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Executive Director's Message

Pat Christians

The Alabama Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE) held its annual meeting at The Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery on June 9 and 10. The Board of Directors held its business meeting on Saturday morning, followed by its awards and installation luncheon.

Presenting engineering excellence awards after the luncheon was State **President David Webber, PE** (Volkert & Associates, Mobile). Awards were presented to Engineer of the Year, **Thomas Talbot, PhD, PE** (retired, Birmingham), Young Engineer of the Year, **Timothy Bryant, PE** (Southern Company, Birmingham) and Student Engineer of the Year, **Stephen Cauthen** (Civil Engineering, University of Alabama at Birmingham). **Harold Hite, PE** (BE&K, Birmingham) received the President's Award for his service to ASPE. The Big MAC (Most Active Chapter) Award went to the Mobile Chapter. Chapter President **Wes Chiniche, PE** (recently retired from Alabama Power Co) accepted the award.

Following the awards presentation, National Society of Professional Engineers Vice President (Southeast Region) **Lamar T Hawkins, JD, PE** (PEG, Inc, Birmingham) installed officers for the upcoming year. The new officers are: State President **George Hamilton, PE** (NASA, Huntsville), President-elect **Harold Hite, PE** (BE&K, Birmingham), Past President **David Webber, PE** (Volkert & Associates, Mobile), Secretary **Don Lokey, PE** (TVA, Muscle Shoals), Treasurer **J.C. "Buzz" Vance, III, PE** (Southern Company, Birmingham), State Delegate **Lamar T Hawkins, JD, PE** (PEG, Inc, Birmingham).

Also participating at the day-long meeting were members of the State of Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors: **Veston Bush PLS** (Abbeville), **Lynn Doyle PE**, (Mobile), **Preston Jackson PE** (Birmingham), and **Al Reisz PE** (Huntsville). The Board's Executive Director, **Regina Dinger**, was also there, and gave a presentation on "Updates on the Administrative Code and Law", which provided attendees three professional development hours (pdh) towards license renewal.

Thanks to all who attended. We had a great time!



*Members! Have you participated in the **NSPE member survey**? Haven't received an email or postcard invitation? Contact Member Services at 1-888-285-NSPE or memserv@nspe.org! The survey closes June 29th - you could win \$1,000 just for participating!
(The survey takes only 5 minutes to complete, so hop to it!)*

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If your company would like to partner with us, please contact our Executive Director at 205-934-8470.

Upcoming Meeting Information

- ASPE Board of Directors meetings for 2006-07 TBA soon.
- NSPE 2006 Annual Convention July 6-11, 2006 in Boston MA

MATHCOUNTS Update

Fort Worth and Denver to Host Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS® National Competition in 2007 and 2008
Finale of annual, preeminent middle school math competition

ALEXANDRIA, VA – June 22, 2006 — The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is pleased to announce that the Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition will be held in Fort Worth in 2007 and Denver in 2008. For the first time, the nation's 228 most talented middle school mathematicians will gather west of the Mississippi for the May finale of this annual, preeminent math competition.

The Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition – 2007 will be held May 10-13 at the Fort Worth Convention Center and Renaissance Worthington Hotel.

“Fort Worth and Denver each provide a wealth of fun educational opportunities and we look forward to bringing the Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition to these great cities,” said Larry Jacobson, executive director of MATHCOUNTS. “This will be a wonderful opportunity for many of the area teachers, students, parents, volunteers and financial sponsors to experience the excitement of the National Competition.”

“Lockheed Martin and MATHCOUNTS have similar goals – to create student excitement in math and learning, while enhancing the academic achievement of all participants,” said Lockheed Martin Chairman, President and CEO Bob Stevens. “As one of the nation's premier advanced technology companies, we recognize the critical need for young people to become better educated in math and science so that they can achieve their career goals and help America maintain its world-class competitiveness. This is why our partnership with MATHCOUNTS is a perfect fit.”

The Texas and Colorado MATHCOUNTS programs each enjoy a great deal of success motivating students to develop the math skills needed for future career success. Along with the efforts of dedicated local volunteers, this is partially due to Texas State funding to run MATHCOUNTS workshops for teachers and the active involvement of the Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics. In addition to wonderful local support and participation, each state has had recent winners in the MATHCOUNTS National Competition. The Texas team captured the National Team Championship title in 2005 and Sam Elder of Fort Collins, Colo. advanced to the Semi-finals (tied for 3rd place) in 2004.

Celebrating its 23rd anniversary, MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Each year, MATHCOUNTS develops an entirely new MATHCOUNTS School Handbook, meeting National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards for grades 6-8, and provides a complimentary copy to middle schools nationwide. Since 1983, more than 7 million students have participated in MATHCOUNTS. The 228 Mathletes® competing in the Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition represent more than 500,000 students who participate in MATHCOUNTS at the school level.

