Board of Directors To Vote On New NSPE Membership Model

MSPE’s Board of Directors is poised to vote on the new membership model proposed by the National Society of Professional Engineers. As previously reported in The Missouri Engineer, NSPE will offer a consistent dues price for all three-tier chapter, state and national members across the country beginning July 1, 2018. The new model features a choice of integrated or non-integrated partnerships that state societies must select by December 31, 2017.

A conference call of the Board of Directors to determine MSPE’s preference on the level of service (integrated or non-integrated) is planned for Friday, December 15th. Final details on the voting protocol have not yet been determined.

Integrated Partnership
- Single price point of $299 for membership in both NSPE and MSPE (state and chapter levels).
- Discontinuance of MSPE’s current two-tier membership category. All existing two-tier members remain state-only members in perpetuity, but no new two-tier memberships may be offered. MSPE will continue to provide invoicing for the grandfathered two-tier members.
- The single price point dues will be shared by NSPE and the state society based on service/capacity tiers. Adjustments to the dues-sharing may be made at certain intervals depending on changes in state society circumstances.
- NSPE will invoice three-tier members and send payments collected from MSPE members to the state society on a monthly basis.
- MSPE would maintain an official cooperative relationship, but all administrative, financial, and operational activities will be separately operated between state and national.
- MSPE will bill all members their state and chapter dues. NSPE will also bill three-tier members the single dues price point amount of $299. No revenue sharing will be offered.
- State societies will be responsible for all association administration, marketing and invoicing of dues (at the state and chapter level) similar to how MSPE operates today. Whichever partnership is selected, virtually all MSPE members, except life members will be impacted. MSPE’s staff and the Membership Committee are also committed to providing the same level of membership service, database management and customer relations.

No Changes To MoAPEPLSPLA Board From Task Force to Shrink State Government

Missouri’s Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects learned on October 31, 2017 that no changes to the board’s current structure were recommend by the Boards and Commissions Task Force assigned to make recommendations to shrink state government.

Created by Governor Eric Greitens’ Executive Order in April, the task force was charged with examining the purpose, effectiveness, and necessity of all boards and commissions in the State of Missouri to determine whether or not they are failing to meet, redundant in nature, increased bureaucratic red tape, and whether they were creating a burden for taxpayers through unnecessary fees.

Despite an initial proposal to reduce the size of the architects, engineers, land surveyors and landscape architects registration board to one representative per profession, the task force did follow through on that recommendation.
President’s Message:

Moving MSPE Forward: Reviewing and Previewing Activities and Plans

By Ron Black, P.E.
MSPE President

With the 2017 Holiday season quickly approaching, now is a good time to reflect on the past three months and preview what’s coming up for MSPE.

RECENT ACTIVITY

Our President’s Workshop, on September 22, drew 20 attendees including Board Members and Chapter leaders from across state. President-Elect Michael Purrol, P.E. and NSPE North Central Region Director Gary Strack, P.E. spoke about the NSPE Membership Model and I gave relevant communication from NSPE for attendees to discuss with their chapters to prepare for our upcoming vote on integration. Jason Sommerrer, P.E., MSPE Membership Committee Chair, led an interactive discussion on best-practices on what MSPE is doing to attract, retain, and engage members. Also discussed were expectations for officers to run effective chapters.

MSPE’s Fall PE Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda recognized the accomplishment of 17 new P.E.’s on Saturday, September 29 (See Page 3 for more information and pictures)

The Executive Committee met on October 13 to discuss MSPE and MSPE Educational Foundation goals, objectives and challenges. MSPE’s lobbyist Mark Rhoads visited to discuss the legislative outlook for the upcoming 2018 session. Mr. Rhoads is also planning to attend our January Board of Directors meeting. As an executive committee, we recognize that engaging in lobbying and related activities is in line with MSPE’s mission to promote professional engineering and protect the licensure process; in addition to aligning with our strategy of influencing legislation. (See Page 3 for more information and pictures)

Tom Roberts, P.E., NSPE President, networked with engineering leaders from the Kansas City area and met with Western Chapter members during this NSPE Annual President visit. He also spoke to the UMKC about restarting their Student Chapter. Bruce Wylie and Mitch Krysa, P.E., represented MSPE during this visit.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Our Membership Committee, led by Jason Sommerrer, P.E. and Stacey Meyer, has been very active meeting and addressing opportunities to increase membership and promote engagement in each chapter. Their efforts have really made a difference!

