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Cover image: Sunset at Table Rock Lake, in the Ozarks of southwestern Missouri captured by Eifel Kreutz
Greetings all! I am proud to serve as your president for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Last year was a successful year under Rachel Goeke’s leadership with significant increase in membership and a strong presence in the State Capitol promoting and defending professional engineering licensure to protect public, safety, and welfare. Thank you to Rachel, Travis Lowe and the BHL staff for your leadership. We want to continue that momentum.

As I stated during my incoming president’s remarks at our convention last June, the Executive Committee meetings will spend more time strategizing for the future. I recently attended the inaugural NSPE State Leadership Summit in Louisville, KY along with Matt Bedinghaus and Travis Lowe. Topics discussed at this summit included issues that NSPE and all the state societies face. How do we recruit new members and retain current members? How do we engage and increase value for our members? How do we improve communication with our members in more relevant ways? How do we get our message out to members and potential members of what NSPE/MSPE does? These are things the Executive Committee plans to focus attention to this year.

For this message I want to talk about member engagement and value to our current and future members. I believe that engagement is paramount to membership retainage, and this starts at the local chapter. Personal invitations and reminders of events and activities are more meaningful than simply relying on social media or email blasts. Mass notifications and reminders are beneficial, but we need to engage in personal contact to supplement the mass notifications, especially with our newer and potential members.

Increasing value to our members is another item we want to work on this year.

- Better understanding of our membership and the varying stages of their careers.
- Connectivity, togetherness and building relationships.
- Improved communication with our members up and down the organization.
- Continue to communicate what NSPE/MSPE does to protect the public health, safety, and welfare with our strong presence in the state capitol monitoring bills and lobbying legislators regarding items that are important to our mission.

Upcoming events include the Chapter Leader’s Workshop on Friday, September 8, 2023. We will be discussing important items including NSPE/MSPE/Chapter Structure, MSPE Educational Foundation and Chapter Grants, Chapter finance items including tax filing and electronic fund transfers, Membership update, goals and dues, MSPE awards, Chapter Engagement and best practices, and communication efforts. This meeting will be held via Zoom. I urge all Chapter Leaders to participate.

We also have our annual Fall PDH Days coming on October 18 – 20, 2023. This event will again be conducted in a virtual format. Thanks to Tom Greer for chairing this event. He, Alison Connell and the committee have been working diligently to plan a quality event.

The Executive Committee recently met in person on August 10th in Springfield. Many thanks to OWN for hosting us. Following the meeting we attended the annual Ozark Chapter Shrimp Feed. This was again an outstanding event and important fundraiser for scholarships. If you have not been to the shrimp feed before, I highly encourage you to attend next year. I’m looking forward to visiting many of you at your chapter events this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.
LEGISLATIVE CONVERSATIONS
- A LIVE WEBINAR WITH MSPE -

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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- Jessica Noble, P.E.
- Missouri Department of Transportation

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- Jamie Page, P.E.
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### OZARK CHAPTER
- Wesley Weimer, P.E.
- Toth & Associates
- Michael Woods, P.E.
- City of Branson
- Zachary Abernathy, P.E.
- Toth & Associates
- Ethan Herman
- Student
- College of the Ozarks

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- Upright Design & Consulting LLC
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- Liberty Utilities Inc
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- Aaron Russell
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- Ala Wadi, P.E.
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### WESTERN CHAPTER
- Alexander Alonzo, E.I.
- Student

## VOLUNTARY DUES CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to our lifetime members that provided a voluntary dues contribution to further the MSPE mission.

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From August 2–4 at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, Kentucky, MSPE members enjoyed an exciting week full of exceptional education programs, speakers, and great networking during the 2023 NSPE Professional Engineers Conference.

The following photos showcase some highlights for MSPE from NSPECon23:

Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE was recognized as he concludes his year as NSPE President. We appreciate his leadership at the national, state and local level!

Julie Hawkins, P.E., who serves as the MSPE Professional Engineers in Government Chair and is a leader within the Ozark Chapter, was a presenter at the conference. Her topic focused on paving the way for diversity and equality in the workforce.

MSPE leaders and members (some attendees not pictured) gather for a photo on PE Day. We appreciate everyone who came to support our association at the event.

Travis Lowe, MSPE Executive Director, was recognized at the conference for serving on the NSPE Board of Directors for the past year, representing the state society’s executive directors.

Mark you calendars! NSPECon 2024 will take place August 7-9 in Raleigh, North Carolina. To learn more, click HERE.

See you in Raleigh!
About the App

In an effort to utilize additional communication vehicles to reach our members, MSPE is now offering our membership their very own member app.

The app will provide easy access to your personal profile, the membership directory, and the events calendar. You can even register for events using the app.

The MSPE member app is powered by Wild Apricot, the association management software used by MSPE. The app is free for members and is available now to download on smart phones via the App Store or Google Play Store. Just type in “Wild Apricot for Members” in your store’s search bar to find it.

The login used for the member app is the same login and password members use to gain access to the MSPE website.
MSPE 2023 AWARD WINNERS

MSPE RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AND DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Young Engineer of the Year
Alison Mannion, P.E.
Lochmueller Group

Government Engineer of the Year
Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE
City of Jefferson

PEI Distinguished Service Award
Kelsie Clark, P.E.
Winchester

PEPP Distinguished Service Award
Michael Purol, P.E.
Hutchison Engineering, Inc.

