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1. WSPE President's Message
By: John M. Parisi, P.E., F.NSPE, Fox River Valley Chapter

March is upon us. As we get closer to the end of our WSPE fiscal and administrative year, we start to look forward to filling our vacancies, which open up great volunteer opportunities for our members.

WSPE, like many volunteer organizations, can only succeed through the volunteer efforts of our members. We have many open needs, at both the State and Chapter levels. While I am positive there are many more local Chapter needs, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of our State level needs in case you know of someone (yourself included!) that may have an interest in serving.

Each year our past president is tasked with finding candidates to fill our State Board open positions. This year, Past-President Mazur not only has the normal vacancy at the President-elect position to fill, but we also have vacancies coming up in the Education and Membership portfolios. Both Vice President Mark Nagurka and Vice President Zach Damuth have indicated they will be unable to continue to serve next year. We thank them for their service to WSPE and wish them well. If you
In addition this year, Norm Arndt will no longer be able to run our State MathCounts competitions as he has for many years. It will be difficult to replace Norm, but I know we have many members passionate about MathCounts. If anyone is interested in the description of this position, please contact Glen Schwalbach at glenschwalbach@netzero.com. Glen is working with Norm and Mark Nagurka to find someone to replace Norm in this extremely important role.

WSPE needs your active volunteer support to continue to keep the organization strong to meet your needs. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John M Parisi, PE, F. NSPE

2. GNPA Banquet Information
By: Dale Swenson, P.E., WSPE GNPA Chair

Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE)

Early Notice
By Dale R. Swenson, P.E., WSPE GNPA Chair

May 18th (Wednesday evening) - Governor’s New Product Awards (GNPA)
Banquet and Awards Ceremony
At Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) - Todd Wehr Conference Center

6:00p Registration, Social Hour
6:30p Introductions & Keynote Speaker (TBA)
7:00p Formal Dinner (Pork Tenderloin)
  7:30p Awards Program
  8:30p End of Program

As WSPE GNPA Chair, I would like to extend an invite to all GNPA entrants, WSPE members, WSPE sponsors & interested MSOE faculty/students to attend the GNPA banquet and awards ceremony. Do not forget to bring your spouse to this May event. Last year’s GNPA banquet was a success with over 100 people attending. This year it would be fantastic if we had over 150 people attend with WSPE members showing strong support. More details about the GNPA banquet to follow via WSPE email blasts or WSPE April e-newsletter.

Please contact myself or Ed Rodden with any questions. Thank you.

Dale R. Swenson, P.E., WSPE GNPA Chair

gnpa@wspe.org (262) 366-5686
3. WSPE Executive Committee
By: Pam Mazur, P.E.

Calling All WSPE Members:

We need your help filling positions on the WSPE Executive Committee! This is a great opportunity to serve our organization and help make it beneficial for all members. Serving on the board does not require a lot of time, just a passion for WSPE.

We need to fill the President-Elect, VP-membership and VP-education positions for the 2016-2017 year.

Please contact Pam Mazur at pam.mazur@nwte.edu for more information.

4. EPD New Launched Site
By: Tiffany Stronghart, Content Manager for EPD

Check out the new launched site for UW-Madison Engineering Professional Development in this press release:

CLICK HERE

5. Visioning Day with Foth
By: John Parisi, P.E., F. NSPE and Nicole Gear, Foth

On March 4, 2016 Foth participated in a visioning day with educators from the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) in their endeavor to create a STEM education pathway. With new STEM curriculum having been implemented in all of the schools, the day’s activity was centered around the creation of a vision for a dedicated engineering pathway within the school system -- beginning with one of the elementary schools, continuing to one of the middle schools, and then on to one of the high schools.

With the focus of the pathway on preparing students for engineering-related careers, of particular interest to the educators and their reason for connecting with Foth, was to learn of the variety of
Some of those who attended are pictured here from left to right: Nicole Gear (Foth), Lori Peacock, Lisa Johnson and Diane Stelmach (GBAPS), and Duane Sundin (Foth).

6. KL Engineering Announcement
By: Erin Starks, KL Engineering
Construction Award for I-41/I-43 Early Structures Early Fills in Brown County, Wisconsin.

WTS Wisconsin honored KL Engineering with the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award for facilitating professional opportunities for women and contributing significantly to the promotion of diversity.

For more detailed information, CLICK HERE.

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7. WSPE Job Board
By: Ed Rodden II WSPE Executive Director, Jordan Rasmussen WSPE Intern

Check out the WSPE Job Board for a listing of career opportunities at: http://www.wspe.org/job_board.shtml.

Employers and employees: Interested in using the job board? Here are the rates:

Employer (open positions)
Cost: $100
Duration: 60 days per posting

Employee (Resumes)
Cost: $50 WSPE Members / $100 Non-members
Duration: 60 days

Contact Ed or Jordan if you're interested.

Ed: execdir@wspe.org
Jordan: communications@wspe.org

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8. Other Important Information

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If so, we encourage you to follow our new Twitter account @WISPE_Comm for information about WSPE and our upcoming events & conferences!

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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!

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