



## Spokane Chapter

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## CHAPTER NEWS

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### WSPE Spokane Chapter Member Survey (Response Requested by 5/28/2010)

The Executive Committee would like your feedback! Following is a link to a 10-question survey soliciting member input regarding Chapter meeting times, places and formats. The survey is not specific to your e-mail address. A hard copy of the survey is attached for those who do not have internet access. Please forward the survey to Bruce Turner at NAC Architecture, 1203 West Riverside Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201-1107 or call him at (509) 624-8125 and Bruce will add your responses to the electronic database.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7HHNDKM>

Your response will be much appreciated and will help make our organization more valuable to you!

**Chapter Financial Report**

As of March 24, 2010, the Chapter balance is \$5054.19 plus receivables of \$700.00 and payables of \$825.00.

Spokane Chapter			
WSPE			
Year Ending June 30, 2010			
Beginning Balance	1-Jul-09		\$ 6,372.55
<b>Expenses</b>			
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Bridge Contest	\$	1,620.79	
EIT Course	\$	-	
MathCounts	\$	210.05	
Misc	\$	354.80	
<b>Income</b>			
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Bridge Contest		\$	1,963.06
EIT Course		\$	-
MathCounts		\$	-
Misc		\$	708.15
Subtotals	\$	<hr/> 2,185.64	\$ <hr/> 2,671.21
Net Income			\$ 485.57
Ending Balance			\$ 6,858.12

*Provided by Bruce Turner, P.E*

**Engineers Explorer Post #725**

The Post met at 7:15 PM on April 26, at 1st Methodist, 3rd & Howard. Info on the City's Manhole Cover Contest was distributed. [Note: This is a design contest only, you do not have to cast an actual manhole cover.] The selected artists will receive \$100 and their designs will be used on the City's manhole covers. The deadline for entries is this **Friday, Apr 30, 3 PM**. The next meeting will be next Monday, May 3. More info later.

The Post met again at 7:15 PM on May 3. We learned some basics of robotics and a concept called BEAM (biological, electronic, aesthetic, mechanical), allowing a hobbyist to get into robotics inexpensively. Then we salvaged useful parts out of a couple old CD drives.

The next meeting will be at 7:15 PM on May 10 – next week not two weeks, at 1st Methodist, 3rd & Howard. May 10 we'll build a simple robot out of salvaged parts. May 10 we should also have more info on the upcoming tours. It will likely be the last meeting this school year.

*Provided by: Michael Storm*

### **Spokane Board Meeting – March 24, 2010**

**Attendance:** Leonard Byrne, Bruce Turner, Beth Hodgson, Nichol Pettis, and Ray Briggs

Meeting held at NAC Engineering, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

#### ***WSPE Spokane Chapter Board Meeting Agenda***

##### **1. Recap of February's and March's Activities**

The March general meeting was cancelled due to a very low response rate to the RSVP. As of late Monday morning (one day before the meeting) we only had three confirmed attendees. The president made the decision to cancel instead of having the speaker travel from the tri-cities to an empty room. By Tuesday noon we learned of at least seven more who were planning to attend. My apologies to the four who arrived at the restaurant on Tuesday for the cancelled meeting. In hindsight we would have had a fine attendance, but without the RSVPs it is hard to tell. The February meeting had exactly the same attendance count as had RSVP'd. Dr. Peter McGrail will be presenting at the WSPE State meeting in Richland, WA on May 14.

The March newsletter recapped our local Scholarship, MathCounts and Bridge Building contests. Our MathCounts winners did well at the state contest. See the full report from Nichol Pettis for more details. Nichol did an excellent job managing the our MathCounts effort, picking the project up on short notice. Thank you Nicole. Also thank you to Bruce Turner and NAC for providing a buzzer system for our local MathCounts competition. The Bridge Building national contest is May 1 in Philadelphia. The board voted to pay up to \$500 to assist our local winner, Katie Asbury, compete in Philadelphia.

The treasure reported that we have essentially broke even this year. See the full treasurers report for details.