Government Relations Committee Chair, Ben Ross, P.E., will be gearing up his committee for the upcoming 2018 legislative session in Jefferson City to ensure that our data and systems are in good order with adequate processes and controls in place.

LOOKING AHEAD

New Website, our MSPE marketing consultant, Visionworks, designed a membership brochure as a tool for members to use to introduce others to MSPE and our cause. Chapters are encouraged to use these brochures at events and send to potential members. Visionworks is using the brochure layout in its redesign of MSPE’s expected to be introduced in January.

Help needed. Looking for a new tenant – Please note, our long-term downstairs tenant has vacated the space and we are looking for a new tenant. We have contracted with Kolb Properties so help us with this important task. Hats off to our members leading or participating on a committee or team at the chapter or state level. If you like what you see and want in on the fun, please let us know, we’ll be glad to plug you in. Until next time, be Engaged!
MSPE’s lobbyist, Mark Rhoads of The Rhoads Company, met with the Executive Committee during their October 13th meeting to discuss key topics anticipated in the 2018 Legislative Session opening on xxx.

Rhoads focused his remarks on six areas of interest to the society:

Transportation: Missouri 21st Century Task Force is looking at funding alternatives for MoDOT. The interim committee, appointed by Governor Eric Greitens, anticipates a 10-cent increase on regular and diesel fuels. Rhoads feels any additional tax increases would be a challenge for the current legislative leadership in place.

Professional Registration: A task force on Boards and Commissions was created by Executive Order in April to evaluate the purpose and results of each existing board and commission, determine its effectiveness and identify opportunities to eliminate, consolidate, or modify. Approximately 250 boards or commissions have not been meeting and are targeted to be cut. The registration board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects (MOAPEPLSPLA) was targeted to be decreased in size but Task Force member and land surveyor Robert Ross helped reject that plan.

NO MO Red Tape Task Force: Over 2100 recommendations from Missouri residents have been received via the web. Rhoads expects additional recommendations from the task force.

QBS: A hole in the law which omits application to Port Authorities will be an area of focus in the upcoming legislative session.

Investor Owned Utility regulatory lag: Responding to MSPE President Ron Black, PE, on the ability to achieve a legislative solution to move forward on a $1B infrastructure investment, Rhoads said more dialogue needs to happen to appease the 2-3 legislators that have been filibustering the bill.

Capitol Atmosphere: When asked by MSPE’s President how productive an upcoming session could be, Rhoads provided specific metrics that reflect a lack of productivity. He also outlined the level of discourse in the Senate, but noted House was functioning pretty well.

In response to MSPE’s Presidents question on what members can do to help him, Rhoads requested members make contact with their legislators and provide input on bills of interest to the society.

Other topics covered by the Executive Committee included the following items:

- Received an update on the new website being developed by Visionworks as part of the marketing contract. An early January time frame is planned for administrative training. Demonstration of the new website by Visionworks was requested for the winter Board meeting.
- Learned MSPE’s new marketing brochures were printed and distributed to chapters. A copy of the new brochure is posted on the website.
- Heard from Executive Director Bruce Wylie’s funding for the second phase of the marketing contract, approved the Board of Directors in June, is lacking needed donations. To date, only Southeast Chapter has donated along with the PEC, PEI, PEHE and PEI practice divisions. MSPE’s President requested a letter be drafted for the Executive Committee’s use to follow-up on fund requests from the designated chapters, practice division.
- Approved the Financial Report following discussion.
- Accepted reports on the following Committee Activities, Membership, & QBS:
  - Oletha Black, P.E. on the ability to achieve a 12-year warranty, $30K for a 15-year warranty on a white silicon roof. Verbal quotes were received for in the amount of $20K for an 11-year warranty, $40K for a 12-year warranty, $30K for a 13-year warranty, $50K for a 14-year warranty, $70K for a 15-year warranty on a white silicon roof.
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President Ron Black, P.E., (above, right) uses a graph to explain the quotes for a new roof on MSPE’s EF Building provided by Trimco after their on-site evaluation. Workers from Septagon (above, left) enclose the open area at the front elevation of MSPE’s Educational Foundation Building to keep water from running into both the upstairs and downstairs office suites following two recent severe rainstorms that flooded areas occupied by MSPE, ACECMo and the downstairs tenant.
MSPE's most recent PE Certificate Ceremony drew 18 newly registered professional engineers to the state capitol to receive their licensure certificate, including three current MSPE members: Andy Coleman of Central Chapter, Matthew Fischer of Western Chapter and Zach Troesser, P.E. of Jefferson City Chapter.

