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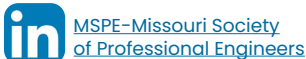
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kelsie Clark, P.E. – MSPE President



Greetings Fellow Engineers!

Since my last message to you we have had several notable events. On September 8th we held the annual Chapter Leaders Workshop via Zoom. We discussed several important topics including chapter finances, membership updates and goals, chapter engagement, and communication improvements. Education Foundation President Steve Hutti and Executive Director Travis Lowe gave us an update on EF activities and chapter grants. Notably over \$18,000 was awarded this year through chapter grants and each chapter that applied received a grant. That is great news!

Past President Mitch Krysa presented a report from the MSPE Awards Committee which is working to reinvigorate our awards program. There are many available MSPE and NSPE awards and it is important that we take opportunity to recognize deserving people. These recognitions must start with us preparing nominations for those who are deserving.

We were also joined at the workshop by Britt Smith, Immediate Past President of NSPE and Past President of MSPE, who shared insight from the national organization regarding membership trends and comments on responses to the NSPE membership survey. Particularly two questions' responses stood out:

1. What made you want to join NSPE? To find a professional community.
2. Why would you leave NSPE? Because they did not find that community.

It was also noted that the professional community our members seek starts at the local chapter level.

NSPE President Bill Atkinson visited Kansas City on September 27th and 28th to meet with leaders and members of MSPE and KSPE. This was the 60th consecutive year for this Kansas City Tradition. Activities included a dinner on Wednesday evening with MSPE and KSPE state and local leadership. Thursday activities began with breakfast with local engineering leaders and sponsors. The day continued with visits to the University of Missouri-Kansas City engineering dean, faculty and students, Black & Veatch, and The US Army Corps of Engineers. We also met with leadership of aSTEAM, a high school-based program introducing technical professions to youth in underserved areas of Kansas City. It was a great day culminating with Mr. Atkinson joining the Western Chapter MSPE and Eastern Chapter KSPE joint dinner meeting and delivering his message from NSPE. Thank you to Jordan Freborg for leading this event.

The annual MSPE Fall PDH days was held on October 18 – 20, 2023. This year the event was conducted in a three-day virtual format. The event was a great success with attendance exceeding goals and expectations. Fall PDH Days is an important event that MSPE makes available for our members and potential members. Many thanks to Tom Greer and his team for planning and conducting this event.

MSPE recently hosted a live webinar with Representative Donnie Brown, PE on November 1, 2023. Mr. Brown represents Missouri District 149 and serves on the budget committee. He shared his insights on being an engineer in the legislature and how that influences his approach to issues that affect our state. Those issues include a focus on infrastructure, professional licensure, and education. Representative Brown noted that engineers are problem solvers who study, evaluate, and find solutions to problems. He also urged that more engineers should consider serving in public offices or commissions at all levels to utilize these problem solving skills for the public welfare. Thank you to Affinis Corporation for sponsoring this event.

Matt Bedinghaus, Anika Careaga, Blake Murray, and I represented MSPE at the North Central Regional virtual meeting on October 12th. One of the items discussed was preparations for E-Week activities coming up in February. E-Week is an opportunity to celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world and engage students in engineering and sciences. I know that many of our chapters are already planning their E-Week activities. If you have not done so already, please share your E-Week plans with the state office.

Travis Lowe, Anika Careaga, and I participated in the Missouri Design Alliance Meeting on October 23rd. The Missouri Design Alliance is a group of professional organizations that work together to track, discuss and support solutions to issues that are important to design professionals across our state. The Alliance does important work. It is important that MSPE has a seat at this table.

Lastly, planning for the 2024 MSPE/KSPE Joint Conference is well underway. The conference will be held June 5-7, 2024, at the Sheraton at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. The committee has been diligently working to put together a quality conference program. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this great event. Thank you to MSPE's Lauren Pins who is co-chairing the event with KSPE's Kurt Rotering.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

STATE EVENTS

ENGINEER'S CAPITOL DAY

JAN 31, 2024 | 8 AM | JEFFERSON CITY, MO

MSPE - KSPE JOINT CONFERENCE

JUN 5 - 7, 2024 | KANSAS CITY, MO

CHAPTER EVENTS

WESTERN CHAPTER

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOV 16, 2023 | 11:30 AM | KANSAS CITY, MO

JEFFERSON CITY CHAPTER

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

NOV 28, 2023 | 12 PM | JEFFERSON CITY, MO

OZARK CHAPTER

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

JAN 4, 2024 | 12 PM | SPRINGFIELD, MO

JEFFERSON CITY CHAPTER

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

JAN 30, 2024 | 12 PM | JEFFERSON CITY, MO

WESTERN CHAPTER

73RD ANNUAL E-WEEK CELEBRATION

FEB 22, 2024 | 10 AM | KANSAS CITY, MO

OZARK CHAPTER

ENGINEER'S WEEK LUNCH

FEB 22, 2024 | 12 PM | SPRINGFIELD, MO

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MSPE IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL AWARDS PROCESS

Mitch Krysa, P.E., Awards Chair

Did someone say “Awards”?

