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On the cover: Wichita, KS, Arkansas River walkway and Keeper of the Plains. Photo by Samuel Myles
Hello Friends! It is truly an honor to be writing my first message to you as the President of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers! I couldn’t be more excited for what’s to come over the next 12 months. Before I get into that, what a great annual conference we just finished. This was our first joint conference with the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers in nearly 30 years! I thought it went extremely well and I know I am looking forward to working with our counterparts to make the next Joint Conference sooner than 30 years from now!

As I mentioned in my remarks at the conference, I thought I would share a little about me for those that don’t know me. I am a Kansas State University grad. I live in Conway Springs, a small town 30 miles southwest of Wichita and was born and raised in Wichita. I’m currently a Government Market Sector Leader for TranSystems and have been with the firm for over 22 years. I’ve been a member of KSPE for slightly longer than that, having served on the Wichita Chapter Board many moons ago.

Now looking forward: As we work our way through the summer months, planning is well under way for the upcoming year as we have several initiatives we are working on.

We are continuing to build strong cohesive relationships with our chapters. Starting this year, we are incorporating chapter leadership into our quarterly executive committee meetings to build strong bonds and become more effective as a state organization.

We are also continuing to work with the Board of Technical Professions to build strong relationships and align our priorities in the best interests of the state.

Additionally, we are working to build relationships with students and faculties at our state universities. Students are our membership pipeline and we need to foster those relationships so we will be looking for ways to further that initiative this year.

We will be continuing to find ways to grow our government agency and engineering faculty memberships. Both of these groups are valuable members of our engineering community and are under-represented in our society so growing that population of members is extremely important.

And finally, Travis and the Government Relations Committee will be extremely active in Topeka and locally protecting the interests of all of us.

Over the coming year, we will continue with chapter legislative caucuses and president’s visits so I look forward to seeing you all at each of these events!

I will leave you with this. As we progress through the upcoming year, please remember to like and share your KSPE chapter and state activities on LinkedIn. It’s a great way to promote the organization and get the word out about the great things we are doing. Second, as I mentioned at the conference, please tap a colleague on the shoulder and encourage them to join KSPE. If we all add one new member through our networks, think of how much our organization will grow!

Have a great summer and I look forward to working with you all soon!
Since 1910, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers has represented all engineering disciplines and practices for the state's licensed professional engineers. We represent licensed professional engineers who practice in industry, construction, private practice, education, and government. The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers membership provides professional engineers with the resources and services needed to be better informed and better connected within the professional engineers in your community.
What are you doing to support the profession that helped you take care of everyone else, including yourself?

The Engineers’ Foundation of Kansas needs your help to grow our support for Kansas STEM programs (such as MATHCOUNTS, Future City & Bridge Building), engineering licensure, and economic/workforce development.

Please consider contributing by filling out a DONATION FORM. For more information, email Greg Braden at the EFK office or go online.
The 2024-2025 NSPE Board of Directors will include a familiar face as Brian Scovill, P.E., has been elected to represent the north central region. Scovill announced his intention to run for the position and was elected by the region’s state associations in June. The two-year term began July 1.

Brian Scovill, P.E. served as president of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers from 2020-2021 and remains involved with the KSPE, NSPE and the Eastern Chapter.

The role of north central region director affords Scovill a seat on the NSPE Board of Directors, as well as the liaison to the Board from the states represented in the north central region. In addition to Kansas, this includes Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. The region’s leaders meet monthly to discuss ongoing activities and news from NSPE. Scovill will chair the regional meetings.

“We are thrilled for Brian and Kansas to help lead NSPE,” KSPE President Kerrie Greenfelder, P.E.,F.NSPE noted after the election.

Scovill’s membership dates back to 2008. Since that time, Scovill has held numerous local chapter and state positions, including serving as KSPE president and president of the Eastern Chapter. Scovill has a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Oklahoma State University and a Master of Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas.