Twice each year, MSPE hosts this special ceremony for family, friends and the society to honor the state’s newest P.E.’s and applaud their achievement.

The fall ceremony, held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, started with a tour of the State Capitol Building. Following the tour, the new P.E.’s and their guests gathered in the Rotunda where keynote speaker Kathryn Harvey, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation delivered a well-received speech that echoed a familiar theme to seasoned professional engineers, one of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare. Ms. Harvey’s message was specific to MoDOT’s efforts in reducing roadway fatalities, but consistent with the responsibility of all engineers to hold paramount the safety of the public.

After the ceremony, a reception was held honoring new P.E.’s. Approximately 85 people, including the honorees, their spouses, guests, and volunteers made this year’s reception among the best P.E. ceremonies sponsored by MSPE.

To conclude the event, an Order of the Engineer ceremony saw eight of the new P.E.’s accept the Obligation of the Engineer where they receive a stainless-steel ring to serve as a reminder of their pledge to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by making the best use of Earth’s precious resources. John Huss, P.E., presided over the ceremony with assistance from MSPE Immediate Past President Matt Bedinghaus, P.E., Membership Chair Jason Sommerer, P.E., and Executive Director Bruce Wylie.

MSPE Ceremony Recognizes 18 Newly Licensed Professional Engineers
‘Be Engaged’ Is Focus of Chapter Events

Southwest Chapter 26th Youth Fund Benefit
Southwest Chapter welcomed 60 people to their 26th Annual Youth Fund Benefit on September 21 at Christ’s Church of Oro-nogo. The chapter also uses the benefit to present their scholarship awards. Ironically, both of this year’s winners – Alexys Barton and Jacob Higgins – are the children chapter members Bryce Barton, P.E. and Kurt Higgins, P.E. who were unable to attend the presentation. Each received a $1000 scholarship accepted by their fathers. Alexys is student at the University of Kansas is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Jacob attends the University of Missouri – Columbia where he’s pursuing a dual major in Computer Hardware and Electrical Engineering.

77th Annual Ozark Chapter Shrimp Feed
And the Ozark Chapter Shrimp Feed statistics for 2017 are: 851 tickets sold, 656 people attending, 16 kegs of beer dispensed, 1,000 cups of soda poured, 560 bottles of water handed out, 100-pounds of sliced deli meat and 72 pounds of cheese served. Plus, for the first time ever, a live band “Brother Ray and the Sometimes Righteous” played at the event.

Multiple MSPE Chapter Events On Same Days Renders Itself As “Recruitment Day”
With multiple events happening in MSPE throughout the state in a single day, Jason Sommerer, P.E., Chair of the Membership Committee reported “I think we could officially declare November 2, 2017 to be ‘MSPE Recruitment Day 2017.’ We had three awesome events stretched across multiple corners of the state.
The day started with Ozark Chapter’s ‘Bring Your Own Engineer (BYOE)’ lunch, where several potential future members participated. That event was followed by evening chapter meetings held in the Northwest and Rolla Chapter areas.
Northwest Chapter hosted a meeting to plan events for the rest of the year that was also attended by potential members, at least one of which will be helping with the chapter’s Annual MATHCOUNTS efforts in the spring. Also that evening, MSPE’s Rolla Chapter hosted a joint meeting with the ITE student chapter on the Missouri S&T campus which also included several potential members.
Sommerer said some of the events had higher attendance than expected and some had lower attendance than anticipated, but noted that MSPE’s efforts are paying off and will continue to pay off in the future. Adding, “I am confident we will get new members in each chapter this month because of the meetings yesterday.”
The word ‘failure’ is littered with negative connotations. Elon Musk financed three failed Space X rocket launches, Edison designed over 2,000 light bulbs that did not work. The Wright brothers crashed dozens of planes and gliders before one took off. Dupont discovered Teflon through failed experiments and the Americas were discovered through failed circumnavigation. Some failed small, and learned. And some failed big, but survived and thrived. Organizations must embrace failure to accelerate innovation. Through mental framing, learn to create freedom from the fear of failure using adaptive analytical perspectives that encourage ideas and discovery. Keep your organization innovative and successful by creating a culture of passion, drive and ambition in the midst of failure.