Yes, the MSPE Awards Committee (Kelsie Clark, Mike Atkinson, Eric Seaman, Mark Hendriksen, Jim Fisher, Blake Murray and Chair Mitch Krysa) is working hard this year to help acknowledge and pay tribute to our outstanding members, for who they are, what they do and how they do it! Well-deserved recognition for the members dedication to our profession.

This year is no different than in the past, except for one big thing. We are starting early in the administrative year to bring awareness to the membership of our awards and the awards process. MSPE has 13 awards that can be given to our membership and now is the time for the Local Chapters and Practice Divisions to get started. These awards are given at our state convention, and the next one is a joint convention with KSPE in Kansas City June 5-7. MSPE should make a big splash with our awards ceremonies.

On the following page is a listing of all the awards that are available. Your Awards Committee is charged with the responsibility to review both MSPE and NSPE awards. Now is the time to have MSPE/NSPE awards on each and every one of the local chapter and practice division board and membership meetings agendas, so interest can begin to swell.

The first award is one of the most prestigious, that of the Young Engineer of the year award. Consult our website for the link to the specific qualifications and applications. Significantly the nominee must be age 34 or younger as of January 1 of 2024 and be active in the local, state and national venues. This can be difficult to attain, but that is why it is so prestigious. It is important to get our new members involved at the beginning to build their leadership skills and as a benefit qualify for the Young Engineer of the Year award. Blake Murray can and will send the Chapter Presidents a membership list that show which members in each chapter qualify. In general, while we make the award in June, the application is **due March 31**, however, most chapters present local Young Engineer of the Year award during E - Week which is in February! Hence the need to get started now, as once we reach Thanksgiving, time flies and before you know it, E-Week is here.

Where do you send the applications for all awards? Simple, send them via email to info@mspe.org and MSPE staff will gather them and forward to the Awards Committee for review and appropriate action. Questions can also be directed to the Awards Committee Chair, Mitch Krysa, or to any member of the Awards Committee.

So, let's get started and get the energy moving forward on helping MSPE celebrate our members through this Award Process!



STATE AWARD SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 31

The MSPE Awards Program, administered by the MSPE Awards Committee and Practice Divisions, collects nominations for the Society's annual awards programs. Below are the awards available for submission:

Hall of Fame: The MSPE Hall of Fame was developed to recognize individual engineers or friends of the profession whose personal accomplishments, awards, and activities exemplify the goals and objectives of MSPE and positively promote the professional engineering community.

Young Engineer of the Year Award: This award recognizes young members of MSPE who have made outstanding contributions to the society, the engineering profession, and their communities during the early years of their careers.

Extra Mile Resolution: This special award is presented at the discretion of the MSPE President to an Individual he/she determines to have performed exceptionally during his/her administration.

PEC Distinguished Service Award: The Professional Engineers in Construction Distinguished Service Award is presented to an engineer practicing in the construction field who has made exceptional contributions to the construction industry.

PEC Professional Development Award: The MSPE Professional Engineers in Construction Professional Development Award is presented to the nominated engineering firm that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession through its employment policies and practices.

PEG Government Engineer of the Year Award: Sponsored by the MSPE Professional Engineers in Government (MSPE-PEG), the purpose of the PEG Government Engineer of the Year program is to provide recognition for the accomplishments of engineers who serve the local, state or federal government.

PEG Professional Development Award: The MSPE Professional Engineers in Government Professional Development Awards is presented to the nominated engineering agency that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession through its employment policies and practices.

The purpose of the award is to recognize those agencies with the best engineering employment practices, and to encourage all agencies to adopt progressive policies and practices.

PEHE Distinguished Service Award: The PEHE Distinguished Service Award is presented to an engineering educator who has made exceptional contributions to the engineering profession. The contributions may be made through teaching within and outside the university, authorship of books and significant publications in technical and professional journals, or research accomplishments to advance engineering.