Scovill’s experience will also bring perspective of how to engage members in the government sector. Scovill began his career at MoDOT, then to Platte County (Missouri), City of Overland Park and currently is the City Engineer for the City of Leawood.

“I am eager to collaborate with my colleagues and advance the vision of NSPE where the public can be confident that engineering decisions affecting lives are made by qualified and ethically accountable professionals.”

KSPE’S BRIAN SCOVILL ELECTED TO NSPE BOARD

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EASTERN CHAPTER
Brent Johnson, P.E.
Olsson
Michael Sean Higgins
Chet Belcher, PE.
Parviz Iskandarov
Southeast Missouri State University

TOPEKA CHAPTER
Aws AbuAli

TRI VALLEY CHAPTER
Ruchi Bhakta
Terracon Consultants Inc

WICHITA CHAPTER
Sarah Unruh, P.E.

KSPE LIFETIME VOLUNTARY DUES PAYERS
Harold Munger
Claude Perdue
Dennis Clennan
2024 CONFERENCE RECAP

THANKS TO ALL FOR A GREAT EVENT

For the first time since 1996, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers teamed up with the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers for a joint annual conference. The conference, held at the Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, attracted approximately 200 guests.

Thank you to all attendees, sponsors, speakers and vendors who made this event a success.

Thank you to our conference planning committee, comprised of members from both state societies.

2024 JOINT CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Brett Wilkinson, P.E.
Staff– Alison, Connell, CMP
Staff– Travis Lowe, CAE
2024 CONFERENCE RECAP

RECEPTIONS

The KSPE/MSPE 2024 Joint Conference kicked off its welcome reception at Blvd Brewery, one of Kansas City’s iconic breweries. Great conversations, great evening! Attendees also gathered at J. Rieger & Co’s Electric Park for a summer evening of networking.
2024 CONFERENCE RECAP

The KSPE/MSPE 2024 Joint Conference’s impressive line-up of engaging experts provided meaningful and timely information on a variety of topics.

MSPE/KSPE is honored to have KC Mayor Quinton Lucas welcome our conference attendees and talk about engineering’s impact in the region.

KC Global Design plays an important role in promoting the region’s engineering power. Ashley McDonald shares their story with our members.

Plenty of transportation discussion at the KSPE/MSPE 2024 Conference with KDOT Deputy Secretary/State Transportation Director Engineer Greg Schieber, P.E., KTA Director of Engineering David Jacobson, P.E. and MoDOT KC Assistant District Engineer Matt Killion, P.E. providing great updates.
2024 CONFERENCE RECAP

SEMINAR SESSIONS

The KSPE/MSPE 2024 Joint Conference’s impressive line-up of engaging experts provided meaningful and timely information on a variety of topics.

Our association is grateful to have very active professional engineers in the government sector. Gary Janzen, P.E., Julie Hawkins, P.E., Greg Schieber, P.E., and Jacob Careaga, P.E. discuss their view on their role in the public sector.

With the Kansas and Missouri legislative sessions concluded, KSPE/MSPE Executive Director Travis Lowe and MSPE lobbyist Mark Rhoads provide an update on issues impacting licensed professional engineers.

Missouri Department of Conservation’s Chief Engineer, Jacob Careaga, P.E., discusses the Conservation at the Confluence.

PortKC’s Joe Perry discusses the Kansas City Current Stadium.

Young engineer attendees listened to Rachelle Lowe, P.E. of Burns & McDonnell, speak about intergenerational collaboration.
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The walkway collapse generated discussion with the location site and presentation by Robynn Andracek, P.E. of Providence Engineering.

Tammy Buckner of WeCodeKC discussed the impact of exposing younger generations to technology and engineering skills through programs such as WeCode KC.

Paul Kulseth, P.E., Kansas Department of Transportation; Brett Harding, P.E., Burns & McDonnell; Chad Hall, P.E., HDR and Kevin Kellerman, P.E., Clarkson Construction Company provided a presentation titled “De Soto, Kansas Progressive Design-Build – Another Tool in the Alternative Delivery Toolbox”

The new event space, the Rock Island Bridge, promises to be a great for Kansas City venue. Mike Zeller of Rock Island KC explained its story.

