



WSPE eNews

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1. Continuing Professional Competency Resources on WSPE Site

WSPE has compiled helpful information regarding Continuing Professional Competency --including information about required Continuing Education Professional Development Hours (PDHs)-- on the following web page:

<http://wspe.org/cpc.shtml>

This page outlines the Continuing Education requirements for licensed Professional Engineers and provides links to the government (DPS) website that provide more detailed information.

It also provides links to reputable providers of professional development classes that can help you earn your Professional Development Hours. We have also been working with several universities in Wisconsin to provide a section on this page for them to include links to their PDH opportunities.

If you know of any other useful PDF resources that could be included on this Continuing Professional Competency page, please email WSPE's Executive Director at ExecDir@wspe.org. Thank for you sharing your knowledge of PDH opportunities with the other WSPE members!

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2. Engineering Foundation of Wisconsin (EFW) Meeting Notes

By Al Linder, P.E.

The ENGINEERING FOUNDATION OF WISCONSIN, Inc. (EFW), held a meeting on September 24, 2013 to discuss the upcoming scholarships for high school seniors. EFW is dedicated to encouraging people to consider engineering as a career and to offer financial assistance incentives in the form of scholarships. We usually hold three meetings a year and tend to rotate between Waukesha, Madison, and the Fox Valley. The board just approved 2 new trustees.

This month's meeting was in preparation for sending out information to all of the high schools in the state regarding the SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM. Last year we gave out \$12,000 through seven scholarships. We approved the same monetary awards for this year. In addition to the scholarships provided by the state society, there are several local chapters that also give out scholarships to students in their area.

The scholarships are awarded based on GPA, ACT scores, class ranking, activities pertaining to technical subjects in school, community involvement and extracurricular activities. They are also requested to write a 250 word essay describing: how and when they became interested in engineering, what field of engineering is most interesting, and why they want to become a practicing engineer.

All of the application forms are reviewed by the local chapters and then the applications of the top scoring students are forwarded to the state review committee.

If anyone is interested in reviewing the applications and interviewing students at a local level, please email me at al.lindner@graef-usa.com and I will forward your name to the local chairman.

When I review the information regarding the accomplishments and activities of these high school students, my recollection of my high school days does not even come close to the accomplishments of these students. All of the students are outstanding.

For more information and to see a list of last year's scholarship recipients, please visit the EFW page on the WSPE website at <http://wspe.org/efwi.shtml>.

Contributions are fully tax deductible under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code. So please consider donating.

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3. MSOE's Next PEAK Mini-Conference on Dec 14

Submitted by Brittney Lynn, MSOE Graduate Program Specialist

Registration is now open for MSOE's next PEAK Mini-Conference on Saturday, December 14!

A [PEAK Mini-Conference](#) is a collaborative knowledge exchange among engineering and technical professionals facilitated by MSOE, with the goal of providing a cost-effective way for engineers and technical professionals to learn about new topics. In addition, PEs can earn the professional development hours (PDHs) now required for maintaining licensure in Wisconsin by attending PEAK sessions.

Featured sessions include:

- * Ethics in Engineering
- * Communicating with Indian Engineering Culture
- * Improving Performance & Existing Work Teams: The Challenge in Engineering
- * Project Management for Engineers
- * Line Losses in Hydraulic Systems
- * Hydraulic Systems and Components Modeling Approaches
- * LinkedIn For Professional Engineers: Leveraging Your Personal Brand
- * Hands on Additive Manufacturing Labs

- * ...and more!

[View session schedule and register here!](#)

Location: MSOE campus, Rosenberg Hall, 1235 N Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI 53202

Price: \$295 until November 25 (price increases to \$395 after November 25)

Please contact Brittney Lynn if you have any questions: lynn@msoe.edu

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4. Are You Licensed in WI and Michigan? Read This.

Submitted by Nancy M. McClain, P.E.,
Executive Director, Michigan Society of Professional Engineers
Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

has notified MSPE that the

Continuing Education Rules are final and now in effect.

You will not be getting a notification directly from LARA

due to budget constraints.

If you are renewing your PE license this year (2013), you will be required to

certify that you obtained 30 Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) when you renew in 2015.

If you renew your PE license in 2014, you will be required to certify that you obtained 30 Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) in 2016.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1 Do Continuing Education Providers and/or classes need to be pre-approved by the LARA? *No, the rules do not require pre-approval.*

- 1 What type of activities qualify for continuing education hours? *Qualifying Professional Development Activities include:*
 1. *Successful completion of a college or university course in the area of engineering, related sciences, or engineering ethics or management;*
 2. *Successful completion of engineering courses or programs in which CEHs are earned;*
 3. *Attending program presentations at related technical or professional meetings;*
 4. *Teaching, instructing, or presenting any of the above-mentioned activities;*
 5. *Authoring papers or articles that appear in nationally circulated journals or trade magazines; and*
 6. *Receiving a patent for a product or process related to engineering.*

- 1 How many hours is each activity worth? *Generally, a 50 min to 1 hour presentation will be worth 1 CEH; however there are specifics listed in the administrative rules for many items such as college courses, mentoring programs, and patents.*

