



Southwest Chapter

Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers

<http://www.southwest.wspe.org/meetings.html>

June 2018

Join Us for the Annual Golf Outing on June 13!

National MATHCOUNTS 2018

This year, the National MATHCOUNTS competition was held in Washington DC. The top four Wisconsin mathletes that advanced to the National MATHCOUNTS competition were:

1. Ethan Wang, Lake Shore Middle School (Mequon, WI)
2. William Jin, Eagle School (Middleton, WI)
3. Tim Li, Velma Hamilton Middle School (Madison, WI)
4. Henry Coyle, Whitefish Bay Middle School (Whitefish Bay, WI)

The top two winners of the National event were:

1. Luke Robitaille, TX, grade 8
2. Andrew Cai, TX, grade 8

The top 5 teams were:

1. Texas
2. California
3. New Jersey
4. Maryland
5. Florida

Congratulations to the National MATHCOUNTS winners, to all participating mathletes and to all of the coaches that helped them get there!

WSPE Scholarship Winner

This year, WSPE handed out ten scholarship awards – the highest number for a single year to date - to some very deserving high school seniors intending to pursue engineering careers. Each scholarship was \$2,000.

On May 23, John Brome had the honor and pleasure to present such an award to Elena Smith at Turner High School. Elena also won a \$1,000 scholarship award last February from the SW Chapter and intends to pursue a career in Chemical Engineering at UW Madison.

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We need volunteers.

Please help if you can.



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Congratulations to all 2018 scholarship award winners and we wish you the best in your engineering pursuits!

New Board Members

Dave Shore will be rejoining our SW Chapter board as a newly elected VP. Dave will be assisting re-elected VP Norm Arendt in the necessary preparations for technical tours, social functions and other meetings as needed.

Thanks, Dave, for accepting your new position, and thanks to all board volunteers as your help is greatly appreciated!

Free PDHs!

July 31 is quickly approaching and if you're looking for some additional Professional Development Hours (PDHs) to maintain your Wisconsin PE license, here is a link to the NSPE website that provides a list of PDH online webinars you may attend free as a paying member of NSPE:

<https://www.nspe.org/membership/member-benefits/fifteen-free-courses>

To benefit from these PDH webinars, you have to log in on the NSPE website, "buy" the webinar(s) of your choice (at \$0 cost for all NSPE paying members), then a link for webinar access is provided. You can participate in the webinar at any time of your choosing. Each one takes about an hour of your time and requires you to take a brief, simple quiz afterward. Once you pass your quiz, you will be emailed a file for printout for your PDH compliance verification. Try it, you'll like it!

UWM Summer Leadership Programs

If you're looking for something to do this summer, consider attending one or more "Leadership Programs" at UW Madison. [Visit their Site](#) for more information.

Annual Golf Outing

Again this year we will be having our annual golf outing at the Bridges Golf Course. The competition is to be held:

- Time: 12:00 noon
- Date: Wednesday, June 13
- Place: Bridges Golf Course

The event will be hosted by WSPE, ASSE, ASIS, AIHA. Greens fees will be \$65/person/18 holes w/cart and a box lunch will be provided. Players will be grouped in fours and the rules will be a scramble, same as last year. Of course there will be plenty of great prizes raffled after the outing. If you haven't participated in this event before, don't worry about your handicap as the best ball is played for every



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shot. To register, contact Norm Arendt (normarendt@gmail.com) to let Norm know your intent ASAP. Come on out, meet some new people and have a great time!

FE and PE Exam Preparation Help

by John Brome

For anyone wanting to pursue their PE license but needs a refresher for the FE and/or PE exam, there is a company – Professional Products, Inc. (PPI2Pass.com) – that specializes in providing reference material for that very purpose.

I have personally used their products: I passed my FE exam the first time 30 years after college (6 months review, 2 hours/day) and passed my PE exam the first time 40 years after college (8 months review, 2 hours/day)!

Regardless of where you are in your engineering career, I highly recommend their literature and review courses for any engineering discipline. Go online and see what they have to offer. Even if you already have your license, their review materials are an excellent resource!

Have a Great Summer

Can you believe that summer is almost here? It may just be our imaginations but this year has gone by like a rocket and now it's time for some well-deserved R&R!

We at SW have done our best to offer our Chapter members interesting presentations, social gatherings, opportunities to honor junior and senior award winners, a means of improving your profession and monthly publications to keep you abreast of these offerings. Thanks for being a member of SW and we look forward to seeing you next fall!