Terracon legal team of Aaron Mann, JD and Mike Yost, JD provided an ethics presentation on dealing with a real example of discovered problem and response.
2024 CONFERENCE RECAP

PRACTICE DIVISION MEETINGS

The KSPE/MSPE 2024 Joint Conference’s division meetings provided breakout opportunities for more specific applications.

Professional Engineers in Government (PEG)

Professional Engineers in Industry (PEI)

Professional Engineers in Higher Education (PEHE)

Professional Engineers in Kansas Private Practice/ACEC Kansas

Professional Engineers in Missouri Private Practice
KSPE LEADERSHIP

KSPE leadership is essential to the success of our mission and the growth of our chapters and association.

As our KSPE administrative year draws to a close, we thank our seven local chapter presidents for their leadership over the past year.

**Eastern Chapter**– Cody Porter, P.E., Wilson & Company

**High Plains Chapter**– C.W. Harper, P.E, Kirkham Michael

**Smoky Valley Chapter**– Libby Lorenson, P.E., Bergkamp Inc

**Southeast Chapter**– Norm Philipp, P.E.– Pittsburg State University

**Topeka Chapter**– Michael Ingalls, P.E., Professional Engineering Consultants

**Tri-Valley Chapter**– Bill Heatherman, P.E., City of Manhattan

**Wichita Chapter**– Eric Glover, P.E., Garver

**KSPE 2024–2025 Officer Installation**

President Jeff Lackey, P.E.

President-Elect C.W. Harper, P.E

Vice President Travis Stryker, P.E. (not pictured)

Treasurer Ian Reekie, P.E.

Secretary Rachel Henkhaus, PhD, P.E.

Past President Kerrie Greenfelder, P.E., F.NSPE

At-Large Rep Kurt Rotering, P.E.

NSPE Delegate Wayne Nelson, P.E., F.NSPE
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KSPE 2023-2024 President Kerrie Greenfelder, P.E., F.NSPE, of Burns & McDonnell, completes term.

KSPE staff at the conference—Blake Murray, Travis Lowe, CAE, Taylor Lowe, Alison Connell, CMP

Jeff Lackey, P.E., of TranSystems, is installed as KSPE 2024-2025 President.

KSPE 2023-2024 President Kerrie Greenfelder, P.E., F.NSPE, of Burns & McDonnell, completes term.
KSPE Intern Engineer of the Year

KSPE congratulates Madison Schoemann, EI as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Intern Engineer of the Year Award. Madison works at Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC)’s Topeka office where she serves as a municipal transportation design engineer. Madison earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University in 2022.

KSPE Government Engineer of the Year

KSPE posthumously recognizes Robert Ott, P.E. as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Government Engineer of the Year Award. Mr. Ott earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University. Rob served 18 years with the City of Manhattan, first as City Engineer and then as Public Works Director, until his passing in October 2023. Rob served as an officer in the U.S. Army and was active with Tri-Valley KSPE and Kansas APWA.

Rob’s award was honorably received by Bill Heatherman, the KSPE Tri-Valley Chapter President.

KSPE Young Engineer of the Year

KSPE congratulates Michael Snapp, P.E. as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Young Engineer of the Year Award. Michael is a graduate from Colorado School of Mines. After earning a Master’s in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University, he continues to progress his professional career at Terracon from staff engineer to senior staff engineer and into his current role as a project engineer. Michael has also served as a KSPE Tri-Valley Chapter board member.
KSPE 2024 AWARD WINNERS

KSPE Engineer of the Year

KSPE congratulates Kurt Rotering, P.E. as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Engineer of the Year Award. Kurt obtained a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master’s in Transportation Engineering, both from Kansas State University. He is currently the Vice President and Senior Team Leader in Traffic and Technology at Olsson. At KSPE, Kurt is a past president of the Eastern Chapter and currently serving as an at-large representative on the KSPE Executive Committee.

