.E. explains the focus of the 2006 President's Workshop is on chapter development and building a bridge between chapters and state.

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Business law professor Andrew Urich discusses Influence, Negotiation and Ethics tactics.



NSPE General Counsel Arthur E. Schwartz presides over a seminar on Engineering Ethics: You Be The Judge during MSPE's 69th Annual Convention in Springfield, Missouri.

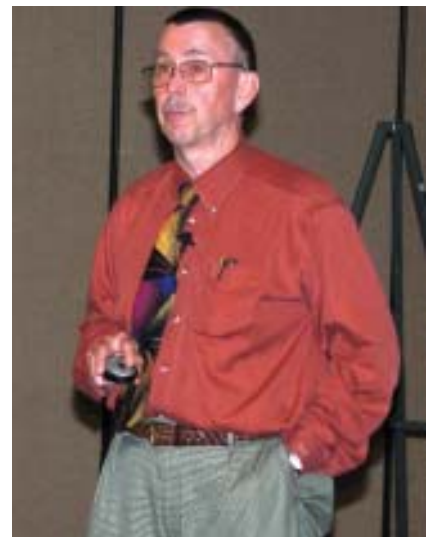


Richard Frueh, P.E. (standing) moderates a panel discussion Dam Safety.



Pete Rahn, MoDOT Director, above, talks about building confidence in the department through the Smoother, Safer, Sooner campaign to improve Missouri's roadways.

Dr. Richard Stephenson, P.E., below, explains how University of Missouri-Rolla engineering students are developing international partnerships with disadvantaged communities through Engineers Without Borders.



Bob Garcia of The Insurance Exchange presents tips on Successful Project Delivery.



MoAPELSA Executive Director Judy Kempker talks about proposed changes to the registration law that will affect professional engineer licensure while Engineering Division Director Cheri Leigh, P.E. and Architectural Board Member Charles Hill, AIA provide their input.



Larry J. Phillips, P.E. (front row with the ballcap), directs engineers on a walking tour of the Springfield Cardinals ballpark chosen as the 2004 Ballpark of the Year.

MSPE 2006 Annual Convention 

Social Events



Missouri Governor Matt Blunt and Incoming President Ronald E. Zitterkopf, P.E. converse at the Engineers Lunch about the Governor's Mathematics, Engineering, Technology and Science initiative.

Take MSPE Out To The Springfield Cardinals Baseball Game was the theme for the annual Friday Fun Night at the 2006 Annual Convention. At right, Marie Collins, P.E., Ron Zitterkopf, P.E. and Karen Stelling, P.E. enjoy a break during the game. Below, members enjoy a picnic dinner at the ballpark.



Past President Marie Collins, P.E. (pictured in the foreground at left) visits with Past President Fred Palmerton, P.E. and his wife, Rae Jean.



Past President Kevin Skibiski, P.E. (second from left) and his wife, Jeannie, socialize with NSPE President-Elect Bernie Berson, P.E. and NSPE General Counsel Arthur Schwartz.

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The Peabodys Band from Kansas City perform hit rock'n' roll tunes at the Presidents Dance to conclude the activities of MSPE's 69th Annual Convention.



MSPE members and their families were "getting their kicks on Route 66" during the opening reception of the 69th Annual Convention by playing pin pall, hearing the oldies hit parade on a jukebox, and viewing classic cars (photo at right). Bill Anthony, P.E. and his wife, Linda, pose for a picture before an old fashioned soda shoppe backdrop (center photo) while Jerry Campbell, P.E. and his wife, Wally, (photo at left) visit with Missouri Route 66 Association members



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President's Workshop

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MSPE Web Site

Do you have suggestions to improve MSPE's web site? How can be made it more useful?

- 1 Possibly set up a list-serve for chapter presidents to communicate with each other, in2 Timely posting of information
- 3 Automatic email reminders of chapter events
- 4 Blast email

Fiscal State of the Society and Foundation
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- Reconcile your records to the bank statement
- Use a system of checks/balances to prevent/eliminate any chance of fraud
- Endorse checks with proper chapter identification and rank/office
- Retain your tax records permanently

IRS Status

501(c)(6) vs. 501(c)(3)

- MSPE is organized as a 501(c)(6) professional or trade organization composed of a group of people with a common business/professional interest, usually not-for-profit. This IRS designation includes Chapters and does not exempt the state or chapter from paying normal sales tax on products or services.
- MSPE Educational Foundation is orga-



Dale A. Siebeneck, CPA discusses MSPE's incorporation and IRS filing requirements.

nized as a 501(c)(3) for charitable purposes, sales tax exempt, donations are tax deductible

Group Exemption

Chapters are organized as an entity of the MSPE parent organization through an IRS Group Exemption. The major benefit of the group exemption is that chapters do not pay taxes on membership dues income and related income such as sponsors for events – only on non-dues type income (Unrelated Business Income – advertising, etc.)

To retain the group exemption each chapter must have:

- A tax identification number
- A permanent mailing address
- Administrative & fiscal year from July 1 to June 30
- Bylaws in concert with the state society
- 5. Chapters cannot contribute 501(c)(6) funds for campaign contributions.
- 6. Funds from the chapter or state 501(c)(3) Educational Foundation cannot be

used to support 501(c)(6) activities. However, funds from the 501(c)(6) can support 501(c)(3) activities.

IRS Filing Requirements

Filing deadline for June 30 fiscal year close is **November 15**

Chapters must file a tax return if:

1. Have equal to or greater than \$25,000 in **gross** receipts (Must file the 990: this is a gross information tax return; no tax payment required) (No comparable state form)
2. Must file a 990T if non-dues income - Unrelated Business Income (UBI) is greater than \$1,000 net; no 990T required if UBI is equal to or under \$1,000. If you file a 990-T, you will also have to file state tax form, MO-1120. The most common UBI is newsletter advertising.