- 1 What do I need to have for documentation of hours? *(a) The courses or activities completed, the dates when the courses or activities were held and the duration of the courses or activities, the sponsoring organization, the instructor's or speaker's name, and the hours earned. (b) Verification of attendance at a course or activity, such as completion certificates or other supporting documentation.*

- 1 My company sponsors "lunch & learn" events. Can I get credit for those? *Yes, just make sure you have the information listed above.*

- 1 My chapter is holding a meeting with a tour of a site or a presentation by a vendor, will those count? *Yes, as long as it meets the definition of a "qualifying activity with a clear purpose and objective that will maintain, improve, or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's area of professional practice." Cultural, entertainment & recreational activities are not included.*

- 1 Who keeps track of my completed hours? *You need to keep track. Since LARA does not require providers to certify your attendance, it will be up to you to have the documentation in case of an audit of your hours.*

MSPE has been and will continue to work with State agencies and other education providers to encourage them to provide proof of continuing education hours for all classes, seminars, and other training activities. MSPE previously created an [SOP](#) for members to use for providing and receiving CEHs. This may be useful to members, chapters, and others when determining if CEHs are available for an activity. However, this document is not the official State of Michigan rules, but the MSPE interpretation of them. Please consult the official rules (see the next box) or contact LARA for more information.

General Rules

For your convenience, links to PDF copies of the changes to the administrative rules and the complete administrative rules for Professional Engineers, Professional Surveyors, and Architects are provided below.

Changes Only

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[Professional Surveyors](#)

[Architects](#)

Complete Rules Text

[Professional Engineers](#)

[Professional Surveyors](#)

[Architects](#)

Specific questions may be addressed to:

Belinda C. Wright, Licensing Manager

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Please share this information with other PEs, PSs, and Architects.

As stated above, LARA will not be sending notifications of these changes to registered individuals. That does not absolve the registered individual from needing to meet these requirements as it is up to that individual to stay current with all regulations.

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5. Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming our new WSPE members!

Fox River Valley Chapter

Bill Kime, PE Licensed One More Turn LLC

Metro Chapter

Eric Schlevensky, PE Licensed Boyle Fredrickson SC

Southwest Chapter

Roy Lassen, PE Licensed Lassen Associates, Inc.

Robert Seidl, EIT Member The Morse Group

David Flanagan, PE Licensed Dane County Courthouse

Wisconsin Valley Chapter

Lisa Zahrt, PE, LEED AP Licensed Clark Dietz

Paul Zouski, PE Licensed Clark Dietz

Interested in becoming a member?

Check out the member benefits at the following links:

<http://www.wspe.org/joinwspe.shtml>

<http://www.nspe.org/Membership/index.html>

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6. WSPE Supporting Organization Program

In the coming months WSPE will be reintroducing our Supporting Organization Program. For the past several years, this program has been missing from our income stream.

The Supporting Organization Program is the bloodline of WSPE. It allows us to fund programs like MATHCOUNTS, the Membership Directory, the Governor's New Product Award (GNPA), the Discovery Conference, The Board of Engineers Professional Responsibility, and legislature efforts.

There are many other benefits to this program. Refer to our Supporting Organization page to find out more. <http://www.wspe.org/sponsors.shtml> Members are asked to consider each of the Sponsorship Levels and read the details listed below to better understand what dollar amounts are used to fund the programs from above.

Here is a handy pdf of a brochure explaining the different sponsorship levels:

http://www.wspe.org/WSPE_SponsorshipBro2012.pdf;

This program is scheduled to start at the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1, 2014). With this being the middle of the fiscal year each company or agency sponsorship benefits are active through June 30, 2015.

All MATHCOUNTS contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

Contact our Executive Director to discuss this program further.

execdir@wspe.org or (414) 531-1129

Thank you for your support!!

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FREE 6-Month Trial Membership!

Interested in WSPE but not sure if you want to join? Try a 6-month FREE trial membership, courtesy of WSPE.

Go to www.wspe.org/WI%206%20months%20Free%20Membership%20Application.pdf to download an application.

Contact Ed Rodden, WSPE Executive Director, at ExecDir@wspe.org for details.

We Need Your News!

- 1 Is your chapter hosting an event?
- 1 Did your chapter get some new members?
- 1 Have you started your own business?
- 1 Is your company taking on a really challenging project?

If you said "yes" to any one of these questions, or would like to share anything even remotely newsworthy with the rest of WSPE, please send your articles to Clayton Grow, WSPE eNews Editor, clayton@thewritingengineer.com.

We look forward to including your news in our monthly updates!



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We Need Your Email Address!

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Thanks for your help.

Update Your Information with WSPE

Did you...

- ...get a new job?
- ...get promoted?
- ...get a new phone number or email address?
- ...get your PE license?

You can update your information yourself on the NSPE website!
[Click this link to update your membership information.](#)

Alternatively, you can send your new information to Ed Rodden, WSPE Executive Director, at ExecDir@wspe.org or call him at (414) 531-1129 and he'll make sure your information is updated in both the WSPE and NSPE databases. We'd also like to include an article in the next eNews summarizing your recent change or accomplishment to inform your fellow WSPE members.

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WSPE Mission Statement

WSPE is an organization of licensed Professional Engineers (PEs) and Engineering Interns/Engineers in Training (EIs/EITs).

Through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multi-disciplinary networking, and outreach, WSPE enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering.