



Southwest Chapter

Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers

March 2016

Please volunteer to help with Mathcounts on March 5!

Regional Mathcounts 2016

On February 6, the Madison regional Mathcounts was held at the UW Madison Lowell Center with the highest turnout in recent memory: 115 participants from 14 different schools!

Set-up began at 6:30 am with VP Norm Arendt and his family volunteers. Many other volunteers also helped and at 9:00 am, the regional Mathcounts event officially started. There were four short tests given over a period of about 1 hour, followed by a team competition test and then a final round where two contestants at a time were given problems to solve. The winner of each heat competed with the next contestant until there was only one unbeaten contestant.

Many prizes and accolades were provided to the participants, and mugs were provided to the team coaches by Lucy Arendt. Many thanks to Norm, Lucy and their family as well as to all of the volunteers who helped set up, proctor and grade exams. Thanks also to Ron Voss who helped Norm run the event and, of course, thanks to all of the participants for a great turnout and regional Mathcounts event!

Engineer's Week

Once again, Engineer's Week has come and gone, but not without tribute to two very deserving scholarship applicants. The two SW Chapter scholarship recipients were each awarded a check for \$1,000 to further their ambition of becoming engineers. We congratulate Mary Lazar of Edgewood High School and Samuel Inman of Middleton High School on their achievements and wish them the very best in pursuing their passion for engineering.

Additionally, Michael Mucha, of the Greater Madison Sewer District, was our guest speaker who spoke on "Bridging Science and Society: The Civil Engineer's Exciting Opportunity in a Changing World"; highlighting the need to consider societal and environmental change and how project design requirements may be affected.

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We need volunteers.

Please help if you can.



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The dinner, awards and presentation were a great success! Many thanks to Michael Mucha, ASCE, Norm Arendt, David Shore and Ron Voss for their expertise in planning and executing this event. Member attendees received ½ PDH toward the current biennium.

We Need Volunteers for the State Mathcounts!

This month is the State Mathcounts competition and we need your help! Norm Arendt, the overseer of the regional Mathcounts program, would like at least 20 volunteers for March 5 at the Lowell Center here in Madison. The event starts at 9:00 am and goes until 2:00 pm; breakfast and lunch are provided.

Please contact NORM ARENDT (njarendt@gmail.com) for additional information if you can help out even if for a portion of the event.

Discovery Conference 2016

This year's Discovery Conference will be held at MSOE on May 17 and 18. The two day event will be sure to offer many very interesting presentations, allowing attendees to receive up to 15 PDH's and will also offer attendees the opportunity to attend the Governor's New Product Award dinner (additional cost to conference only).

WSPE will be sending an email to all members with all of the conference details. Please mark your calendar and we hope to see you there!

Spring Social Event

Recently (January), the WSPE SW Chapter emailed a survey to all SW members asking their opinion on what we should do for our Spring Social Event. Most responded in favor of participating in a golf outing as opposed to attending a Mallard's baseball game. The SW Chapter board is in the process of arranging a golf outing for this June at one of the golf courses in the Madison area. Please watch for details in our May Newsletter!

Event Calendar

<i>Chapter Meeting Schedule</i>	<i>Board Meeting Schedule</i>
June 2016 Golf Outing	(First Tuesday of the Month at 7 AM Perkins Restaurant, 1410 Damon Rd, Madison) March 8 April 5 May 3 June 7
<i>State Event Schedule</i>	
March 5, 2016 Mathcounts State Competition - Lowell Center, Madison	
May 17 and 18, 2016 WSPE Discovery Conference	