What's Happening At NSPE Fred E. Palmerton, P.E. Governance Changes

House of Delegates

NSPE is now directed by a House of Delegates which is made up of representatives from each state who nominate and elect a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors handles the Society business in between House of Delegates meetings, which are held only at the NSPE Annual Meeting. NSPE is working on implementing recommendations from the Future Directions Task Force.

Status of the North Central Region

As a result of the governance changes, the North Central Region status has diminished to a brief meeting at NSPE's Annual Meeting.

Since there will continue to be representation from the regions on the Board of Directors questions were raised as to how regional representatives were going to be selected. Discussion followed that MSPE should initiate action within the Region.

NSPE Dues Billing Priorities

NSPE leadership and staff hope to get the invoicing back on track by September 1, 2006 after struggling with new Association Management Software accounting system over the past 8-10 months.

MSPE Membership Co-Chairs Matthew Houser and Gary Strack commented they were anxious to get "back on track."

President Zitterkopf concluded the session by thaking all for attending and emphasized that MSPE's leadership and staff are working to become "Chapter Centric" by providing guidance and resources to help all Missouri Chapters succeed in the year ahead.



Attending the 2006 President's Workshop: Chapter Development Day were: (sitting from left to right) Matthew Houser, P.E., St. Louis Chapter Treasurer; W. Haskins Hobson, Jr., P.E., Jefferson City Chapter President; Ronald E. Kadane, P.E., MSPE President-Elect; David Wilkinson, E.I., Central Chapter State Director; Mike Meyers, P.E., Past President; Gary Strack, P.E., Western Chapter President; Fred Palmerton, P.E., MSPE representative to NSPE's House of Delegates; (standing, from left to right) Bill Lindsey, P.E., Ozark Chapter State Director; Allan Erdman, P.E., St. Louis Chapter President; Ben Ross, P.E., MSPE Treasurer; Chad Ferguson, P.E., Central Chapter Vice President; Jason Sommerer, E.I., Jefferson City Chapter Vice President; Mel Blanco, P.E., St. Louis Chapter Secretary; David Howe, P.E., Western Chapter State Director; John Balling, P.E., Western Chapter Treasurer; Charlie Powell, P.E., MSPE Vice President; Jim Guthrie, P.E., Western Chapter President-Elect; Kevin Rohner, P.E., MSPE Executive Committee Board of Directors Representative and Western Chapter State Director; Steve Linehan, E.I. MSPE Executive Committee Young Engineer Representative and Ron Zitterkopf, P.E., MSPE President.

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Survey Indicates Members Are "Satisfied"

34.5% completion rate is excellent

Members are satisfied with MSPE and are likely to renew their membership.

That was an overwhelming result produced by the member satisfaction survey conducted from July 7-25, 2006 for the society by Priority Advantage, Inc.

Of the 1,146 invited to take the survey, 396 members responded to the web questionnaire for a 34.5% completion rate which was classified as "excellent" by Priority Advantage's Bruce Jeffrey, who authored the Executive Summary excerpted below.

At their October 20, 2006 meeting, the MSPE Executive Committee will decide the steps needed to communicate complete survey results to the membership and determine necessary action for responding to the survey results.

SURVEY THEMES

us to know?

In compiling the survey results, Mr. Jeffrey identified the following themes:

1. Demographics

- The majority of your members are over 45
- Most of your members have been with you over 6 years
- Most members have attended between 1 and 6 events in the last two years
- Most of your members come from private practice and industry

2. Satisfaction

- Your members think highly of you: you respond well, you're a pretty good fit for them, they're satisfied!

3. Products and Service

- Good news: almost all of your products and services scored high in both value and performance. The lone exception: logo merchandise (low in both) and annual meetings (low in value)
- In the verbatim comments, you get a variety of suggestions: PDHs, a list of recommended speakers, lobbying, promoting the profession, etc.

4. Should you offer a state-and-chapter-only membership?

- Your group is split almost down the middle. Of 358 responding, there is only a six vote difference

5. Two key questions: Good news!

- Referral: the vast majority of your membership would refer you to others they know
- Renewal: the vast majority plan on renewing their membership

6. Annual Convention: what could you offer?

- An overwhelming number of people want PDHs.
- Some like it the way it is
- Some would like more networking

7. What they'd like to see a year from now

- Again, PDHs are a theme plus a variety of other items: better coordination with other professional societies, better involvement in the community (MATHCOUNTS), more opportunities on weekends or nights or closer to home

8. What needs to get better?

- More members and more diversity
- More services for non-civil types
- Recruiting younger members (focus on getting principals involved)
- Provide more information on resources available (addresses, equipment)
- Making more of the workshops relevant to me
- Partner with other engineering societies more effectively
- Costs - the fees are high for membership and for the Annual Meeting
- Many commented that they were satisfied; some are glad the organization is here even if they're retired.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The approximately 10-minute long survey was composed of:

- 2 Membership Engagement Questions
- 4 Demographic questions
- 6 Marketing questions, including 1 open-ended question on how to improve the Annual Convention.
- 12 Products and Services rated for Value and Performance
 - Annual meeting
 - Educational programs
 - The Missouri Engineer
 - Networking Opportunities
 - Government relations with the registration board and state agencies
 - Legislative lobbying
 - Legislative bill tracking
 - Leadership opportunities
 - Review courses
 - MSPE Website
 - Logo Merchandise
 - Publications
- 3 Satisfaction Questions
- 2 catch-all open-ended questions
 - What could MSPE do to serve you better? What needs improve ment?
 - Is there anything else you'd like

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