To ensure that students develop the mathematical skills needed for their future, more than 17,000 MATHCOUNTS volunteers from the business and

education communities annually organize and conduct the program in communities nationwide. Local and state competitions are coordinated through the leadership of state and local chapters of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The Founding Sponsors of MATHCOUNTS are the National Society of Professional Engineers, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and CNA Foundation. National Sponsors also include Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Company, Texas Instruments Incorporated, General Motors Foundation, 3M Foundation, Northrop Grumman Foundation and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition – 2006 was held May 11-14 in Arlington, Va. With the exception of Detroit in 2005 and Chicago in 2002 and 2003, the MATHCOUNTS National Competition has always been held in Washington, D.C.

For additional information on MATHCOUNTS, please visit www.mathcounts.org.

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MATHCOUNTS, the nation's premier math enrichment, coaching and competition program for middle school students.

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Chapter Updates

Auburn

25 members

Birmingham

157 members

Huntsville-Decatur

76 members

Mobile

103 members

Montgomery

61 members

Muscle Shoals

35 members

Northeast

20 members

Southeast

18 members

Tuscaloosa

31 members

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

If so, send your corrections to memserv@nspe.org

It's the quickest and easiest way to let us know what's new with you!

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Education Opportunities
from the NSPE July 2006
Annual Meeting

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Commitment in Project
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[Dispute Avoidance and
Resolution](#)

[Process Safety
Management](#)

NSPE Updates

1. Notice: Accessing State/Chapter Membership Information

Questions concerning State and Chapter Officers gaining access to the NSPE database should be directed to Sara Clark at 703/684-2804 or at sclark@nspe.

Once access is approved by the State Society Executive Director, access will be given and an e-mail with log-in information, a link to the database and detailed instructions will be sent.

2. Action: Member Survey Update!

As you may have heard, the survey deadline has been extended to allow more time for states to promote participation. We have about 3300 member responses - our goal is 5000, or about 10%. Below are some estimated current regional response rates. Please note: these are based on survey responses sent via email ONLY - and regions are not based on NSPE regions, but simply on 'waves' sent out in segments to avoid overloading the survey servers.

ME/NH/VT/MA/NY: 8.6%
RI/CT/NJ/DE/DC: 8.5%
PA/MD/VA/WV/NC: 9.16%
SC/GA/FL/OH/KY: 10.56%
TN/AL/MS/MI/IN: 9.67%
IL/WI/IA/MO/AR: 9.4%
LA/MN/ND/SD/NE: 8.94%
KS/OK/TX/MT/WY/All misc: 9.01%
CO/NM/ID/UT/AZ: 12.32%
WA/OR/NV/CA/HI/AK: 8.28%

Survey closes Thursday, June 29th! Questions? Contact Lee A. Herbert at lherbert@nspe.org

3. Notice: ABET Needs Practicing Engineers!

Please remind your members of this important opportunity. Here's your chance to contribute your experience and expertise and get involved in the process to help ensure that today's university programs are adequately preparing engineering graduates to become professional practitioners in the 21st century. Who knows the skills needed by an engineer in today's business environment better than YOU, a practicing engineer!
Become an ABET Evaluator and qualify to visit colleges and universities to review engineering curriculum.

EC 2000 EAC-ABET Evaluator Training

July 8, 2006:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration: \$125.00 includes lunch

Register on-site on July 8, 2006:

Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel

110 Huntington Avenue

Boston, MA 02116

To register online go to the NSPE Web site at www.nspe.org and click on the icon for EAC-ABET Evaluator Training. Learn more about becoming an ABET Evaluator at www.abet.org.

Questions? contact Mary Maul at mmaul@nspe.org.

4. Notice: Ideas for State Outreach Projects

As state and local chapters start to plan budgets and activities for Engineers Week 2007 (February 18-24), taking a look at the national EWEEK 2006 Final Report might be helpful. www.eweek.org See also the Engineers Week local activities section for ideas for your 2007 outreach projects or other events. http://www.eweek.org/site/News/Eweek/2004_local/index.shtml

5. Notice: Lots Happening For Young Engineers in Boston

Friday, July 7:

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.: Meet with the NSPE Mentoring Task Force for a presentation on becoming a PE and get one-on-one mentoring from NSPE mentors.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Be our guest at the Young Engineer's kick-off reception at Champions (in the hotel)

Saturday, July 8:

8:00 - 5:00 p.m.: A full day of sessions and lunch including a special "Young Engineers Only" Forum from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

More information is available at the NSPE convention Web site: www.nspe.org and click on the Boston icon.

Or, you can email the NSPE Registrar at annualmeeting@nspe.org.

6. Notice: NSPE/Kaplan FE and PE Review Courses

Have you heard about the success of some of your colleagues who have been hosting the NSPE/Kaplan FE and PE Review Courses?

Now's your chance to earn that extra non-dues revenue.

The NSPE exam review courses are slated to begin around September 7, in time for the next FE and PE exams being held October 28 & 29, 2006.

Now is the time to begin recruiting instructors and planning your promotions.

Contact Mary Maul, NSPE Director of Education for information on how to get started: 703-684-2833 or mmaul@nspe.org.

7. Notice: NSPE Program Area Staff Contact List

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