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#### 1. President's Message

By Pam Mazur, PE, *Fox River Valley Chapter*

Greetings Everyone,

Here are some of the activities WSPE is working on this month:

We're looking at getting more information from the chapters on activities that you are doing to include in the newsletter, so stay tuned for that as you start meeting again after the summer (for those of you who don't meet during the summer!).



*Pam Mazur, PE  
WSPE President, 2014 – 2015*

WSPE is looking into a website called VoterVoice to allow us to be better informed on legislative issues. Ed Rodden and Glen Schwalbach are working on this on behalf of the organization. More to come on this topic.

Jim Buggs, our National Delegate, is reaching out to our membership to encourage people to get more involved on WSPE committees. In particular, we're looking for volunteers to help with Education, Membership and Social Media committees. Please contact Jim if you're interested in participating.

Just a reminder that the fall WSPE Board of Directors meeting will be in Green Bay on October 14. Details will be in the October newsletter.

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#### 2. Robot + Snowblower = Scholarship

By Angela Hanz, PE, *Wisconsin Valley Chapter*

Wisconsin Valley Chapter News

The WI Valley Chapter recently awarded a \$500 chapter scholarship to Ethan Klein of Wausau, WI. Ethan is a 2014 graduate of Wausau West High School and will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Tech.

Ethan was very active in the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams (one of fifteen in the country) in which he worked with a team of students to build a semi-autonomous snow removal device. Read more about this "robot snow blower" at:

<http://www.wausauwestinventeams.com/>

Thank you to our chapter members for your donations to our chapter scholarship fund!



*Ethan Klein  
Winner of the WSPE WI  
Valley Chapter Scholarship*

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#### 3. Call for WSPE's Governors New Product Award (GNPA) Entries

By Dale R. Swenson, P.E., *Metro Chapter Member*

WSPE's call for 2014 GNPA entries was released 8/7/14 via WEDC's (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation) on line publication InSource (<http://inwisconsin.com/insource-newsletter/>). InSource is a quarterly publication which reaches more than 3,200 economic developers and business representatives throughout Wisconsin. WEDC will also promote WSPE's GNPA on Twitter (nearly 1,600 followers) and on their LinkedIn page (nearly 1,200 followers).

2014 GNPA applications will be on line (WSPE.org) and start to be accepted October 1, 2014 with the dead line of entries being February 16, 2015. WSPE's GNPA banquet and awards ceremony will be held during WSPE's Discovery Conference (DC) in Green Bay, May 2015.

WSPE's GNPA competition eligibility: Any new product, machine, process or material that has been developed in Wisconsin may be entered provided that it was first placed on the market between 2009 & 2013.

As WSPE members, please spread the word about this prestigious statewide competition. Contact myself or Ed Rodden with questions or interest.

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#### 4. Welcome New WSPE Members!

By Zack Damuth, PE

Please join us in welcoming our new WSPE members!

<b><u>Fox River Valley Chapter</u></b>	(WI01)	
Chris Thurow	Licensed	Red Arc Engineering, Ltd.
<b><u>Southeast Chapter</u></b>	(WI08)	
W. Ryan Wilke	Licensed	Industrial Roofing Services, Inc.
<b><u>Metro Chapter</u></b>	(WI10)	
Paul M. Meier	Licensed	Paul Meier Inc.
Jacqueline Quandt		City of Milwaukee
Thomas F. Mulhaney, PE	Licensed	Badger Railing
<b><u>State HQ - At Large</u></b>	(WI50)	
Craig Pomeroy	Licensed	Hockema & Whalen Associates

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Interested in becoming a member?

Check out the member benefits at the following links:

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

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

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Contact Ed Rodden, WSPE Executive Director, at [ExecDir@wspe.org](mailto: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, [ctgrow@gmail.com](mailto:ctgrow@gmail.com).

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



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- 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!  
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### **WSPE Mission Statement**

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

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