##### **2. Membership and Chapter Leadership**

After a short discussion on meeting times, types and topics, the board voted to do a survey of our members to investigate how we can serve our members better. The survey will be conducted using "Survey Monkey". Bruce Turner is heading up the project to develop the survey.

**3. Chapter Activities for April and May**

At present there are no chapter activities planned for April and May.

**4. State Meeting May 15, tri-cities**

*Prepared by Leonard Byrne, PE*

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## **NOTICE BOARD**

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### **Bits & Bytes from PacificCAD**

The Autodesk 2011 products started coming out March 25. Eagle Point software has been discontinued and there is an AutoCAD Civil 3D transition program in place for Eagle Point owners.

*Jim Peterson, PacificCAD*

### **Job Openings – NSPE’s Job Board**

NSPE has a Job Board that you may be interested in at <http://www.nspe.org/Employment/JobBoard/index.html> [The five most recently posted jobs appear on the NSPE homepage at <http://www.nspe.org>]

You may also be interested in advertising in the Career Mart section of PE magazine. You'll find the details in our media guide at <http://www.nspe.org/resources/pdfs/advertising/2010MG.pdf>

*Dave Siegel, Communications Director*

### **Continuing Education Legislation – Status Update**

Based on a proposal from the Vancouver Section of ASCE that would require engineers to meet continuing education requirements similar to those required for Land Surveyors licensed in Washington State and engineers licensed in 36 states in the nation, Reps. Jim Moeller and Tami Greene submitted HB 2602 which would require 15 hours of continuing education annually. The Legislature recommended the rule to the House Committee on Commerce and Labor in March of 2010 and after review and comments, the Committee recommended that the bill be forwarded to the Department of Licensing under the Sunrise Provision (where BORPELS would submit a recommendation for continuing education).

Jim Curry, AELC President, attended the WSPE Winter Board of Trustees Meeting in Redmond to encourage WSPE to endorse the proposal. The WSPE BOT elected to stand by its current position which is that continuing education will not provide greater protection to the public.

After reviewing written statements and testimony submitted by WSPE, AELC, ASCE and individuals, the legislature denied the proposal for Sunrise Provision and as such any continuing education rulemaking is not under consideration at this time.

A copy of the proposed legislation is available at the legislature's website at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2602&year=2009>. A copy of WSPE's white paper on continuing education is available at <http://www.washingtonengineer.org/wspe/cpd.htm>.

*Provided by Beth Fifield Hodgson, P.E.*

### 2009 – 2010 CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Executive Board:**

President	Leonard Byrne, PE	928.8561
President.Elect	<b>OPEN</b>	
Vice President	<b>OPEN</b>	534.9711
Secretary/Treasurer	Bruce Turner, PE	624.8125
Trustee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	<b>OPEN</b>	
Trustee (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	<b>OPEN</b>	
Past President	Leonard Byrne, PE	928.8561
WSPE President	Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE	328.7500

**Chapter Committee Chairs:**

Engineers Week	<i>Not held during 2009</i>	
Explorer Post #725	Michael Storm	747-8257
Math Counts	Nichol Pettis, PE	328-7500
Membership	Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE	328.7500
Model Bridge Building	<b>OPEN</b>	
Newsletters	Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE	328.7500
Scholarships	Alan Gay, PE	328.5139

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### 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>April 2010</b>	<b>May 2010</b> 14 – 15: WSPE Annual Meeting and BOT @ Tri-Cities	<b>June 2010</b>
<b>July 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>September 2010</b> ?: WSPE BOT 16 – 17: BORPEL @ Spokane
<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>December 2010</b>
<b>January 2011</b> ?: WSPE BOT @ Bellevue	<b>February 2011</b> ?: Carl M Hanson Interviews ?: Bridge Building Contest ?: Spokane MathCounts	<b>March 2011</b> ?: WSPE MathCounts @ Microsoft's Redmond Campus

\*\* Check the monthly newsletter for meeting locations \*\*