

Southeastern Chapter Meeting – April 10, 2024 – 11:45 A.M.
Green Meadows Golf Course
1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 03/20/24

Treasurer's Report – Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Annual conference – May 1-3, Kellogg Center at MSU
5. Award nominations
6. Chapter reports – Due April 15
7. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. DYPAC – Phantom of the Opera – April 14 (dist. Tickets)
 - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) – rescheduled
 - c. Mud Hens (Doug) – August – dates?
 - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Various

1. Account Balance Report – Steve / Mike
2. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve / Mike
3. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha
4. Luncheon invites - Patrick

Other Committee Reports

1. Membership Update - Kate
2. MATHCOUNTS – State competition report
3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs – Patrick / Jeff
4. Website - <http://www.mspesec.org/> - Kate
5. MSPE Facebook Page (Public) – Breanna - <https://www.facebook.com/MSPESoutheasternChapter/>
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7. Other relevant reports

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024-25 Administrative Year Officer Nominations
2. 2023-24 Annual Report - Review
3. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – May 8, 2024 – Green Meadows Golf Course

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024**

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), Mark Mathe (Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: James Marshall (President-Elect)

Other Members: Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Mick Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling, Connor Ferguson, David Smith

Call To Order: 11:55 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:

1. **Secretary's Report** – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the March 20, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Steve Bouws to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. The major item was that the Vanguard check was returned and is being sent to the correct address. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **State Report** – Kate Hennicken provided the state report on a variety of topics. The board is still waiting for a draft of the strategic plan (it is now in committee), and work continues on the inactive chapters issue. Don Nedervelt is signing an agreement with ACEC on receiving mail, so that issue should finally be resolved. Patrick provided an update on the annual conference, the conference is set for May 1-3 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing and registration is still open. Individual award nominations and Chapter reports are due April 15.
4. **Social/Professional Programs Report** – Doug Link, Patrick Lewis, Mick Vargas
 - a. Patrick passed out tickets for the Phantom of the Opera show at DYPAC in Trenton on Sunday, April 14 at 2 P.M., and some members may meet for dinner afterwards.
 - b. Mick reported that the rescheduled ADS plant tour in Findlay is May 17, information will be coming out soon.
 - c. Per the consensus of the group, Doug will solidify an August date for the Toledo Mud Hens game.
5. **Scholarship Report** – Patrick Lewis, Steve Bouws
 - a. Patrick talked to Vanguard, we can add multiple names on the account, they are supposed to be sending us a corporate resolution, but it has not arrived yet. He was able to change the mailing address to Steve's house, but Patrick and Doug Thompson appear to still be the only names on the account.

- b. Steve is still working through setting up the automatic investments and balancing of our assets within the Vanguard account, Mike has presented several possible options, and it is hoped this can be completed in the next month or so.
 - c. Patrick presented the Vanguard account balance, but from this point forward Steve will have to prepare it since he will have online account and will receive mailed statements.
 - d. Patrick proposed to again invite the returning scholars to lunch in May to coincide with the end of their year, and invite the new winners to lunch in June to coincide with the end of school for them. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to pay for lunch for all scholarship winners. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Membership – Chapter membership stands at 61 from March, with one (1) new member and two (2) delinquencies. The April report is not ready yet.
 7. Legislative Report – Patrick Lewis reported again that Legislative Day was held March 13, and he and Jeff Elliott attended on behalf of the Chapter. There was significant discussion / opposition regarding Senate Bill 480, changes to the Land Division Act, which was already passed by the Senate but is being considered by the House. It is believed that the rather aggressive nature and the logic of our opposition stated may have facilitated possible revisions to the bill to make it more palatable, but it still appears to be likely to pass, but with only 10 splits per 10 acres rather than the original 20 splits.
 8. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick reported that the state competition was held Saturday, March 23 at Michigan State University, and it generally went well, other than some accusations of cheating that could not be proven but did not appear to impact the final outcomes in any event. Martha Spencer from HIS Homeschool narrowly missed becoming the first Chapter student in the Countdown Round, finishing 11th after a multiple person tiebreaker for 8th.
 9. Social Media – Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Patrick will provide photos after the DYPAC show.
 10. Golf Outing – Steve Bouws suggested that Friday, September 27 should be the golf outing, and it was acceptable to the group. He will work on making arrangements.
 11. 2024-25 Officers – the officer slate has been set, and with no opposition, ballots do not need to be sent out.
 12. David Smith reported that he is presenting at the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) on motor vehicle fuel efficiency.