KSPE Professional Development Award

KSPE congratulates HNTB Corporation as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Professional Development Award. This award recognizes encouraging professional growth and promoting professional opportunities for engineer employees. HTNB’s Overland Park office has 256 employees, 185 of them are engineers with all of them holding a professional license or are intern engineers. HNTB prioritizes professional development for interns and new employees through an extensive Summer Program.

KSPE Outstanding Engineering Achievement

KSPE’s 2024 Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award goes to the Wichita North Junction Gold Project Accelerated Subphase (Phase 2A) in Wichita, completed in September 2023. The Wichita North Junction is a major interchange where I-135, I-235, K-254 and K-96 meet. The project partners include the City of Wichita, Federal Highway Administration, Kansas Department of Transportation, Sedgwick County, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Professional Engineering Consultants, HNTB, Wood, SRF Consulting Group, Inc, Dondlinger & Sons Construction, Inc, Cillessen & Sons, Inc and Atlas Electrical, LLC.
KSPE Outstanding Citizen Award

KSPE congratulates Neil Horton as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Outstanding Citizen Award. This award recognizes Mr. Horton’s selfless giving and contributions toward a better society. Neil’s roots took hold in the 1970s when he served as a land surveyor and construction inspector in Topeka. More than 25 years later, Neil became CEO of the Bayer Construction Company in 1996, at $50M+ heavy highway construction & materials organization headquartered in Manhattan, KS.

KSPE Award

KSPE congratulates Wayne Nelson, P.E., F.NSPE as the recipient of the 2024 KSPE Award. This award recognizes Wayne’s lifelong service to the engineering profession, his community and the society.

Wayne, who works at the City of Salina, is a past president of KSPE. He began the tradition of having the Salina City Commission recognize Engineer’s Week with a proclamation signed and read aloud by the mayor. Today, Wayne serves on the NSPE Education Foundation Board of Trustees and is president of the Engineers’ Foundation of Kansas.

KSPE Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year

KSPE and the Engineers’ Foundation of Kansas congratulate Jennifer Womack as the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding High School Teacher Award.

Jennifer Womack, a teacher at Silver Lake High School, obtained her Bachelors in Math Education from
KSPE 2024 AWARD WINNERS

Washburn University and Masters in Gifted Education from Emporia State. She is passionate about getting students involved in math outside of the classroom and has done so by having students participate in KU’s Engineering Design Challenge, participate in math contests at local universities, Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge, and the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. This will be her 4th year hosting a middle school math competition called “Divide & Conquer” for Shawnee County and surrounding middle schools.

KSPE Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year

KSPE and the Engineers’ Foundation of Kansas congratulate Chelsea Davis as the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Middle School Teacher Award.

Chelsea is a STEM Teacher at Eisenhower Middle School in Manhattan. Chelsea has a BS in Construction Management from Northern Arizona University, Masters in Elementary Education from Arizona State University, and Masters in Educational Administration from Emporia State University. Chelsea’s Exploring STEM class is designed to mimic real life engineering with work stations mimicking cubicles and desktop computers.

KSPE Elementary School Teacher of the Year

KSPE and the Engineers’ Foundation of Kansas congratulate Manuel Estrada Espinosa as the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Elementary School Teacher Award.

Manuel is a graduate of Emporia State University and a 5th grade teacher at Walnut Elementary School in Emporia. He incorporates science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, and mathematics into his lessons to make students’ learning fun, hands-on, and engaging.
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Eric Glover, P.E.

Current employer: Garver

KSPE Chapter: Wichita

KSPE leadership roles: KSPE Wichita Chapter President 2023-2024; Local Chapter Chairs

How did you get interested/involved in engineering? Career day in high school. A City of Wichita Engineer brought plans for the Mclean Boulevard relocation. I thought that was incredibly interesting.

I started as survey field help straight out of high school and actually worked on the design survey for that very project.