PEPP Distinguished Service Award: The MSPE- PEPP presents the PEPP Distinguished Service Award to an engineer who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement or recognition of the role of private practice in serving the public interest.

PEPP QBS Award: The QBS Award recognize private companies and public-sector entities at the state and local levels that use QBS methods to procure the professional services of consulting engineering firms.

PEPP Professional Development Award: The MSPE Private Practice Professional Development Award is presented to the nominated engineering firm that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession through its employment policies and practices.

The purpose of the award is to recognize those firms with the best engineering employment practices and to encourage all firms to adopt progressive policies and practices.

If you would like to submit a nomination, applications for all awards can be found on the [Awards page of the MSPE website](#). Questions? Contact Awards Committee Chairman [Mitch Krysa](#) or email info@mspe.org.

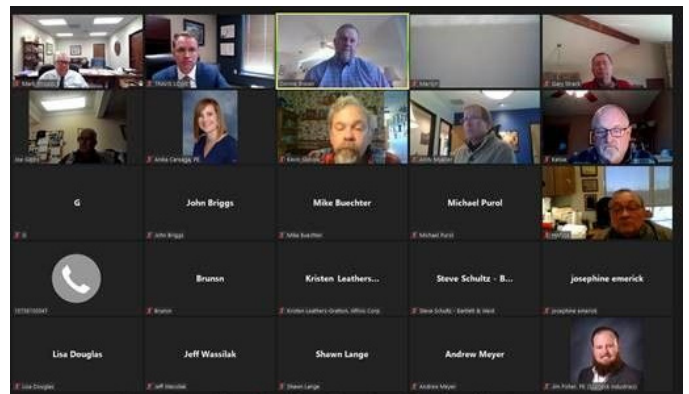
MSPE State & Chapter Event Updates:



In October, three faculty and 19 students from the College of the Ozarks student chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the College Math Club prepared dozens of assembly kits for solar cubes for Designs for Hope. The electrical lab was abuzz with stations for cutting and stripping wires, crimping connectors, soldering components, and quality assurance. More about the important mission of Designs for Hope and the solar cubes may be found [HERE](#).



JEFFERSON CITY CHAPTER - Members gathered together for an evening of fellowship and chicken wings at Binder Lake at the Shrimp Feed & Wing Ding on October 12. This was the first one the chapter has hosted since 2019! Special thanks to Last Flight Brewing Company for sponsoring the event with a keg.



MSPE members from across the state enjoyed visiting with Representative Donnie Brown, P.E. during our legislative webinar on November 1. Rep. Brown shared his experience as a county engineer and details on his first Missouri legislative session. We are thankful for his service!



Anika Careaga, PE, MSPE President-Elect, attended the bill signing ceremony for SB 109 with several other stakeholders who worked on the legislation. SB 109 was a Missouri Department of Natural Resources funding bill that preserved Missouri's delegated authority programs from the EPA and several other provisions.

MSPE WESTERN CHAPTER: CHAPTER HOSTS NSPE PRESIDENT FOR THE 60TH YEAR IN A ROW

Mitch Krysa, P.E., Western Chapter Member

The Western Chapter Missouri Society of Professional Engineers once again hosted the NSPE President during September to help kick off the new administrative year. Bill Atkinson, P.E. F.NSPE kept the streak alive and said in no way was he going to break it. The visit began Tuesday, September 26 and ended late evening Thursday, September 28th. President Atkinson left for his next engagement very early Friday morning September 29.

This has become a very special and important activity for Western Chapter. The Kansas City metropolitan area boasts the highest per capita ratio of engineers of any city in the US. The area hosts some of the largest consulting firms where their world headquarters are located. This venue gives the NSPE president the opportunity to visit, discuss, and mingle with some of the top engineering leaders of the world.

The visit was coordinated by Western Chapter President Jordan Freborg. The coordination effort begins as soon as the previous NSPE President completes their visit, so the effort really is yearlong, and final arrangements usually fall in place during the visit. Other Western Chapter Officers, Board members and regular members share in the experience in providing the program.

Upon President Atkinson's arrival Tuesday, he embarked on his first visit to Burns & McDonnell Engineers at their world headquarters on Ward Parkway. Bill, being from Vermont was impressed with the enormity of the building and how many engineers worked in this facility. Burns & McDonnell is one of the largest sponsors of NSPE/MSPE and many of their engineers are members of WC MSPE and NSPE.

