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MSPE is calling for state legislators to offer innovative and bold leadership in providing short-term budget resources and a stable, long-term funding solution for Missouri’s transportation system. Through a Transportation Funding Position Statement, MSPE cites a critical need to adopt a mechanism which will adequately fund transportation infrastructure following voters’ rejection of a statewide sales tax for transportation needs in August 2014.

With opponents citing a preference for a larger percentage of the revenue stream to come from highway system users – including increasing the fuel tax, charging higher license and vehicle sales tax fees, and even tolling of Missouri’s highways - MSPE offered legislators its support of an “everything is on the table” approach. However, the society cautioned time is growing short and the funding need is urgent.

Currently $485 million is required to maintain Missouri’s 34,000 highway miles and 10,000 bridges in their present day condition AND match all currently available federal funds. MoDOT’s financial forecasts project its construction budget falling to $225 million in fiscal years 2017 to 2019 leaving the department unable to sustain the state’s current system without an influx of $160 million. And, MSPE cites, more funds would be needed if Congress was able to increase funding of federal transportation programs.

Without a new funding plan, MoDOT will be forced to maintain only the primary road system and in 2020 be unable to match any available federal funds …. leaving needed dollars on the table for other states to claim. In its position statement, MSPE implored legislators not to allow this to happen. The society’s position statement calls upon the legislature to find a method (or methods) to fund ‘at a minimum’ the $160 million necessary to maintain the current system. MSPE’s message concluded that legislators must address the funding needs of Missouri’s substantial and vital transportation system, which helps drive the state’s economy.

**Legislators Asked To Make Innovative, Bold Decisions For Transportation Funding**

MSPE is closely following H.B. 520 sponsored by Rep. Hicks (R) – a bill which could bolster STEM funding. The proposed legislation rewards employers hiring student interns majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics by allowing a transfer of up to $5,000 in tax liability to a special STEM Fund provided certain requirements are met. The bill was heard by the House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee on February 3, 2015. Additional legislation being tracked by MSPE for support or opposition includes:

### HOUSE BILLS

**HB 561** by Spencer (R) – Designates the third week of February as “Engineer Awareness Week” in Missouri. Status: It was heard in House Trade and Tourism Committee 2/4/15. **Position: Support**

**HB 586** by Korman (R) – Removes reference to Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources rules when requiring consistency of MoAPELSLA rules. Status: It was 2nd read in House on 1/21/15. **Position: Support**

**HB 597** by McGaugh (R) – Prohibits non-compete covenants for STEM employees in STEM jobs. Status: It was 2nd read and referred to House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee on 2/4/15. **Position: Support**

**HB 689** by Korman (R) – Creates the “Divided Highway Transportation Fund” and designates how money from the fund shall be disbursed. Status: It was 2nd read and referred to House Civil & Criminal Proceedings Committee on 2/4/15. **Position: Support**

**HB 738** by Hinson (R) – Changes the rate and computation of taxes on motor fuels. Status: It was 2nd read in House on 1/29/15. **Position: Support**

**HJR 33** by Fitzpatrick (R) – Proposes a constitutional amendment allocating a percentage of state sales tax each year to transportation funding. Status: It was 2nd read in House on 1/29/15. **Position: Support**

### SENATE BILLS

**SB 190** by Curls (D) – Extends the expiration of the Kansas City transportation sales tax to 2020. Status: It was 2nd read and referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee on 1/29/15. **Position: Support**

**SB 207** by Pearce (R) – Authorizes an employer to retain an employee’s withholding tax for five years if the employee has graduated with a STEM degree from a Missouri Innovation Campus. Status: It was 2nd read and referred to Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee on 1/29/15. **Position: Support**

**SB 268** by Pearce (R) – Modifies the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fund and creates the Economic-Education Partnership Act. Status: It was 3rd read in Senate on 1/20/15. **Position: Support**

**SB 330** by Parson (R) – Allows bonds issued by the State Board of Public Buildings for state projects to be used for new construction. Status: It was 1st read in Senate on 1/27/15. **Position: Support**

### Legislative Drive-In: Lobby Day Event On March 17 Make Plans To Participate

MSPE is once again participating in the Legislative Drive-In – a multi-organization legislative day joining ACECMO, AGC Missouri, MAPA, MLPA, MO/KAN ACPA, and PCCA which focuses on Missouri’s transportation needs. The event is Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This drive-in is part of the Missouri Transportation Construction Coalition function that includes an organizational meeting, gallery visits, legislative visits, and an evening reception with legislators focusing on transportation funding, other infrastructure funding, and professional issues.

All event activities are FREE for MSPE members but you do need to register. Click the link below for the registration form which provides additional details on the day’s agenda for and overnight accommodations arrangements.