Imagine the complexity of a story plot that requires working jointly with a railway company and the USACE. Then add a twist of an underlying diabolical scheme ages in the making. That became the story of the City of Cape Girardeau Mississippi River Floodwall Rehab. As the story developed, it was necessary to realign 1800 ft of railroad track to allow for a new floodwall toe drain. Many twists in the plot of the story developed as the project progressed. Many challenges were overcome before and during construction to make the realignment successful.

Come hear the story about the history of the Mississippi River in Cape Girardeau and how a seemingly innocent peaceful riverbank cutout would cause seasoned engineers to cry in agony. Stan Polivick, Assistant Public Works Director and Casey Brunke, City Engineer, with the City of Cape Girardeau give a spirited account of all the ins and outs and devious elements of the railroad realignment project of a lifetime.
Put MSPE’s Educational Foundation On Your Charitable Gift List

As you contemplate your gift list this holiday season, think about including MSPE’s Educational Foundation as a charitable contribution recipient. Donating to the Educational Foundation leaves a lasting impression and makes a positive impact on the future of engineering by:

- Encouraging students to choose the field of engineering
- Improving the public image of Professional Engineers
- Maintaining MATHCOUNTS, and
- Supporting STEM initiatives at the chapter level

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No matter the form or amount, your donation is an investment in the future that will be used wisely. Donations to the Educational Foundation made by December 31, 2017 may be claimed on your 2017 income tax.

Thank you for consideration.

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- □ CHAPTER GRANTS (STEM)
- □ Building Capital Improvement

Monetary Contribution Amount

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Name of common stock: __________________________
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Strategic Plan Under Development

At the behest of MSPE President Ron Black, P.E., a strategic plan task force is working on a 5-year strategy to carry MSPE’s to its 85th Anniversary in 2022. MSPE Past President David Howe, P.E., is leading the Focus 85 Task Force with administrative assistance from MSPE’s staff members: Executive Director Bruce Wylie, Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer and Director of Operations Cherie Bishop. Task Force members are: MSPE Vice President Bob Becnel, P.E., Past President and Convention Committee Chair Marie Collins, P.E., Bruce Dawson, P.E. of Jefferson City Chapter; Ross Kasman, P.E., MSPE-PSSP Past Officer, Central Chapter; Michael Keaton, P.E., Chapter President; Southwest Chapter; Aaron McVicker, P.E., Annual Convention Committee; Northwest Chapter; Kevin Skibinski, P.E., PLS, Past President, Ozark Chapter; Jason Sommerer, P.E., MSPE Membership Committee Chair and Eric Strack, P.E., Western Chapter.

At a face-to-face meeting on September 12th, the task force determined a list of priority goals which was used during the group’s October 25th phone conference to review, assign goal leaders and oversight assistance.

Preliminary Goals under review are:

1. Promote the Ethical, Competent and Professional Practice of Engineering
   • Promote mentoring opportunities as mentor and mentee
   • Facilitate peer-to-peer networking

2. Enhance the Image and Stature of Engineering Professionals
   • Promote through education
   • Share knowledge through enhanced MSPE website
   • Increase public relations/awareness

3. Provide Career Development and Networking
   • Provide education opportunities through meetings and events

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Membership Committee Sets Up Challenge

After holding a kickoff meeting in August, MSPE’s Membership Committee is off to a busy start with the PE Ceremony and the first of our monthly membership phone conference discussions in September.

This year’s committee focus will be the Four R’s: Recruiting, Retention, and Reclaiming/Renewing. Our committee is engaging in a friendly competition to see who can recruit the most members and contact the highest percentage of dropped and delinquent members. Last year was the first year in recent memory, where there was an overall membership increase. So, this year’s challenge is to build on that success and continue to grow our membership. We’re already one-quarter of the way into the membership year and are continuing to limit the number of dropped and delinquent members to about the same pace as last year. Our goal for the year is to maintain the pace of new members to offset the dropped members.

We discussed the importance of inviting non-members to meetings to let them see firsthand what our organization is about. That led into discussions on the importance of having a vibrant chapter with a robust set of activities to invite potential members. This was also the case for retaining members - in order to have engaged members, our chapters need to schedule meetings with PDH presentations, game nights for networking, as well as provide opportunities for volunteering and community service. Retaining members was stressed, to minimize the number falling into that the ‘reclaiming’ category. These are members who have fallen into delinquent or even dropped status because of not renewing their annual membership. Each month, the Membership Committee reviews a report prepared by Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer then reaches out to any delinquent or dropped members in their chapter. Sometimes members fall into this last category unintentionally, and the reminder phone call or email is all that is needed to prompt them to renew their membership. Other times, we find that the members have either lost interest, don’t have time to participate, or lack activities to participate in. While individually we can’t address all of those concerns, we can do our best as chapter leaders to provide a variety of activities for members. All members can join in this effort by inviting friends and colleagues to a meeting or chapter activity and following up with an invitation to join.

MSPE’s Fall PE Ceremony had another great attendance, partly thanks to the efforts of membership committee contacting the new PEs to tell them about the ceremony and personally inviting them to participate. Contacting the new PEs is the toughest challenge facing the Membership Committee since privacy concerns has limited the MoAPEPLSPLA Board’s ability to share any information other than the names and addresses of the new PEs. For this fall’s ceremony, reviewed the list for known colleagues, and then utilized social media platforms such as LinkedIn and Facebook to reach to the new PEs. We are confident the attendance level at the PE ceremony is higher than it would be without these efforts.

Upcoming tasks for the remainder of the year include coordinating with MSPE’s marketing consultant on implementation of the new website, as well as researching and understanding the impact of MSPE’s new membership model.

Welcome New Members

MSPE welcomes the following members who joined or re-joined the society from August to October 2017.

CENTRAL CHAPTER
Charles Farris, P.E.
Shaffer, Kline & Warren, Inc.
5300 Penn Terrace, Suite 100
Columbia, MO 65202

OZARK CHAPTER
Ronald Binke, P.E.
Paul Mueller Company
1600 W. Phelps St.
Springfield, MO 65802

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER
Timothy Pickett, P.E.
McDowell
207 S. Main St.
Sikeston, Mo 63801

Stan Polovick, P.E.
City of Cape Girardeau
2007 Southern Expressway
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
Karrina Smith, E.I.
Empire District Electric
5400 S Kodak Rd
Joplin, MO 64804

WESTERN CHAPTER
Richard Kileen, P.E. *
Burns & McDonnell
PO Box 419175
Kansas City, MO 64114

Stephen Pellegrino, P.E. *
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

Justin Reynolds, P.E.
Terracoon Consultants Inc.
15910 West 96th Terrace
Lenexa, KS 66215

* Asterick (*) Indicate a member re-joined

Life and Retired Requests Due By January 5, 2018

Members who may be eligible for Life or Retired membership status are requested to review the criteria below and make application as directed by January 5, 2018 for Board of Director consideration at the Winter Board Meeting set for Saturday, January 20, 2018.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Criteria for Life Membership (waiver of dues with the option of paying voluntary dues) are:

a) Has held a valid license or certificate of registration as a professional engineer.

b) Is age 65 or older and retired from full-time employment and/or the active practice of engineering.

c) Has been a member of MSPE for at least 50 years and paid dues continuously.

d) Application for life membership must be made by personal application to the Board of Directors through the state office and submitted to MSPE’s Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer’s attention.

RETIRED STATUS
Retired status (full dues) criteria are:

a) Has held a valid license or certificate of registration.

b) Age 65 or older and retired from full-time employment and/or the active practice of engineering.

c) Paid dues to MSPE continuously for at least five years.

d) Application for retired status must be a personal written request to the Board of Directors and submitted to MSPE’s Membership Coordinator Stacey Meyer’s attention in care of the state office.