Next stop was Grand Street Café for an informal dinner and libations with Board members from Western Chapter MSPE and Eastern Chapter KSPE. About 20 attended and were able to discuss various NSPE topics with President Atkinson. Both MSPE President Kelsie Clark, P.E. and KSPE President Kerrie Greenfelder, P.E. F. NSPE were in attendance.

The next day started early with breakfast at Eggtc. near the Plaza in Kansas City. Traditionally this is a gathering of past WC MSPE presidents, current WC MSPE Board members and event sponsors. This way, sponsors can reach out and discuss issues directly with the NSPE President and to respect and honor those special sponsors. Breakfast was very good for the 25 or so who attended. Did I mention that Tom Roberts was also in attendance? Tom is a recent NSPE President himself and a leader in KSPE Education Foundation. It is always good to see Tom.

Next, a contingent of Jordan Freborg, Kelsie Clark, Mitch Krysa and Bill Atkinson departed for more citywide visits. First stop was to meet with the Kansas City District Office of the Corp of Engineers at their headquarters in downtown Kansas City. Met with the Engineering Division Chief and Operations Division Technical

Support lead and discussed how NSPE/MSPE can collaborate together and build a better, stronger alliance. WC MSPE may see COE hosting some meetings and making presentations going forward.

Next, the contingent traveled to UMKC School of Science and Engineering on the Volker Campus. There we met with Dean Truman and Division Director Dr. Kevern, P.E. Open dialog as to how the university recently combined the science and engineering divisions making the new division the largest on campus. Interestingly, UMKC has chosen to emphasize internships and have arranged for block classes to allow students to work and go to class in half day increments.

Next....Lunch! Event called "Pizza with the President!" UMKC students were invited to come eat free pizza and have an open discussion with the NSPE president. WC MSPE group and President Bill fielded questions and then provided personal guidance advice for these young prospective engineers. Guidance was to strive for becoming a licensed Professional Engineer. Dean Truman returned and gave a tour of the new Engineering Research facility that was recently completed. Team saw many cooperative research projects underway.

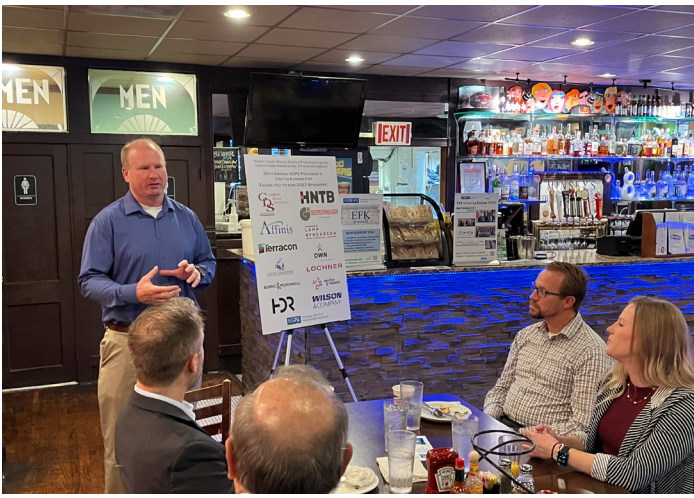
Next stop was at Black & Veatch World Headquarters in Overland Park, Kansas. The team met with Katie M. Werner, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff. Katie is a Civil Engineer and a P.E and serves Mario Azar, Black & Veatch President and CEO. The WC MSPE team and Bill Atkinson were able to share common goals of both NSPE and B & V. Stressing the importance of the role of the Professional Engineer and how each entity can provide leadership training for our engineers.

Next was a visit to aSTEAM, a high school based learning program introducing technical professions to underserved areas of Kansas City. We met in the Lab in a circle and discussed the similarities of both organizations and how important it is for children of all walks of life to have an opportunity to excel. aSTEAM has helped provide internet connectivity to areas where typical internet providers would not or could not due to financial feasibility. Truly, aSTEAM is an amazing group.

Lastly, we traveled back to Grand Street Café for a well-deserved Happy Hour and joint WC MSPE EC KSPE dinner meeting. This was another opportunity for President Bill to meet and talk to members and share his message. Bill addressed the well-attended audience and discussed the future of Professional Engineering.

Our hats are off to President Bill Atkinson for making the trip and sharing his visions for our membership. And, also thanks to Jordan Freborg for making the arrangements and keeping Bill busy throughout his stay.

Go to the next page to view photos from the event.