Please make sure you email your completed registration form to the event organizer at glenn@glennpr.com or fax to 573-805-0529. The registration deadline is March 2, 2015.
Developing Focus 80 Chapters

By David Howe, P.E.
Chair, Focus 80 Task Force

Since 2013, MSPE has been preparing for its upcoming 80th anniversary in 2017 through the work of a Focus 80 Task Force which was created to identify ways of communicating MSPE’s importance to both current and prospective members.

The biggest challenge for the society is figuring out how and what MSPE can do to bring together the common professional interests of licensed professional engineers, engineering interns and student engineers. At the heart of the matter is how MSPE can position itself to better serve its ALL of its members.

Since its founding in 1937, MSPE has developed a rich history serving as the ONLY active individual-member organization that represents ALL disciplines and practice areas of the engineering profession within the State of Missouri. Organized to pass an engineering registration/licensure law, MSPE’s mission is as vital today as when it was first founded – protecting the law that allows professional engineers to practice their livelihood while advocating the necessity of education, examination and experience needed to protect public health, safety and welfare. Creating member value and delivering that message is the cornerstone to becoming a Focus 80 Chapter.

With this history in mind, some key aspects have been identified to help chapters become a Focus 80 Chapter which recognize:
• Members are the lifeblood of the organization.
• The first point of contact for many members is at the chapter level.
• Finding ways to provide value and interest to all members is important.

• Focusing on growth is vital to the future and success of the organization.

At its 2015 Winter Meeting, MSPE’s Board of Directors adopted the task force’s implementation plan for developing Focus 80 Chapters. Attendees were provided a strategic plan entitled “Expectation of a Focus 80 Chapter: A Focus on Members and Membership” which identifies expectations and provides information and “actionable” ideas on how to plan and initiate membership growth activities.

Subsequent to the Winter Meeting, each MSPE Chapter has been asked to choose one (1) of the three (3) initiatives outlined in the document:
1. Approach to Serving Our Members; the Lifeline of the Organization
ACTION: Analyze the membership makeup of your chapter
2. Membership Retention Plan
ACTION: Prepare “Best Practices” of member retention efforts that can be shared with other chapters
3. Membership Marketing Plan
ACTION: Develop targeted messages for different audiences; suggest or develop marketing materials for each target group

Each chapter’s Focus 80 plan is due at the MSPE office by April 2, 2015 so they can be discussed at the Executive Committee’s meeting on April 10, 2015 and prepared for distribution to the Board of Directors at the Annual Convention.

Membership recruitment and creating a growing and vibrant MSPE organization cannot happen in a vacuum. “Member” is a part of “Membership”. Be a “Focus 80 Thinking Member”. If you have “actionable” ideas on how to plan and initiate membership growth, submit them to your Chapter President, share them with a State Director, or submit them to Cherie Bishop, MSPE Director of Operations at cbishop@mspe.org. Even better ask a colleague to join and become a member.
MSPE To Take Back Dues Invoicing For 3-Tier Members

At their January meeting, MSPE’s Executive Committee decided the society needs to take back dues invoicing for its 3-tier members – those who pay NSPE, MSPE and local chapter dues. The decision was made at the end of a lengthy discussion led by Executive Director Bruce Wylie citing various issues and difficulties members have experienced since 3-tier dues invoicing was given back to NSPE in October 2013.

Notification of the invoicing change will be provided to NSPE through a phone conference between NSPE Executive Director Mark Green and President Harve Hnacak, P.E. and MSPE Executive Director Bruce Wylie, President Gary Strack, P.E. and Membership Liaison Britt Smith to be followed by a letter of understanding. Plans call for MSPE’s Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer to initiate 3-tier invoicing on June 1, 2015 for members having a July 31, 2015 renewal date. (See related article, Page 5)

In other action, the Executive Committee:

- Tasked the Bylaws Committee to review the current procedures for naming alternates at board meetings and suggest possible revisions.
- Tasked the Infrastructure Task Force to revise MSPE’s white paper supporting transportation funding.
- Reviewed staff timesheets to give Executive Committee members a better understanding of the staff’s support areas.
- Outlined MSPE’s participation in monthly conference calls with the NSPE North Central Region states which reviews NSPE activities but doesn’t address membership retention and recruitment concerns.
- Agreed to send a letter to the NSPE Nominating Committee supporting KSPE member Tom Roberts, P.E., for NSPE Vice President.
- Acknowledged MSPE’s Executive Director’s representation of MSPE on a special planning committee for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.
- Noted that MSPE will participate in the Legislative Drive-In lobby day event on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 focusing on transportation and other infrastructure needs.
- Accepted the financial report for December 31, 2014.
- Reviewed the membership status report which shows a large number of delinquent members and agreed to have state directors enlist their chapters in making follow-up contacts.
- Studied the Focus 80 Task Force report submitted by Past President David Howe, P.E. challenging chapters to review develop and implement activities that will engage members and create best practices that can be utilized as a strategic plan for member recruitment and retention.
- Approved expanding the frequency of Executive Committee meetings to include conference calls between scheduled face-to-face meetings.
- Appointed Immediate Past President Neil Brady, P.E. and Vice President Matt Bedinghaus, P.E. to lead a Succession Task Force for all of MSPE’s staff positions.

Educational Foundation
Meeting on behalf of MSPE’s Educational Foundation, the Executive Committee:

- Reviewed the Kimel Endowment so plans can be made to reinvigorate the specified activities.
- Approved Chapter Grant grants for the following: Central Chapter - $900 for Future City Competitions at Sturgeon R-5, Jefferson/Smithton Joint Team and Gentry Middle Schools, MS&T-MSU Cooperative Engineering Program’s MSPE Student Chapter associated with MSPE Ozark Chapter – $920 for concrete canoe and steel bridge projects, Western Chapter – $200 for supplies to support the UMKC Roobuilders Contest.

Noted Executive Director Wylie will set up an exhibit for MSPE’s Educational Foundation at the Project Lead the Way state conference on February 13, 2015 in Columbia, MO.

Accepted the financial statements for December 31, 2014.

Endorsed the STEM Task Force recommendation for chapters to appoint a coordinator to track and report on the chapter’s STEM activities so best practices can be shared and promoted in The Missouri Engineer.

Board Agrees Invoicing Decision Is Best For Members

After hearing MSPE’s membership report shows 150 three-tier members with a delinquent status, MSPE’s Board of Directors wholeheartedly endorsed the Executive Committee’s plan decided the previous day for the society’s staff to take back invoicing for members paying NSPE, MSPE and chapter dues. (See related article, Page 5) During the report, Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer asked each director to encourage their chapter to review the list and notify members of their dues status. Chapters are asked to submit their findings to MSPE by April 1, 2015.

In other action, the Board:

- Viewed a presentation given by President Gary Strack, P.E., on the importance of training future leaders to continue MSPE’s 77 year old legacy.
- Accepted Executive Director/Secretary Bruce A. Wylie’s update on legislative issues of interest and importance to the society.
- Approved the six-month final report to December 31, 2014 from Treasurer Ron Black, P.E.
- Granted Life Member status to J. Michael Horner, P.E. and John Kramer, P.E. and awarded Retired membership to Jerry McDonald.
- Established the 2015 Nominating and Tellers Committee to include: Immediate Past President Neil Brady, P.E., Chair; Ozark Chapter; Past President David Howe, P.E., Western Chapter; Past President Kurt Higgins, P.E., Southwest Chapter; Past President Britt Smith, P.E., Jefferson City Chapter and PEI State Director Stephen Hutt, P.E. of St. Louis Chapter.
- Received copy of the Focus 80 Report which challenges chapters to select action items to implement as part of a strategic plan to move MSPE forward. (See related article, page 5)

Acting on behalf of the Educational Foundation, the Board:

- Learned Central Chapter, the MS&T-MSU Cooperative Engineering Program NSPE Student Chapter in Ozark Chapter and Western Chapter grant requests were considered and various amounts approved.
- Discussed the Kimel Endowment fund as a first step toward reactivating a committee that will carry out the endowment directives.
- Heard an update on the Foundation’s building renovations and repairs.
- Acknowledged the financial report as of December 31, 2014 as given by Treasurer Ron Black, P.E.
- Supported the STEM Task Force Report, presented by Co-Chairs Ron Black, P.E. and Steve Hutt, P.E., which requests chapters name a STEM coordinator and provide STEM activity reports for assimilation and distribution.
MSPE Unveils Plan For Invoicing 3-Tier Members

Preparations are underway for MSPE’s staff to take back dues invoicing for its 836 three-tier members – those who pay NSPE, MSPE and chapter dues. Since the decision was made, work has commenced with George Kopp, P.E., MSPE Jefferson City Chapter member who has assisted the society with its IT needs for over 20 years and programmer Steve Atkinson. The two have teamed up with staff to update MSPE’s membership database to resume 3-tier invoicing responsibilities on June 1, 2015.

Current plans call for MSPE Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer to mail invoices on June 1, 2015 to all members (both 2-tier and 3-tier) that have a renewal date of July 31, 2015. MSPE’s invoicing schedule calls for members whose renewal date is July 31, 2015 to expect to receive their dues invoice shortly after the June 1, 2015 mailing date - 60 days prior to their renewal date. A reminder invoice notice will be mailed 30 days later on July 1, 2015. If members have not paid their dues by their renewal date of July 31, retention efforts will be engaged at the chapter level and a final notice email will be send August 1, 2015. Members whose dues are not paid within 30 days past their renewal date are dropped from the membership roll. (See the Invoicing Schedule at left).

