

President's Update

By Angela Hanz

Greetings NSPE-WI SW Chapter!

I am excited and honored to serve as the SW Chapter President for this upcoming year. The SW Chapter has some exciting opportunities this year to become involved in giving back to your profession. Our chapter meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 am by Zoom. We've recently created a LinkedIn account which you can find at www.linkedin.com/in/nspe-wi-sw-chapter-3850b11b8 (or search NSPE-WI SW Chapter) to provide updates on chapter activities. Please connect with us on LinkedIn.

My focus for this year as President is to help navigate the path to licensure for engineers pursuing their professional engineering license. We will do this by having a presence at the exam sites, providing guidance on the path to licensure, and finding mentoring opportunities for those pursuing licensure. Our organization may operate differently during the COVID-19 crisis, but we will continue to provide you with continuing education and networking opportunities throughout the year.

Cheers!

September Golf Outing Big Success

By John Brome

With the help of his wife Luci, Norm Arendt (SW Chapter) orchestrated a delightful golf outing which was held on Wednesday, September 16, from noon to 6:00 pm at the Bridges golf course in Madison.

This event has been an annual get-together for many years among the ASIS, ASSE and WSPE professional organizations and occasionally enjoys contributions from sponsors and other contributors. This year, our appreciation goes to Axis Communications for providing many swag items as well as sponsorships from SLS Technology, Springs Window Fashions, Arendt Safety Consulting, and an anonymous donor.

Based on personal experience, this year was one of the best years for this event in terms of weather, number of participants, quality and quantity of prizes and quality and quantity of food included. Plus, the price has only increased \$5 from when the event was first started, about 5 years ago (now \$70 for 18 + cart). The course and the greens were in great shape, about the best that I've seen during that time. Any profits from the outing are evenly divided among the 3 professional organizations.

Foursomes started teeing off at 12:00 noon and the first foursome finished 18 holes at about 4:15 pm. All totaled there were 10 foursomes plus 3. Everyone received a sleeve of golf balls, a bag of tees, a box lunch, dinner with a beverage (attendee choice from menu) and a prize (many of which were putters or metal woods plus a glove or more golf balls!) Prizes were also awarded for lowest score and most golf balls lost (12 lost by Jay Somers and Adam Smith, 10 lost by Jon Puhalla, Bill Stikl, Robbi Bron)! The winning team scored a 64 (Dave Manke, Chris Gilsdorf, Renee Funk and Norm Arendt) and Renee Funk scored a hole-in-1 on the 16th hole, her first ever!

The game consisted of a “best ball” scramble. For each stroke taken, everyone placed their ball from the best ball position and a maximum of 2 putts were allowed on all greens. The result was that everyone finished their last hole within about 4.5 hours; very reasonable.

All in all, it was a great event and I believe everyone had a terrific time. Thanks Norm and Luci for your time and talents!

Discovery Conference

The Discovery Conference Planning Committee met on September 18, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the survey from the 2020 Discovery Conference. The Survey Review Findings were:

- DC 2020 attendees preferred consistent day(s) of week and time of day presentations.
- Attendees did not want presentations held on Saturday.
- Attendees preferred engineering discipline diversity.
- No complaints about virtual conference pricing.
- Attendees would like fewer than 8 weeks, if possible, should another virtual conference be held.
- Attendees preferred no more than 2 presentations per week.

The 2020 Conference received a lot of positive feedback and was a great success! The planning committee will meet again in November to discuss the 2021 Discovery Conference.