What is your current role and what type of work are you doing? Project Manager overseeing mostly residential development work. I am also the IKE PMC PM for two US-50 projects between Cimarron and Garden City.

If you weren’t an engineer, what would you be? Accountant because math.

Why did you join KSPE? When I was first out of school Chris Bohm took me to chapter meetings and the annual conference. There is just something professionally invigorating about the conference that brings me back every year.

FAVORITES

Restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings

Vacation Spot: Charleston, SC

Sports Team: Kansas State and KC Chiefs

Song or Music Artist: Acoustic version of Creep by Stone Temple Pilots

Book: Foundation by Isaac Asimov
2024 ELECTION SEASON PREVIEW

by Travis Lowe, CAE

Kansas’ election season is officially underway as the filing deadline for candidates ended on June 3. As expected, many incumbents are vying to retain their seat while newcomers seek office. All 125 seats in the Kansas House of Representatives and 40 seats in the Kansas Senate are up for election, as well as the four Kansas congressional seats. No statewide offices or U.S. Senate seats are up for election this cycle. The primary election is set for August 6, while the general election will take place on November 5.

As the 2024 elections approach, the outcomes of these elections will shape the legislative agenda and political landscape of Kansas for the next two years. Republicans will look to hold onto their super majority in both chambers, while Democrats are aiming to make gains, particularly in suburban areas where they have seen growing support.

KANSAS SENATE

The Senate will see at least eleven new faces as 28% of its members have announced they will not be seeking reelection in 2024. Ten Republicans and one Democrat have announced their departure, including Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee Chairman Jeff Longbine (R-Emporia), and Education Committee Chairwoman Molly Baumgardner (R-Spring Hill) and the Ranking Minority Member on Tax Committee Tom Holland (D- Baldwin City). Kansas Senators are only up for election every four years, with 2024 being the first election cycle since the new maps were created during 2022 redistricting.

The Senate will also see notable changes with the relocation of District 36 from central Kansas to the eastern part of the state due to redistricting. Currently held by retiring Vice President Rick Wilborn, District 36 will be an open seat looking for a new senator to represent its constituents in the Johnson County area. Vice President Wilborn intended to retire completely from the Kansas Legislature but has recently filed to run for the Kansas House, due to the tragic passing of current District 73 Representative, Les Mason (R-McPherson).

Five candidates did not receive a challenger including three Republicans and two Democrats. Of those uncontested races, all of them are incumbent senators ready to get back to work. Four other races will be decided after the primary election, while thirty-one will have to wait until the general election.

Kansas Senators Not Seeking Re-Election

- Molly Baumgardner – District 37 – Chair of Education Committee
- John Doll – District 39 – Member of Commerce and Ag Committees
- Tom Holland – District 3 – Ranking on Tax Committee
- Dan Kerschen – District 26 – Recent chair of Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
• Jeff Longbine – District 17 – Chair of Financial Institutions and Insurance
• Carolyn McGinn – District 31 – Chair of Local Government and former Ways and Means chair,
• Robert Olson – District 23 – Member of Financial Institutions and Insurance and
   Judiciary Committee
• Kristen O'Shea – District 18 – Member of Commerce, Education, Health Committees
• Mark Steffen - District 34 – Member of Health and Judiciary Committee
• Alicia Straub – District 33 – Member of Education and Federal & State Affairs committee
• Rick Wilborn – District 35 – Senate Vice President (Running for House District 73)

Current Kansas Senate Breakdown:
Republicans: 29 seats
Democrats: 11 seats

KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

All 125 Kansas House of Representatives are up for election every two years. The House witnessed 20 retirements, including Minority Leader Vic Miller (D-Topeka), who is opting to run for the open Senate District 19. Several key committee leadership positions also announced their departure from the Kansas Legislature including Health Committee Chairwoman Brenda Landwehr (R-Wichita), Education Committee Chairman Adam Thomas (R-Olathe), and Corrections Committee Chairman Stephen Owens (R-Hesston). Rep. Thomas and Rep. Owens are joining Minority Leader Miller in an attempted run for an open Kansas Senate seat. The House will see nine of the nineteen retirees try their luck in running for the Kansas Senate.

