



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2006

Spring is here and I know everyone is looking forward to doing yard work. If you need a break from your yard work, this month is our Governor's New Product Award Banquet (GNPA), Thursday April 13, and WSPE Discovery Conference (DC) on Friday, April 14. Our Fox River Valley Chapter has done a very nice job putting everything together. Please read the brochure in our newsletter.

The SW Chapter did not have a March or April meeting. Since the SW Chapter is not having an April Meeting, I would like to suggest that you consider registering for GNPA and our DC. Both are a wonderful time and very enjoyable.

Our May meeting is at Madison Concrete Pipe's new facility. We will be putting out a May newsletter with the location of our meal.

We still need volunteers to help on our chapter board. We need a couple of vice presidents and chapter committee persons. Our existing board members could also use help with next year's projects (Mathcounts, scholarships, and Engineer's Week). Please give me a call or talk to any chapter board member if you are interested.

I hope that you can take some time out of your busy schedule and make one or two meetings during the year. As always, I am looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

David C. McDermid, P.E.

President of WSPE SW Chapter

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May Chapter Meeting

Topic	Tour of Madison Concrete Pipe
When	
Where	
Menu	
Price	
RSVP	

Details In Next Month's Newsletter

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MATHCOUNTS

Mathcounts is over for another year. The SW Chapter schools accomplish many goals by placing three on the state team that is headed to nationals. Recently John Lemke informed me that another school will participate next year coached by a former Mathlete Diane Burke and will practice with the Jefferson team at Epic. At the state competition, Jefferson tied with Magellan but lost first place on the tiebreaker and in the individual competition positions 7-17; all tied with the tiebreakers determining position. Three students from the SW Chapter were in that group with one making the top ten.

John Frautschi Family Foundation, 3M, Alliant Energy, Mead and Hunt, Strand Associates, Power Systems Engineering, and MSA were firms that donated to the program. Elizabeth Miller, Tom Adler Charles Liberty, and Dave Lewandowski were individuals that donated. Swim West, the Brewers, Admirals, and Packers donated items for the raffle.

It was a successful year with many volunteers from the chapter and many students from the UW assisting with the competition. Hats off to Ron Voss for being the head proctor, Phil O'Leary for arrangements at the Lowell Center and providing student volunteers, and Pete Rafferty for heading up the scoring room. Those three really help ensure that the competition runs smoothly. NSPE/Mathcounts will be using pictures from the SW Chapter competition in next year's flyers. Thanks to all the SW Chapter members who helped make it a success.

Norm Arendt

EDITOR'S NOTE

As a Southwest Chapter member, this is your newsletter. If you have any information or articles of interest for the newsletter, please submit them to me. The deadline for all articles is one week after the monthly board meeting to go into the following month's newsletter.

Do you have a write-up on your company? If so, I can include it in our company profile column. Do you know of any special events or accomplishments of a member? Let me know.

I am always looking for input on the newsletter content. Hope to hear from you soon.

Andy Graham 608-826-0532

2006 WSPE DISCOVERY CONFERENCE

It's not too late! The 2006 WSPE Discovery Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14, at the SC Grand Banquet & Convention Center in DePere, Wisconsin. Special guest speakers include:

- Secretary Mary Burke from the Department of Commerce
- Larry McCarren of the Green Bay Packers
- Tom Zalaski of TV5, Green Bay

Along with the Discovery Conference, the Governor's New Product Award Competition will showcase the important contribution of Wisconsin scientists and engineers to our economic growth and development.

Register at www.wspe.org. Under quick links, click on calendar of events and updates.

ENGINEER'S CREED

As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare. I pledge:

- To give the utmost of performance;
- To participate in none but honest enterprise;
- To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct;
- To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.

In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 3, 2006

The monthly board meeting was held from 7-8 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant. Those present were: Dave McDermid, Andy Graham, Joe Dresser, Ron Voss, Norm Arendt, and Matt Richards.

Program Report: April Meeting: There will be no April meeting. May Meeting: We will tour Madison Concrete Pipe's new facility. Dave will work on locating a place for dinner.

Treasurer's Report: We have total chapter assets of \$25,496.17. We are about \$100 behind with our program budget. We have not received our full dues from the state chapter.

Education Report: Mathcounts went very well. We had many volunteers from the chapter and many students from the UW assisting with the competition. Norm sent a letter to area high schools volunteering to give presentations to students.

State Report: Saturday, June 24, will be the leadership conference. It will be held in Madison or Wisconsin Dells.

Legislative Report: Legislation for CEU requirements was not introduced to the legislature last session.

Andy Graham, Secretary



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<i>Chapter Meeting Schedule</i>		<i>Board Meeting Schedule</i>
May 18, 2006	Madison Concrete Pipe	May 2, 2006
<i>All Meetings Thursday Unless Otherwise Noted</i>		<i>7 AM Tuesdays</i>
<i>Upcoming Events Schedule</i>		
April 13 & 14, 2006	2006 Discovery Conference and Governor's New Product Award - SC Grand in De-Pere, Wisconsin	