Adjournment: It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:46 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of guests – Scholarship Winners
2. Young Engineer of the Year – Breanna Anderson
3. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 04/10/24

Treasurer's Report – Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Chapter Awards
5. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. Phantom Show – Thanks for coming
 - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) – May 17
 - c. Mud Hens (Doug) – August – dates?
 - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Various

1. Account Balance Report – Steve / Mike
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Web Site Invoices - Kate
2. Scholarship Winner Discussion – Updates on Progress
3. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024-25 Officers
2. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – June 12, 2024 – Green Meadows Golf Course

Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), James Marshall (President-Elect), Mark Mathe (Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: None

Other Members: Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Mick Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling, Connor Ferguson, Sydney Jorgensen

Call To Order: 12:00 P.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:

1. **Secretary's Report** – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the April 10, 2024 meeting. One edit that needed to be made was that James Marshall should be listed as President-Elect. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Patrick Lewis to approve the amended April 10, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. The major item was that the Vanguard check has still not been deposited by Vanguard, even though the address was supposedly confirmed. Since we cannot seem to get any clarity, it was moved by Steve Bouws and supported by Mark Mathe to move \$6,880 into a local savings account until we can get the Vanguard account straightened out. It was then moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **State Report** – Kate Hennicken provided the state report on a variety of topics. The strategic plan has been approved by the board, and there is discussion about using the state discretionary funds to help offset officer attendance costs for the NSPE annual conference. The inactive chapter discussion continues, and a conference call with the committee will occur in the next few weeks. Congratulations to Breanna Anderson, P.E., this year's MSPE Young Engineer of the Year.
4. **Social/Professional Programs Report** – Doug Link, Patrick Lewis, Mick Vargas
 - a. Patrick thanked everyone for attending the Phantom of the Opera show.
 - b. Mick reported that the rescheduled ADS plant tour in Findlay is May 17, there is still room and final details will be forwarded.
 - c. After discussion, the August 11 game at 4:00 P.M. was selected, and Doug will work up a flyer for the membership and forward.

5. Scholarship Report – Patrick Lewis, Steve Bouws
 - a. Patrick talked to Vanguard, we can add multiple names on the account, they are supposed to be sending us a corporate resolution, but it has not arrived yet. He was able to change the mailing address to Steve’s house, but Patrick and Doug Thompson appear to still be the only names on the account. It has again been over a month, so something is clearly wrong with Vanguard’s processes.
 - b. Patrick introduced Sydney Jorgensen, a guest today and one of our returning scholars. She filled the Chapter in on her studies and achievements, as well as current activities.
6. Membership – Chapter membership stands at 59 from the April report.
7. Legislative Report – Patrick Lewis reported that Senate Bill 480 is still being discussed, and while it was revised to allow for 10 lot splits for every 10 acres, there is still concern and MSPE members may still be solicited to testify in committee if possible.
8. MATHCOUNTS – no report, Patrick usually waits until September to schedule the venue and set the date.
9. Social Media – Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Patrick provided photos after the DYPAC show, and photos from Breanna’s Young Engineer of the Year award at the conference will be featured. Kate provided the annual invoice for the web page. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by James Marshall to reimburse Kate \$200.85 for this year’s fees, which she paid via her credit card.
10. Golf Outing – Steve Bouws reminded everyone that Friday, September 27 should be the golf outing, and he continues working on arrangements.
11. 2024-25 Officers – the officer slate has been set. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer stay the same, James Marshall will progress to President, Kate Hennicken will roll off to Past President, and Mick Vargas has agreed to again serve as President-Elect.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:54 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of guests – Scholarship Winners
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 05/08/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) – May 17
 - b. Mud Hens (Doug) – August 11 – RSVPs due
 - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws / Patrick Lewis

1. Golf Outing – September 27 - Carrington
2. Account Balance Report – Steve / Mike
3. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve / Mike / Patrick
4. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Scholarship Winner Discussion
2. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024-25 Officer Transition
2. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – July 10, 2024 – Green Meadows Golf Course

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024**

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), James Marshall (President-Elect), Mark Mathe (Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President),

Board Absent: Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: Jacob LaBo, Don Link, Chris Schaffer, Mick Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests: Aiden Coury, Cliff Elling, Connor Ferguson, Abbi Zeller, Charlie Zeller, Jenny Zeller, Todd Zeller

Call To Order: 11:55 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:

1. President Hennicken led the Chapter members in introducing themselves and our two (2) new scholarship winners introduced themselves as well. They are Abbi Zeller, who brought her family, and Aiden Coury.
2. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the May 8, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Mark Mathe and supported by Doug Link to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. The major item was that the Vanguard check has still not been deposited by Vanguard, even though the address was supposedly confirmed. At this point, we are now trying to get out of the Vanguard funds and move to another source. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by James Marshall to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
4. State Report – Kate Hennicken reported that the strategic plan has been prioritized and is under-going review at the state level. Martha is continuing with the inactive chapter discussions as well.
5. Social/Professional Programs Report –Doug Link, Mick Vargas
 - a. Mick thanked everyone for coming to the ADS tour on May 17, they are looking at another tour this fall.
 - b. Doug took the RSVPs for the August 11 Mud Hens game, we are over the 25 person minimum for the lower pricing.
6. Scholarship Report – Patrick Lewis, Steve Bouws
 - a. Patrick talked to Vanguard again, they confirmed the mailing address and said we could download the resolution from web access. Steve will try to work this online, but again we want to get out of Vanguard as soon as possible. Patrick suggested

we just start writing checks to ourselves to draw down the balance so not as much money is at risk.

- b. Steve and Mike are going to meet with Fifth Third to discuss options, since they have a local presence.
7. Membership – Chapter membership stands at 58 from the June report, including two new members and two delinquent members.
8. Legislative Report – Patrick Lewis reported that Senate Bill 480 is still being discussed, and while it was revised to allow for 10 lot splits for every 10 acres, there is still concern and MSPE members may still be solicited to testify in committee if possible.
9. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick usually waits until September to schedule the venue and set the date. He mentioned, however, that the National office sent out a survey to coordinators that indicates they may be raising rates significantly, and suggested that if this is the case, the state consider using some of the discretionary funds to help offset school costs. They are also considering raising the number of students each school can bring, which Patrick also thought would be a bad idea in some chapters
10. Social Media – Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Patrick sent photos taken by Chris Schaffer on the ADS tour.
11. Golf Outing – Steve reported that the golf outing is September 27.
12. 2024-25 Officers – the officer slate has been set. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer stay the same, James Marshall will progress to President, Kate Hennicken will roll off to Past President, and Mick Vargas has agreed to again serve as President-Elect.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by James Marshall to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:30 P.M.

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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Kate Hennicken for Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 06/12/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. Mud Hens (Doug) – August 11
 - b. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws

1. Golf Outing – September 27 - Carrington
2. Scholarship Winner Checks
3. Account Balance Report – Steve / Mike
4. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve / Mike
5. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

Other Committee Reports

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2. MATHCOUNTS – no report
3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs – no report
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Late Scholarship Renewal Request (Patrick written report)
2. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – August 14, 2024 – Green Meadows Golf Course

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2024**

Board Present: James Marshall (President), Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President)

Board Absent: Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: Nick Hinks, Jacob LaBo, Don Link, Mark Mathe, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Chris Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling

Call To Order: 11:52 A.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:

1. Introduction of Guests – James Marshall introduced Nick Hinks, one of the Chapter scholarship awardees, he is a member but as a student is often unable to make the meetings.
2. Secretary’s Report – Chris Schaffer presented the minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting on behalf of Patrick Lewis. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Mick Vargas to approve the June 12, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer’s report and the Scholarship Fund account. We are still in the transfer process to move our Vanguard assets into Fidelity, though the paperwork process is very onerous with any of the major brokerage houses. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Kate Hennicken to accept the Treasurer’s report and place on file. Motion carried 5-0.
4. State Report – Kate Hennicken reported that right now the major issue is in continuing to deal with the inactive chapters, there is some movement with Northern in particular and hopefully something with Detroit Metro as well. Martha is continuing to head this initiative up. They are also continuing to prioritize the various initiatives identified in the Strategic Plan. There is no meeting for July.
5. Social/Professional Programs Report –Doug Link, Mick Vargas
 - a. Doug reported that we have 25 people for the August 11 Mud Hens game, Doug will provide tickets as soon as we get them, probably will have to make other arrangements since our next meeting falls after the game.
 - b. Mick reported that ADS may do another plant tour in October, pairing it up with a football-themed tailgate, same as before with respect to transportation and coordination.
 - c. September 20, ADS is also working on a vendor-sponsored seminar discussing stormwater treatment and regulations, underground detention, and EJ is planning to

participate as well as some other vendors, looking at 4 PDH total and golf in the afternoon.