NSPE President Bill Atkinson, P.E., F.NSPE visiting with local MSPE and KSPE leaders during the 60th Annual Meeting with the NSPE President.



Members from the Western Chapter of MSPE and the Eastern Chapter of KSPE enjoying an informal dinner.



Members at the same dinner, which was attended by about 20 people. The group was able to discuss various NSPE topics with President Atkinson.



Bill Atkinson, P.E., F.NSPE with Western Chapter members at the District Office of the Corp of Engineers at their headquarters in downtown Kansas City.



MSPE President Kelsie Clark, P.E. welcomes dinner attendees at the Grand Street Café in Kansas City, MO.



NSPE President Bill Atkinson P.E., F.NSPE at the dinner discussing the future of engineering with members from MSPE and KSPE.

MSPE IS SEEKING CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON SOCIETY OFFICER SLATE

Applications being accepted for President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer & At-Large Representatives

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2024

Pursuant to MSPE Bylaws, the Nominating & Tellers Committee is soliciting interest in members to serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 administrative year. These annual elections include the President-elect, Vice President, Treasurer and two At-Large Representatives. In July, President-Elect Kelsie Clark, P.E. automatically becomes President.

Nominees must meet the membership requirements of a licensed three-tier member (NSPE, MSPE and local chapter) and be current in membership dues. [Interested applicants can apply online here.](#)

Members of the Nominating and Tellers Committee will review submitted applications for Vice-President and President-Elect and interview prospects. Any applicant not selected for the official ballot, who wishes to pursue an office, may do so in accordance with MSPE Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4, Paragraph B.

Descriptions, requirements, and anticipated expectations for the positions are as follows:

President-Elect

Election to the position of President-Elect is a one-year term with automatic ascent to the office of President the following year and then Immediate Past President the year after. The President-Elect serves as the second ranking officer and will preside over the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in absence of the President.

Primary duties of this position include:

- Participate in Executive Committee meetings (meets monthly for an hour via Zoom, with one in person at Ozark Shrimp Feed).
- Participate in Board of Directors meetings (meets quarterly, some in-person and some via Zoom).
- Acting as a liaison officer where he/she will verify that committees and chapters under his/her jurisdiction have submitted reports in a timely manner and request any appropriate Board action prior to a Board meeting.
- Complete any special assignments as designated by the President.
- Strategic planning duties with the Executive Director for the following year.

As president, primary duties of this position include:

- Presiding meetings of the Executive Committee meetings (meets monthly for an hour via Zoom, with one in person at Ozark Shrimp Feed).
- Presiding meetings of the Board of Directors meetings (meets quarterly, some in-person and some via Zoom).
- Assist the Executive Director with development of meeting agendas and society priorities.
- Regular communication with MSPE Executive Director, President-Elect, and Educational Foundation President.
- Drafting a President's message for the quarterly MSPE publications.
- Attend Society state events, including two P.E. Licensure Ceremonies and Capitol Day, all in Jefferson City.
- Visit each MSPE chapter at a local meeting, as invited, during term as President.
- Host NSPE President for the Annual Visit to Kansas City.
- Attend Professional Design Alliance meeting, usually in Jefferson City.
- Attend civic, educational and professional functions as an MSPE representative, as required throughout the state.
- Participate as a member of the Convention Planning Committee.
- Attend the NSPE PE Conference.

MSPE 2023 Nominating & Tellers Committee

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MSPE IS SEEKING CANDIDATES, CONTINUED

Vice President

Election to the position of Vice President is a one-year term with the opportunity to ascend to the offices of President-Elect and President in subsequent years. The Vice President is third ranking officer of MSPE. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, the Vice President is next in line to preside at Executive Committee and Board meetings.

Primary duties of this position include:

- Participate in Executive Committee meetings (meets monthly for an hour via Zoom, with one in person at Ozark Shrimp Feed).
- Participate in Board of Directors meetings (meets quarterly, some in-person and some via Zoom).
- Serve on the Fall PDH Days Planning Committee, which organizes programming at the Fall PDH Days scheduled in October.
- Acting as a liaison officer where he/she will verify that committees and chapters under his/her jurisdiction have submitted reports in a timely manner and request any appropriate Board action prior to a Board meeting.
- Complete any special assignments as designated by the President.

Treasurer

Election to the position of Treasurer is a one-year term with the possibility to ascend to the offices of Vice President, President-Elect, and President in subsequent years. The Treasurer is an elected officer of MSPE and the MSPE Educational Foundation. In the absence of the President and President-Elect and Vice-President, the Treasurer is next in line to preside at Executive and Board Meetings.

