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1. WSPE President's Message

By: John M. Parisi, PE, F.NSPE, Fox River Valley Chapter



Hello WSPE Members. Fall is now here and football season is in full swing. Since we are entering the third month of our fiscal year, I wanted to take a few minutes and highlight the WSPE Supporting Organizations program.

At the state level, membership dues only account for about one-third of our annual budget. Our Discovery Conference and Governor's New Product Award (GNPA) programs generate significant revenue, but incur costs comparable to the level of revenue generated. The State Board provides these member benefits at close to break-even so our members can take advantage of these programs at a reasonable cost. For details on our state budget, please feel free to contact either our Treasurer Kevin Keast (tres@wspe.org) or Executive Director Ed Rodden (execdir@wspe.org).

The primary additional income area is the Supporting Organizations program. The Board has determined that we only have one annual solicitation to Wisconsin organizations for WSPE support so that companies do not receive multiple mailings or phone calls with sponsorship requests for different programs. Participation in the WSPE Supporting Organizations program allows organizations to donate once and have portions of their donation support local Chapter activities, EFW scholarships, and state programs, including Mathcounts. There are three levels of participation to make it easy for a company to become a supporter: Bronze level - \$750, Silver level - \$2,500, and Gold level - \$5,000. All three levels provide advertising opportunities on the website, in our eNews, chapter newsletters, and recognition at the Discovery Conference. In addition, 100% of the amount allocated to Mathcounts and EFW scholarships is tax deductible.

We encourage you to consider participating in the WSPE Supporting Organizations program. For those who are consistent supporters (listed below in the eNews), thank you for your support! Without your support, WSPE could not continue to provide the services

you rely on.

Let me know what you think. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at pres@wspe.org.

John M Parisi, PE, F. NSPE

2. What is NSPENextGen, anyway?

By: Kimberly Granados, CAE Director, National Society of Professional Engineers

NSPENextGen.

But what *is it*, exactly?

We want to create an exciting new reason for emerging engineering professionals to join NSPE.

NSPENextGen is aimed at attracting and retaining young and emerging professional engineers.

We are engineers, but we can be irreverent at times.

We are serious about promoting EITs and PEs, but don't take ourselves too seriously.

We think the growth and development of engineering careers is a big deal but we know we can also have fun while doing it.

We believe in just doing, learning from mistakes, and doing again vs. getting stuck in "planning to do..."

How can you help?

We need your help to get the word out to your constituents and help recruit more of the young, emerging NSPE voices to our cause.

More answers await you in the attached letter.

Not a big social media user yet? Fear not!

You can become as knowledgeable as any social media pro in the 5 minutes it takes you to skim the NSPENextGen Social Media Primer presentation (also attached).

As Princess Leia famously pleaded, "Help me, Obi Wan Kanobi, you're my only hope."

You are *our* Obi Wan Kanobis, Dear NSPE Leaders.

Help us.

XOXO

@NSPENextGen

3. Welcome New WSPE Members

By: Zack Damuth, PE. Metro Chapter

These new members consist of both professional and student members. Thanks for considering WSPE as a professional organization to support.

Fox River Chapter (WI01)

Roy Van Gheem.....Licensed Member	Village of Little Chute
Jeffrey Stuetgen, Jr.....Student Member	
Bradley Aldag, EIT.....Member	Aldag/Honold Mechanical, Inc.
Guy Archambeau.....Licensed Member	Bemis Company

North West Chapter (WI06)

Paul Halverson.....Licensed Member	Enbridge Energy
Christian Hansen.....Student Member	Rice Lake Weighing Systems

South East Chapter (WI08)

Kristen Meyers.....Licensed Member	
Ben Koepsell.....Licensed Member	
Virginia Smith.....Licensed Member	Strand Associates, Inc.
Scott Arganek.....Licensed Member	NV5
Kristi DuBois.....Licensed Member	
Glen Morrow.....Licensed Member	City of Franklin
Robert Wozniak, PE.....Licensed Member	Skogen Engineering
Karel Suchy, PE.....Licensed Member	Studio 1259
Dr. Mark Nagurka, PhD.....Licensed Member	Marquette University
Joel Van Ess.....Licensed Member	

South West Chapter (WI09)

Kirk Grundahl.....Licensed Member	Dr J Engineering
John Karsten, PE.....Licensed Member	Landfill Drilling & Piping Specialists,
LLC	
Paul Erdtmann.....Licensed Member	Skogen Engineering Group
Chad Grindle, PE.....Licensed Member	Farnsworth Group Inc.
Philip O'Leary.....Licensed Member	UW-Madison, Engineering
Professional Development	
Erik Sonju, PE.....Licensed Member	Power System Engineering

Metro Chapter (WI10)

Jeffrey Brown.....Student Member	UW-Milwaukee
Daphne Wilson.....Licensed Member	Zoe Engineering, LLC
Carl Johnson, PE, PhD.....Licensed Member	Stark Pavement Corporation
Jeffrey Middy.....Licensed Member	
David Smith.....Member	

Isaac Kinuthia, PE.....Licensed Member
Transportation
Michael Bach.....Licensed Member

Wisconsin Department of
R A Smith National Inc.

Western Chapter (WI11)

Jeremy Tomesh, PE.....Licensed Member
F.Thomas Mathews.....Licensed Member

Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc.
Davy Engineering

Wisconsin Valley Chapter (WI12)

Bill Siegler, PE.....Licensed Member
Taylor Christianson, PE.....Licensed Member

EMCS, Inc.
Jewell Associate Engineers

State HO – At Large (WI50)

Daniel Day.....Licensed Member

D’Onofrio, Kottke, & Associate, Inc.

Interested in becoming a member check out the benefits at the following link

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

4. Welcome New Communications Intern

By: Ed Rodden, Executive Director of WSPE

For the past four years Clayton Grow has been running WI eNews and we are so grateful for his efforts to help WSPE reestablish this. Due to additional responsibilities he will not be able to continue.

I am happy to introduce our communication intern, Jordan Rasmussen. She is a senior at UW-Stout in the communications field. Here is a brief introduction from her and a little bit about her. Welcome her to WSPE!

"Hello my name is Jordan Rasmussen and I am the new Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers Communications Intern. I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a major in Professional Communications and Emerging Media and a concentration in Applied Journalism. My applied field within my major is Human Resource Management. During my time at UW-Stout, I have had the opportunity to be a Desk Assistant in my residence hall and gain leadership skills through my Resident Advisor position that I had for two consecutive years. I was also able to build my communication and design skills through my Digital Copy Writer internship in which I created logos, brochures, programs, and managed the Twitter account for a Computers and Writing conference that took place at my university this spring.

In my free time when I'm not studying and concentrating on school, I enjoy playing basketball, spending time with family and friends, and traveling as much as possible. In fact, I will be leaving the country for my first time ever on a trip to Europe with my sister next year! I couldn't be more excited to immerse myself in a different culture than my own, and hopefully broaden my knowledge

about intercultural and transnational communications. With the bittersweet feeling of graduation creeping up on me next spring, I am excited to begin this journey with those of WSPE to help prepare me for a future communications career post graduation, and to work with and meet new people."

You can use her new communications@wspe.org email address to contact her.

Thanks for your help in keeping the news flowing.

5. Other Important Information

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!

Is your chapter hosting an event? Did your chapter get some new members? Have you started your own business? 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, let us know! We'd also like to include an article in the next eNews summarizing any recent changes or accomplishments to inform your fellow WSPE members.

Please contact Jordan Rasmussen, WSPE Communications Intern, at communications@wspe.org to share any news. We look forward to including your news in our monthly updates!

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.

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.

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