MSPE 2023 FALL PDH DAYS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

October 18-20 2023

Earn a full 15 hours of PDH credit!

To view the agenda and register for our Fall PDH Days Virtual Conference, click HERE.
MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS is the only state professional engineering society and represents all practice area disciplines. MSPE promotes the protection of the public health, safety and welfare through the ethical and competent practice of engineering. MSPE advocates licensure and enhances the image and well being of its members.
EF Establishes Recognition Programs

The EF Board is excited to announce the establishment of two programs to recognize those who support the mission of the Foundation through their financial contributions.

Annually, contributors to the Foundation will be recognized on the MSPE website and in the Missouri Engineering at one of three giving levels:

- **Emerald Donor** – Up to $300 in a single year
- **Sapphire Donor** – Between $300 and $1,200 in a single year
- **Diamond Donor** – Over $1,200 in a year

Lifelong supporters who have contributed $5,000 or more to the Foundation will be recognized as members of the Gemstone Society. MSPE staff and Foundation directors are currently reviewing available records to identify those who are qualified to be members of this elite group. These will include those who contributed to the remodeling of the building the Foundation recently sold.

The mission of the Foundation can only be achieved through the generous support of its donors. If you believe in the importance of STEM and engineering professional development – be a "jewel" and give.

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Donate Your Decade Challenge

The “Donate Your Decade” Giving Challenge provides an opportunity for MSPE members to support the mission of the MSPE Educational Foundation at a financial level reflective of their stage in life. By committing to a monthly contribution equal to or greater than their age decade (i.e., $20 for those in their twenties, $30 for those in their thirties, etc.) members of the Society will help enable the Foundation to provide the necessary grant funding to the MSPE Chapters for STEM related activities. To “Donate Your Decade” use the QR code below to go the Foundation’s giving page on the MSPE website, or click on the following link [https://mspe.org/Give](https://mspe.org/Give).
### MSPE Educational Foundation Jewels

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*Pledged/Gave to “Donate Your Decade” Challenge at MSPE June Convention
MSPE Volunteer Portal

There are many ways MSPE members can become more involved to assist functions/activities central to the MSPE and/or MSPE’s Educational Foundation mission. There are numerous opportunities that range from specific projects lasting for a day to regular committees or positions that serve over the course of a year.

The following online form provides MSPE and the Educational Foundation to the ability to match members with activities that interest them.

Completing the form is not a firm commitment but provides an opportunity for staff or a member to reach out and discuss the function, time commitment and service it provides MSPE, engineering industry and the public.

Click HERE to view the current list of MSPE committees and their respective objectives and goals.

Click HERE to view the current list of Foundation committees and their respective objectives and goals.

ACCESS THE VOLUNTEER PORTAL HERE
What are you doing to support the profession that helped you take care of everyone else, including yourself? The time is now to “pay it forward” and say “thank you” to the engineering profession that helped make it possible to take care of all of these.

The MSPE Educational Foundation needs your help to increase our funding for future engineering student scholarships and for supporting current valuable programs such as MATHCOUNTS and Future Cities. Consider contributing by filling out a DONATION FORM. For more information, email Greg Braden or go online.

Also, consider contributing to the MSPE Educational Foundation by using your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA.

**Contributions to the Foundation During Membership Renewal**
For members planning to make a tax deductible donation to the MSPE Educational Foundation, the NSPE membership renewal portal has an option to add a donation by clicking “Add Donation” next to the MSPE Educational Foundation icon. These funds go directly to the state Foundation. Thank you!
The MSPE Annual Convention took place this year at The Lodge at Old Kinderhook in Camdenton, Missouri on June 8-9, 2023. Thanks to all those who attended. We hope you enjoyed your time with MSPE and found value in all of the sessions offered. Thank you to all our sponsors who made our Annual Convention such an incredible success—we couldn’t have done this without you. Your continued support of MSPE is very much appreciated!

The following photos showcase some highlights from the convention:
80TH ANNUAL SHRIMP FEED

The Ozark Chapter of MSPE hosted the 80th Annual Shrimp Feed at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, Missouri on August 11, 2023.

This event is the primary fundraiser for the Chapter, the proceeds from which go toward funding Engineer’s Week activities, Bridge Contest, MathCounts, Ozarks Science and Engineering Fair and scholarships for local prospective engineering students. The tradition of hosting this fundraiser began in 1941!

Thank you to the Ozark Chapter President, Cody Marshall, P.E. (pictured with MSPE President Kelsie Clark, P.E), for organizing the event.

STATE EVENTS

60TH CONSECUTIVE NSPE PRESIDENT VISIT
SEP 28, 2023 | TIME TBA | KANSAS CITY, MO
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MSPE 2023 FALL PDH DAYS
OCT 18, 2023 | 8:00 AM | VIRTUAL

MSPE LEGISLATIVE WEBINAR
NOV 1, 2023 | 12 PM | VIRTUAL

CHAPTER EVENTS

OZARK CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCH
SEP 7, 2023 | 12 PM | 425 DOWNTOWN EVENTS & CATERING

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
ANNUAL BBQ DINNER
SEP 28, 2023 | 6:30 PM | CHRIST’S CHURCH OF ORONOGO

OZARK CHAPTER
OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCH
OCT 5, 2023 | 12 PM | 425 DOWNTOWN EVENTS & CATERING

OZARK CHAPTER
NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCH
NOV 2, 2023 | 12 PM | 425 DOWNTOWN EVENTS & CATERING