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Due to our plan to provide periodic webinars or seminars in lieu of monthly meetings, there will be no meeting in the month of October.

Check out the November newsletter for further information.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Financial Update

As of August 31, 2008, the Chapter's bank balance is \$6,264.07. This is the sum of the checking and savings accounts. To my knowledge, we currently have no accounts payable and no accounts receivable other than periodic membership renewals. *Provided by Bruce Turner, P.E.*

Carl M Hanson Scholarships

We have completed another cycle of Scholarships, and we're cranking up for the next one. We also received an update from a 2006 Scholarship recipient, Michelle Sybouts, who is attending UW. *Provided by Alan Gay, P.E.*

September 12, 2008

Alan E. Gay, P.E., Scholarship Chair
USKH, Inc
621 W Mallon, Suite 309
Spokane WA 99201

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Dear Mr. Gay,

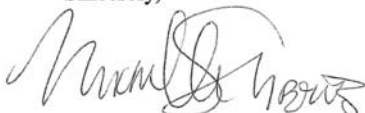
As I enter my third year at University of Washington, I wanted to take this time to express my gratitude for your generous support of my education through the 2006 WSPE Scholarship, as well as to update you on my progress. Please also extend my thanks to everyone on the scholarship committee.

I am enthusiastically continuing my studies in Astronautics and Aeronautics Engineering with the goal of becoming an integral and successful member of the aerospace community. In addition to traditional academic endeavors, I am actively pursuing extracurricular opportunities to learn about and participate in engineering. I am continuing my research in the ZaP Plasma Physics lab on campus where I have worked for over two years. As well I am involved with Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) and my university's chapter of Engineers without Borders (EWB). This past summer I had the unique privilege of participating in the NASA Academy at Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. The premier leadership training program at NASA, the Academy gave me the opportunity to meet with professionals throughout the space industry, complete research for the Mars Science Laboratory, the next rover to be sent to mars, as well as collaborate on a technical paper that will advise top NASA administrators on space policy. These opportunities would not have been possible without first having the great opportunity to attend University of Washington. Thank you for making that goal a reality.

In the upcoming year, I plan to continue my research in the ZaP lab, as well as intensify my involvement in SEDS and EWB. I am eager to continue my studies and am looking forward to new opportunities to learn and contribute to my field.

I cannot express enough my gratitude your assistance in my endeavors. Each year with your encouraging support in mind I strive to make the best of my educational opportunities, and I look to the future with determination and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,



Michelle Sybouts

STATE NEWS

Fall Board of Trustees Meeting – Spokane September 26 - 27

Eleven engineers and guests representing chapters across the state of Washington convened Friday evening at the Peacock Restaurant of the Davenport Hotel for dinner with the Spokane Chapter represented by Leonard & Helen Byrne, and Beth & Neil Hodgson. The focus was on networking and enjoying the culinary treats of our fair town.

Saturday morning 7 engineers met at the Burgundy Room (previously the Lobby Restaurant) of the Spokane Club for the Presidents Breakfast. Chapter leaders from Mt. Rainier, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Seattle chapters briefly reviewed the requirements for the I-990n forms and the EIN application process which would take place later that day in the Crystal Room. In addition, we touched on questions of membership, and State President visits.

Coincidentally, the WSPE Education Foundation held their quarterly meeting in the Board Room of the Spokane Club. Hal Williamson, PE of Tri-Cities reported to the Board of Trustees later that day and indicated that the Foundation is running low on scholarship monies and will be encouraging WSPE membership to support the 501(c)(3) Foundation financially. If you haven't already received a letter, watch for one in the mail and please support to the amount you are able.

The Fall Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting was held in the Gourmet Room of the Spokane Club with 22 members representing 6 of the 7 WSPE Chapters (Wenatchee representatives were unable to attend). The Spokane Chapter was represented by Leonard Byrne, Alan Bain and Scott McDonald. In addition to reports from BORPELS, NSPE and chapter officers, primary issues discussed were:

- **Chapter Support** – Steve Short, PE has prepared a summary of the 2007-2008 chapter activities to share meeting topics and check on the status of the chapters. The table of activities is attached.
- **WSPE Roster** – The current roster has been released and is posted on the WSPE website at www.washingtonengineer.org. The password has not changed from previous versions; if you need the password, contact our Executive Director Willis Turner at willis.turner@washingtonengineer.org or 866-296-4324. Hard copies are available upon request to those who do not have access to the internet.
- **Bylaws Amendment** – Pam Ankrum, PE proposed Bylaws amendments to make the WSPE Bylaws consistent with NSPE's Bylaws. The Bylaws will be formally reviewed at the Winter BOT meeting in SEATAC January 24, 2009.

Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE will be attending the APEG-BC annual meeting in Kelowna October 17 -18 on behalf of WSPE, and will be the primary speaker at the Lake Washington Chapter's meeting on October 20th. I plan to visit each of the WSPE chapters during her term in office to

share specific plans and details of NSPE and WSPE with the local chapters, and will be coordinating a formal visit with the Spokane chapter as well.

Additional details on the Fall BOT can be obtained from any of the officers who attended the meeting or in the draft meeting minutes which are expected to be available by October 11, 2008.

Provided by Beth Fifield Hodgson, P.E.

2008 – 2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Executive Board:

President	Leonard Byrne, PE	928-8561
President-Elect	OPEN	
Vice President	Scott McDonald	534-9711
Secretary/Treasurer	Bruce Turner, PE	624-8125
Trustee (1 st Year)	Alan Bain	534-9711
Past President	Leonard Byrne, PE	928-8561
WSPE President	Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE	328-7500

Chapter Committee Chairs:

Engineers Week	<i>Not held during 2008</i>	
Explorer Post #725	OPEN	
Math Counts	Alan Bain	534-9711
Membership	Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE	328-7500
Model Bridge Building	OPEN	
Newsletters	Beth Fifield Hodgson, PE	328-7500
Scholarships	Alan Gay, PE	328-5139
Team JETS	Gail Allwine, PE	328-4220

2008 – 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2008	November 2008	December 2008
January 2009 23 – 24: WSPE BOT @ SEATAC	February 2009	March 2009
April 2009	May 2009 15 – 16: WSPE BOT @ Marysville	June 2009

** Check the monthly newsletter for meeting locations **