Forty-three candidates did not receive a challenger including twenty-seven Republicans and sixteen Democrats. Of those uncontested races, five will be replacing retiring legislators. Nine other races will be decided after the primary election, while another seventy-three will have to wait until after the general election to see who will represent the district.

Kansas House Members Not Seeking Re-Election

• Tory Marie Blew – District 112 – Member of Federal and State Affairs and Insurance Committees
• Bill Clifford – District 122 – Vice Chair of Financial Institutions and Pensions Committee.
• Susan Concannon – District 107 – Chair of Child Welfare and Foster Care Committee
• Michael Dodson – District 67 – Vice Chair of Veterans and Military Committee
• John Eplee – District 63 – Vice Chair of Health Committee
• Randy Garber – District 62 – Member of Federal and State Affairs and K-12 Education
  Budget Committees
• Michael Houser – District 1 – Member of Transportation and Federal and State
  Affairs Committees
• Trevor Jacobs – District 4 – Member of Agriculture Committee
Current Kansas House of Representatives Breakdown:

Republicans: 85 seats  
Democrats: 40 seats

IMPACT TO COMMITTEES OF INTEREST

The first glance after the filing deadline suggests there will be several changes to committees of interest to licensed professional engineers. For water policy, Sen. Dan Kerschen, recent chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, did not file for re-election. Sen. Virgil Peck (R-Havana) already assumed the chairmanship of this committee. Meanwhile, in addition to Sen. Kerschen, Sen. John Doll (R-Garden City), Sen. Carolyn McGinn (R-Sedgwick), Sen. Alicia Straub (R-Ellinwood) did not file. This is at least four members leaving the nine-member committee. The leadership of the House Committee on Water hopes to remain in place while former Department of Agriculture attorney, Rep. Kenny Titus (R-Manhattan), is running for an open Senate seat.

All members of the Senate Committee on Transportation filed for re-election. This is a contrast to many of the standing committees that see at least a third of the committee not file, including one or more of the committee leadership. Further, chairman Mike Petersen (R-Wichita) does not have a challenger, cementing his eventual re-election. Likewise, House Committee on Transportation chair Shannon Francis (R-Liberal) does not have a challenger, also cementing his eventual re-election. Rep. Michael Houser (R-Columbus) is the only member of the 17-member committee not to file.

For the commerce committees, the committees often considering licensure legislation, the Senate Committee on Commerce saw Sen. Kristen O-Shae (R-Topeka) and Sen. John Doll (R-Garden City) not file for re-election. The 17-member House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development is one of the more maintained committees at the moment. Rep. Les Mason, who unexpectedly passed away on June 3, was a member and former chair of the committee. Rep. Michael Dodson (R-Manhattan) did not file while Rep. Tory Blew (R-Great Bend) is running for the Senate.
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. House of Representatives Kansas has four congressional districts, each of which will hold elections in 2024:

1st District: Commonly known as “The Big First”, this district encompasses all or part of 60 counties spanning more than half of the state, making it the seventh-largest district in the nation that does not cover an entire state. A largely rural district, historically a Republican lock, is currently represented by Tracey Mann (R-Salina). U.S. Rep. Mann is seeking re-election and will see challengers in both the primary and general election. Both opponents are from Lawrence which was added into the 1st District after the 2020 redistricting. With Lawrence being a small part of the district it will be an uphill battle for both candidates to gain ground on defeating Mann.