The primary duties of this position are to attend recurring Executive Committee meetings and each Board of Directors meeting where decisions about the future of the Society are made; serve as the chief financial officer of both MSPE and the Educational Foundation; serve with the rest of the Executive Committee as the budget committee which oversees the operating budget and investment strategies of the Society.

Primary duties of this position include:

- Participate in MSPE Executive Committee meetings (meets monthly for an hour via Zoom, with one in person at Ozark Shrimp Feed).
- Participate in MSPE Board of Directors meetings (meets quarterly, some in-person and some via Zoom).
- Participate in Education Foundation Board of Directors meetings (meets bi-monthly via Zoom with one in-person at MSPE convention).
- Participate on the Educational Foundation's Investment Committee.
- Communicate with staff to ensure understanding of fiscal health of the association and foundation, as well as review of monthly financial statements prepared by staff.
- Oversee association and foundation operating budget and assist staff in preparation of budget for the following fiscal year.
- Provide financial summary updates to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- Act as a liaison officer where he/she will verify that committees and chapters under his/her jurisdiction have submitted reports in a timely manner and request any appropriate Board action prior to a Board meeting.
- Complete any special assignments as designated by the President.

At-Large Representatives on Executive Committee and Board of Directors

During the June Board of Directors meeting at the MSPE Convention, two members will be elected by the Board of Directors to serve as At-Large Representatives on the 2023-2024 MSPE Board. The two selected representatives shall not be from the same chapter.

Duties include:

- Participate in Executive Committee meetings (meets monthly for an hour via Zoom, with one in person at Ozark Shrimp Feed).
- Participate in Board of Directors meetings (meets quarterly, some in-person and some via Zoom).
- Complete any special assignments as designated by the President.



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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.

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MSPE Educational Foundation Grants

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>MSPE Local Chapters</u>	\$ 18,500.00
DOLLARS <u>Eighteen thousand five hundred and 00/100</u>	
MEMO <u>FE Exam Prep, Model Bridge Contests, MATHCOUNTS, STEM Grants</u>	<u>MSPE Educational Foundation</u>
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Thank you to our volunteers and good luck to our Missouri students!

MATHCOUNTS[®]

Missouri 2024 Competition Dates

Central Chapter Competition
Columbia • 02-10-2024

Ozark Chapter Competition
Springfield • 02-03-2024

St. Louis Chapter Competition
St. Louis • 02-17-2024

Jefferson City Chapter Competition
Jefferson City • 02-10-2024

Southeast Chapter Competition
Cape Girardeau • 02-9-2024

Western Chapter Competition
Kansas City • 02-03-2024

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INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2024

MSPE's Educational Foundation is searching for members interested in assisting the Foundation's philanthropic mission.

The Nominating & Tellers Committee, chaired by Rachel Goeke, P.E., is seeking three members interested in serving a three-year term. Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2024

The Educational Foundation is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, comprised of members from across the state. Board meetings take place bi-monthly for an hour via zoom, with an in-person meeting at the MSPE Convention. Foundation activities are assisted by several committees and MSPE staff. The Board term lasts from July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027.

The Educational Foundation serves its mission by providing financial support to local STEM efforts, such as MATHCOUNTS and other chapter activities. The Foundation also administers the William and Mila Kimel Endowment Program that encourages professional licensure of engineering educators at the University of Missouri campuses.

Objectives of the MSPE Educational Foundation:

- Study and improve the practice of professional engineering and promote the elevation of engineering standards.
- Promote the study of engineering and research.
- Improve relations between engineers and the public.
- Foster suitable standards of engineering education for the licensing of Professional Engineers.

Please [click this link](#) to complete the application and submit to info@mspe.org by February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration,
MSPE Nominating & Tellers Committee



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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" go to the Foundation's giving page on the MSPE website at the following link: <https://mspe.org/Give>.

MSPE Educational Foundation Jewels

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*Participant in the Engineers Week Giving Solicitation

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*Pledged/Gave to "Donate Your Decade" Challenge at MSPE June Convention

Gemstone Society

BLACK DIAMOND
(OVER \$100K)

Jerome & Jeannette Cohen
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(\$75K-100K)

PINK DIAMOND
(\$50K-\$75K)

Arthur A. Kaspar

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(\$10K-\$25K)

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*Past contributors to the McCarty Building Fund are not yet included in this list

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.

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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!

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