NSPE was notified of MSPE’s plan to take back invoicing of its three-tier members on January 28, 2015 when President Gary Strack, P.E. Membership Liaison Britt Smith, P.E. and Executive Director Bruce Wylie met with NSPE Executive Mark Golden and President Harve D. Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE via phone conference. MSPE’s representatives explained the society’s decision to take back invoicing was made because it was in the best interests of Missouri’s three-tier members and was made only after considerable deliberation by its staff, officers, and Board of Directors. They requested NSPE discontinue invoicing Missouri’s three-tier members as soon as dues statements are sent to members with a June 30, 2015 renewal date. In a follow-up letter, MSPE’s representatives reiterated that Missouri “remains dedicated to NSPE’s mission and goals …”
MoAPEPLSPLA Engineering Division Chair Kevin Skibiski, P.E. explains the actions the licensing board took to update the state's registration law for architects, engineers, land surveyors and landscape architects.

Fall PDH Days LiDAR Scanning presenter Bob Gilbert, P.E. (above) responds to comments from attendee Joe Cowen, P.E. while presenter Chris Baxter (at right) responds to questions from a group of attendees including Fall PDH Task Force Chair Matt Bedinghaus, P.E. and Brian Norvell, P.E.
Roddy Rogers, P.E. challenges Fall PDH attendees with an ethical dilemma during his session on Engineering Ethics: Nebulos, Unnerving, Necessary.

MoDOT Director David Nichols, P.E. (above) reflects on what may be tough times ahead in finding funding sources for Missouri's transportation infrastructure system as discusses "What's New- What's Next" for Missourians with Fall PDH attendees. At right, Steve Petzel, P.E., poses a question to Nichols.

Fred Steuer, P.E. poses a question during a PDH Days session.

Blaine Leonard, P.E., D.G.E., ASCE Past President and Utah Department of Transportation manager of Intelligent Transportation Systems spent time at Fall PDH Days talking to attendees about ASCE's "Raise the Bar" program on PE licensure as well as connected and automated vehicles.
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Tentative Schedule of Events

Sunday, June 14, 2015
MSPE Executive Committee Meeting
Welcome Event*

Monday, June 15, 2015
Practice Division Meetings
MSPE Awards Lunch
Meeting of the Membership
Board Meetings
(MSPE & Educational Foundation)
Young Engineers’ Meeting
Annual Banquet*
(Officer Installation - Entertainment)

Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Engineers’ PDH Programs

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Engineers’ PDH Programs

Planned PDH Programs
- Work/Life Balance Seminar,
- Copyright Law for Engineering
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FEMA Scientific Resolution Panel,
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... and more

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MSPE Is Sponsoring Exhibitor At State's Project Lead The Way Conference

Executive Director Bruce Wylie represented MSPE as a sponsoring exhibitor for Missouri’s Project Lead The Way State Conference on February 13 at Battle High School in Columbia, MO. Between 400-500 principals, teachers, and counselors from high schools across the state came to learn how to enhance their STEM programs at the high school level and hear Governor Jay Nixon indicate his strong interest in STEM education in Missouri.
**Engineers Needed**

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**Life Members Give Generous Voluntary Dues Donations**

MSPE’s life members continued to answer the society’s annual appeal for continued support of the society’s mission, goals and activities with a generous voluntary dues donation. A grateful society extends its thanks for the support from the following life members who provided a voluntary dues contribution from November 22, 2014 through January 31, 2015.

**Donald Bartel**  
Pleasanton, CA

**Eugene Buerke**  
St. Louis, MO

**Joel Cerwick**  
Overland Park, KS

**Garry Chegwidden**  
Jefferson City

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  Kansas City, MO

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**In Memoriam**

MSPE received word on the deaths of the following members. The departed members will be honored by MSPE’s Board of Director with a moment of silence and the passing of a Resolution of Respect which will be forwarded to their family.

**Gordon Buchanan, P.E.**  
of Rolla  
Chapter died November 26, 2014. He was an NSPE life member that transferred into MSPE on March 5, 2005.

**Richard Coleman, P.E.**  
of Western Chapter joined MSPE May 1, 1949. He was granted life membership in October 1978.

**James Hedges, P.E.**  
of Ozark Chapter on January 28, 1959. He was a life member.

**Lester Penn, P.E.**  
of St. Louis Chapter started his membership on March 3, 1950. He was awarded life membership in 1991.

**James Ross, P.E.**  
of Western Chapter began his MSPE membership on September 30, 1964. Life membership was awarded to him in January 2003.

**Ron Talcott, P.E.**  
of Western Chapter joined MSPE on October 14, 1968 and became a life member of the organization in January 2001.

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Kansas City, MO