2nd District: Republican Jake LaTurner (R-Galena) announced his retirement this April. Seven candidates -- two Democrats and five Republicans -- have filed hoping to replace U.S. Rep. LaTurner. Democratic hopefuls include Nancy Boyda, a former 2nd Congressional Representative who served in the office from 2007 to 2009; and Matt Kleinmann, a former basketball player at the University of Kansas from 2004-2009. Republican candidates include Derek Schmidt, Shawn Tiffany, Jeff Kahrs, Michael A. Ogle, and Chad Young. Schmidt served three terms as Kansas Attorney General and 6 years as the Kansas Senate Majority Leader. Tiffany is currently president of the Kansas Livestock Assoc. Kahrs is a former Trump appointee in the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Ogle and Young joined the race just before the deadline on June 3rd. Ogle is a veterans’ advocate who ran for Topeka Mayor in 2013. Young has spent the past decade running a nonprofit organization that provides education and anger management skills to troubled young men and women. Primary winners will be chosen August 6th.

3rd District: Represented currently by Sharice Davids (D-Roeland Park), this district includes the Kansas City metropolitan area. Davids, the only Democrat holding congressional office in Kansas, is seeking re-election with no primary challenger while Republicans are aiming to flip this seat. Republicans will have a primary contest between Karen Crnkovich and Prasanth Reddy. Crnkovich has owned and operated a heating, cooling, ventilation, and plumbing business in the Kansas City metro area. Reddy is a doctor from Johnson County. Reddy has received the endorsement from Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. The winner between Reddy and Crnkovich will face off with Davids in the general election.

4th District: Based in the south-central part of the state, this district encompasses the city of Wichita. Congressman Ron Estes (R-Wichita) is seeking re-election having held the Congressional seat since 2017. U.S. Rep. Estes will see a challenger in the general election as Esau Freeman has filed to run against him. Estes won his 2022 bid for re-election with 63% of the vote and is looking to do the same in 2024.
What is KSPE PAC?
KSPE PAC is the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers’ non-partisan Political Action Committee that supports candidates committed to our profession.

2024 GOAL: $6,000

KSPE PAC helps ensure champions of our industry stay in Topeka. KSPE PAC works with legislators to ensure they understand the roles Licensed Professional Engineers have in public safety and the state’s future.

Our association has more than 500 members, but only a few have participated in this initiative. We are setting an ambitious goal of raising $6,000 in 2024.

How can I support?
Visit kansasengineer.org/KSPE-PAC

Members like YOU can help us with our efforts to support lawmakers in Topeka. CONTRIBUTE TO THE KSPE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OR “KSPE PAC.” No donation is too small to aid our efforts.
SAVE THE DATE!

**Wichita Chapter**
Legislative Breakfast
Wichita, KS – September 4

**Eastern Chapter**
Legislative Breakfast
Lenexa, KS – September 5

**Smoky Valley Chapter**
Legislative Lunch
Salina, KS – December 5

**Tri-Valley Chapter**
Legislative Dinner
Manhattan, KS – December 5

With the 2024 legislative session in the books, KSPE is excited to announce our local chapters are hosting legislative events this fall. Please save the date for your local event to meet your legislators and learn more about issues impacting licensed professional engineers. More information to follow.

JOIN KSPE ON THE ROAD!
25th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

COLBERT HILLS • MANHATTAN, KS
8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION  9:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START
2024 MATHCOUNTS UPDATE
by David Johnson, P.E., LS
Kansas MATHCOUNTS Coordinator

The national MATHCOUNTS contest was held May 11-14 in Washington DC. Our Kansas team of Eddison Chen, Bin Miao, Jayden Xue and Christopher Spencer placed 32nd. They were coached by Ian Xue, who filled in for Rebecca that had to stay home for finals week @ college. Representing KSPE with the team was Rachel Henkhaus, Eastern Chapter Coordinator.

Thanks to all who have contributed time or resources for another successful MATHCOUNTS year. 2024 is “in the books”, but it is not too soon to look ahead to 2025 and I NEED YOUR HELP! Next year Washburn is likely going to be in the process of renovating the building that we have been using for the State contest for many years and it won’t be available. If you have any ideas for an alternate location that we could use for 2025, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. A location in Topeka would be ideal, since it is centrally located, but all options will be considered!

THANK YOU KSPE – PAC CONTRIBUTORS!

