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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – NOVEMBER MEETING DETAILS: 2009 PLANNING SESSION and OFFICER ELECTIONS



As another year comes to a close, so does our IIE program year. On December 4th at 6:00pm, our KCIIE chapter will be hosting our annual planning session for the 2009 program year. If you are interested in becoming an officer, would like to provide input in planning the 2009 calendar of events, or would like to become more involved in IIE, we invite you to attend! We welcome all members’ participation in order to help us improve our chapter by assisting us with your time and ideas of what/where to improve in order to create a greater value to all members.

When: December 4th, 2008; 6:00 PM

Where: West Lenexa, KS (directions to follow to those who RSVP)

RSVP: By Tuesday 12/02/08 to Jairo de Jesus (jadejesus@farmland.com; 816-801-4413)

2 – OCTOBER and NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Mentor Day

Mentor Day has long been a tradition for our chapter and is something we are well known for within IIE – Thank you to all who participated!

On October 30th, we welcomed Kansas State and Missouri Industrial Engineering students to Kansas City for our annual Mentor Day. We had a total of 12 students and 10 mentors in attendance with mentors from Garmin International, Hallmark Cards, Inland Tool and Manufacturing, MAMTC, JC Penney and Robbie Manufacturing.



For this year’s event, we toured the RR Donnelley printing facility in Liberty, Missouri. Richard Johnson, the VP of Operations for the Liberty facility, provided an overview of the printing industry and the challenges faced in today’s market. In addition, the tour provided an up-close view of the printing process and allowed the students the opportunity to observe a production facility in action. A special thanks to Richard Johnson and the RR Donnelley team for hosting this year’s tour!

After visiting with the students over lunch at UNO Chicago Grill, the group was split into student/mentor pairings and traveled back to the mentor's place of work for the remainder of the day to shadow and learn more about their careers. Mentors shared their experiences and insights as Industrial Engineers and provided a deeper look into an Industrial Engineer's role in industry. This is always a very exciting event for our chapter, and we greatly appreciate this year's mentors for making it a success and we are looking forward to next year's Mentor Day. Without you, this event would not be possible!

Fall Conference

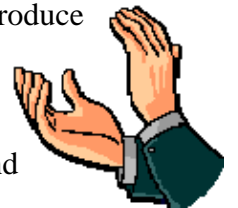
With over 50 attendees, the Greater Kansas City Chapter of IIE stamped the year with a very successful event, the Fall Conference "Asking the Right Questions: Management's Key to Lean Transformation".

The conference was kicked-off by the keynote speaker, Dr. John English, Dean of Engineering at Kansas State University, who provided a charging and uplifting message about leadership lessons and the challenge to all attendees to continue on the path of continuous improvement.



The conference speaker, Bruce Hamilton (the TOAST guy), President of the Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership (GBMP), did an outstanding job facilitating the discovery of breakthrough ideas to overcome the obstacles to operational improvement. Attendees participated in training exercises, discussed ideas, shared success and failure stories, and most of all, were provided with a roadmap for lean implementation.

This conference reflected the hard work and dedication that our officer body put forth to produce a quality event with a commitment to service and excellence from the Greater Kansas City Chapter of IIE. Special thanks and gratitude goes out to Liz Fine, Anita Ranhotra, Jay Christensen, Beth Kelley, Kyle Grabill, Jennifer Hedberg, Rachel Olson, and Aleia Maciula. We would not have had a great conference without all of their support and dedication!



Best of all, attendance and support of this conference generated proceeds that will go towards our annual sponsorship of scholarships for industrial engineering students at Kansas State University and the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Jairo de Jesus
President-Elect

Chapter President, Liz Fine, kicks off the conference



Attendees mingle and discuss at the conference



Dr. John English, Dean of Engineering at Kansas State University, discusses the topic of Leadership Lessons

Bruce Hamilton, President of the Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership, interacts with the attendees on the topic of Lean Transformation



3 – PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, members!

The end of the year is always busy for our chapter. Our annual Mentor Day was in October. RR Donnelley put on a great tour for us, and I personally enjoyed spending time with the KSU and MU IE students who were able to make the trek to Kansas City. Kyle Grabill and Teniece Hardy did a fantastic job in organizing the event.

Our annual Fall Conference was in November. I'd like to thank our speakers, Bruce Hamilton and Dr. John English, our sponsors, and our chairperson Jairo de Jesus for putting on such a great event. With the help of our 50 attendees, we are able to provide scholarship funds to the IE students at KSU and MU!

When I first became involved in IIE two years ago, I took baby steps in the level of my participation by occasionally attending the monthly meetings and facility tours. A year later I was highly encouraged to serve on the Board as the President Elect, knowing that one year later I'd be serving as the President. And now I have reached the end of my term, and am passing the reigns to Jairo de Jesus.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to everyone who has supported me this year.