Tim Austin    David Brackey    John Cillessen
Brian Coomes    Kerrie Greenfelder    Keithen Meyer
Tom Roberts    Jared Rogers    Brian Scovill
In engineering, professionals often find themselves at the intersection of legal and ethical considerations. Sometimes, engineers face scenarios where they must confront directives from employers or reproachable actions from their employees, unveiling the complex responsibilities that arise when choices involve both legal compliance and ethical integrity.

**Legal vs. Ethical Requirements**
Legal requirements are codified standards set by governing bodies, while ethical requirements stem from principles guiding morally sound behavior. The critical distinction lies in the fact that legal compliance may fall short of encompassing broader ethical considerations. For instance, environmental regulations may set emission limits, but ethically responsible engineers might voluntarily adopt sustainable practices exceeding these limits to minimize environmental impact.

In the field of Engineering Ethics, the obligation extends beyond legal compliance. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Code of Ethics emphasizes holding paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public. Thus, engineers are ethically obligated to prioritize societal well-being, even when legal requirements may be met.

**Legal Concerns**
When directed by an employer to engage in activities raising legal concerns, engineers face a responsibility to navigate the delicate balance between organizational loyalty and adherence to legal principles. The engineering profession's commitment to public safety often places ethical responsibilities above immediate organizational interests. Reporting unethical or illegal activities becomes a responsibility when an engineer believes that an employer's directive violates the law.

For instance, if an employer instructs an engineer to compromise safety standards to meet deadlines, the ethical responsibility to uphold public safety may necessitate reporting the concern to relevant regulatory bodies. This exemplifies the ethical imperative of prioritizing public welfare over organizational interests.

**Ethical Concerns**
When confronted with directives from employers raising ethical concerns, engineers encounter a responsibility to uphold ethical principles and societal values. This involves a careful evaluation of the directive's ethical implications, considering transparency, honesty, and the welfare of stakeholders.

For example, if an employer instructs an engineer to manipulate project data for financial gain, the responsibility involves engaging in open communication with the employer, expressing ethical reservations, and proposing alternatives aligned with ethical standards. If internal channels prove ineffective, the engineer may escalate the matter through external entities, ensuring adherence to ethical principles.

In summary, the interplay between legal obligations and ethical considerations in engineering demands a careful approach. Engineers, bound by professional ethics, face intricate responsibilities when directives prompt legal and ethical questions. The consequences of violating laws or ethical standards extend beyond immediate repercussions, impacting public safety and an engineer’s professional reputation. Upholding ethical conduct not only fulfills a professional obligation but also safeguards the credibility of the individual engineer and the engineering community.
UPCOMING EVENTS

61st Annual NSPE President Visit to Kansas City
featuring NSPE President Brian Malm, P.E., F.NSPE

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | Kansas City, Missouri

KSPE Young Engineers’ Summer Picnic 2024
25 July 2024 | 4:00 PM Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Lenexa

Wichita Chapter– BBQ Bingo 2024
2 Aug 2024 | 5:30 PM Distillery 244 Old Town

NSPECon24
7 Aug 2024 | Raleigh, NC

Wichita Chapter – Legislative Breakfast
4 Sep 2024 7:00 AM | PEC, 310 S. Topeka, Wichita

Eastern Chapter – Legislative Breakfast
5 Sep 2024 | Thompson Barn, Lenexa, KS 66219

EFK 25th Annual Golf Tournament
13 Sep 2024 8:00 AM | Colbert Hills, Manhattan, KS

High Plains Chapter – KSPE President Visit
18 Sep 2024 12:00 PM | Groundwater Management District 3 Office,
2009 E. Spruce St., Garden City, KS

61st Consecutive NSPE President Visit – A Kansas City Tradition
25 Sep 2024 | Kansas City, MO

Eastern Chapter – KSPE President Visit
6 Nov 2024 5:30 PM | TBD

Tri–Valley Chapter – KSPE President Visit & Legislative Dinner
5 Dec 2024 | TBD

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JOB POSTINGS

Experienced Project Engineer - City of Leawood, KS

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