Our Kansas City chapter is strong and we have over 100 members. I encourage you to take baby steps by attending monthly meetings, and for those of you who are more adventurous I encourage you to take a giant leap by joining our Board of Officers. Fortunately we have a tremendous Board of Officers – some with years of experience and others who are new and bring innovative ideas for events to our chapter. Please join us for our 2009 planning session on December 4th.

Thanks and here's to continued intensity and involvement in 2009,

Liz Fine

Chapter President

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5 (South Central) Chapter 92 Membership 98

Regional Elections

Friends, as a past IIE Regional Vice President (RVP) and Senior Vice President – Chapters (SVP), I would like to offer my personal recommendation for one of our members running for RVP.

Jay Christensen has been an active member of our chapter for many years – holding a variety of positions, including chapter president, and always being one to step up to make sure the needs of the chapter and our members were met. Jay has also been instrumental in helping our chapter progress – from membership surveys to better understand your needs and new tour locations, to establishing our chapter's current website and Facebook page!

I can attest that the senior and student chapter and leadership experience and skills that Jay brings to the table are what are needed in an RVP and we are very fortunate to have one of our own members as a candidate.

I encourage you all to vote when the ballots come out next month and for the benefit of our chapter and region, I hope that your vote is for Jay Christensen!

Anita Ranhotra

Past SVP-Chapters (and “unofficial campaign manager” for Jay Christensen)



5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

The Chapter Activity Report (CAR) is a tool utilized by IIE to provide meaningful feedback measurement in regards to individual chapters' activities in an effort to identify improvement trends as well as, their respective progress and endeavors.

Why is the CAR important to our Chapter?

IIE Headquarters has identified that a monthly CAR article is one of the components of a good newsletter. Furthermore, the various IIE Chapters are measured each year via the CAR submission. Our Greater Kansas City Chapter of IIE has received the Gold Award for the past two years based on all of our efforts and activities highlighted in the CAR.

One of the sections that we did not receive full credit during last year's CAR submission was Section 3: Membership Communications, Growth & Retention: Available Points: 25/ Scored Points: 18

You can assist your chapter to improve our overall CAR score in 2008 by supporting us to promote our chapter to new members and past non-active members and let them know all of the great things that we conduct in the Greater Kansas City area. Recruitment and reclamation will be one of our banners for calendar year 2009.

We are going to conduct our Fiscal 2009 planning session on Thursday (12/4/08) and we would love to have our members' participation to help us improve our Society by assisting us with your time and ideas of what/where to improve in order to create a greater value to all members.

Jairo de Jesus
President-Elect

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

2009 Elections

In December, you will be receiving notification from IIE Headquarters announcing elections for regional and national leadership positions! Remember – every vote counts!

What's in a name?

For many years, there has been debate over whether to incorporate “systems” into the IIE moniker. This December, the issue will come to a vote. On the same ballot for the IIE Board of Trustees election, IIE members will be asked to vote on whether to change the name of the association to the **Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers**. Please share your thoughts about a potential name change by sending your comments to editor@iienet.org.

2009 South Central Regional Conference

South Central Region of IIE is hosting a Mini Professional Conference in conjunction with the Student Regional Technical Paper Contest.

The conference will be held on February 27th and 28th and there is a need for volunteers to help plan and execute the mini professional conference on February 27th.

If you can help with the South Central Region Mini Professional Conference to be held on 27 February 2009, please contact Susan Wright at 972 - 438 - 6209 (H) or 972 - 952 - 5001 (W) or smr@raytheon.com.

7 – INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING IN THE NEWS!

Industrial Engineering rated one of the top 10 careers for top occupations in general happiness!

http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/career-articles-where_do_america_s_happiest_people_work-569

Industrial Engineering influences the world of retail!

http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB122651745876821483-1MyQjAxMDI4MjE2ODUxMTg3Wj.html

8 – STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT


Kansas State Spotlight

A lot has been happening recently with the Kansas State IIE Student Chapter. Recently, the student chapter put together a new website which helps keep students up-to-date with activities and serves as a repository for chapter events. The website looks fantastic, but don't take our word for it... Take a look for yourself! www.engg.ksu.edu/iie

The chapter hosted its annual IIE tailgate at the Oklahoma vs. K-State football game on October 25th. This event continues to grow in popularity each year and has become a staple event for the chapter. This year's event was attended by one of Kansas City's newest IIE Chapter members, Dean John English.



University of Missouri – Columbia Spotlight

 The Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering department celebrated its 50th anniversary on Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25 during Homecoming Weekend 2008 and the MU vs. Colorado game. Be sure to check out information on the event!

<http://engineering.missouri.edu/news/2008/07/23/imse-celebrates-50-years/>

9 – OFFICER LISTING

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