6. Scholarship Report – Steve Bouws

- a. Asphalt Materials has agreed to be the Registration Sponsor for the September 27 golf outing again this year, welcoming others as well. The final flyer will be going out next week to our usual sponsors. Many of the usual players have already committed, and we are looking to try to recruit engineers as well as contractors, developers, etc.
- b. We will be distributing scholarship checks in the next 2-3 weeks when Patrick gets back.
- c. The officers discussed one late scholarship application, the officers had an informal discussion online.

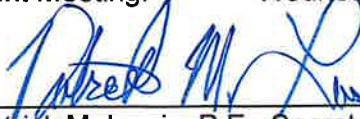
7. Membership – Chapter membership stands at 58, including two new members and two delinquent members.

8. Social Media – Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.

9. Scholarship Renewal – one of our returning winners missed the deadline due to a name change that resulted in not receiving Patrick's reminder email. In the past, Patrick had indicated we have docked students a certain percentage up to 50%, depending on the circumstances. All members were in favor of either 50% or 100% being granted. It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by Doug Link to award the full amount of the scholarship. Motion carried 4-1 (Bouws).

Adjournment: It was moved by Mick Vargas and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Marshall at 12:22 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E. Secretary

**Southeastern Chapter Meeting – August 14, 2024 – 11:45 A.M.
Green Meadows Golf Course
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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Chris Schaffer for Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 07/10/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. Mud Hens report (Doug) – August 11
 - b. ADS seminar (Mick) – September 20
 - c. ADS Plant Tour #2 (Mick) - October
 - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws

1. Golf Outing – September 27 - Carrington
2. Scholarship Winner Checks mailed – Patrick
3. Account Balance Report – Steve / Mike
4. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve / Mike
5. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

Other Committee Reports

1. Membership Update - Kate
2. MATHCOUNTS – no report yet
3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs – no report (need State chair)
4. Website - <http://www.mspesec.org/> - Kate
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – September 11, 2024 – Green Meadows Golf Course

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2024**

Board Present: James Marshall (President), Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) – via phone

Board Absent: Patrick Lewis (Secretary)

Other Members: Jeff Elliott, Connor Ferguson, Don Link, Mark Mathe, Chris Schaffer

Guests: David Smith

Call To Order: 11:57 A.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:


1. **Secretary's Report** – Chris Schaffer presented the minutes from the July 10, 2024 meeting on behalf of Patrick Lewis. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Mick Vargas to approve the July 10, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report and the Scholarship Fund account. Most of the scholarship checks have now cleared, one we are waiting until the winter semester to write at the applicant's request. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Steve Bouws to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **State Report** – Kate Hennicken reported that there was no meeting in July. Some board representatives are considering attending the Michigan School Counselors meeting next month to advance the scholarship interests. We are still meeting to discuss disposition and facilitating action of inactive chapters and / or virtual activities within areas without active chapters. Still looking at implementation of the Strategic Plan, particularly with respect to member activity. We had one board member attend the NSPE Annual conference as well.
4. **Social/Professional Programs Report** –Doug Link, Mick Vargas
 - a. Doug reported that we had 7 members and a total of 25 people for the August 11 Mud Hens game, had a nice day even though the Mud Hens lost, some got to run the bases.
 - b. September 20, ADS was working on a vendor-sponsored seminar discussing stormwater treatment and regulations, underground detention, and EJ is planning to participate as well as some other vendors, but this is looking maybe only 50/50 that it will happen.
 - c. Mick reported that ADS may do another plant tour in October, pairing it up with a football-themed tailgate, same as before with respect to transportation and coordination. This is more likely to still happen.

5. Scholarship Report – Steve Bouws
 - a. We have eight (8) groups that have committed so far, most with checks, Steve will be following up with past sponsors that haven't yet confirmed. If anyone knows other groups that might be interested, please let him know. Right now we are spending more in scholarships than we are taking in for recent outings.
 - b. Steve provided the Vanguard report that shows our current balance, share price actually went up since July about 5%. Money is still in our checking account, waiting for the transition, but we are still going through the arduous process of account transition from Vanguard to Fidelity. At this point, we seem to be in a feedback loop with Vanguard where our account is not current but no one seems to be able to help us update it.
 - c. We still need volunteers for the outing as per usual, Steve is still checking to see if we need a tent, there is an event on Saturday so we might be able to use it as well.
6. Membership – Chapter membership stands at 60, including one delinquent member.
7. Social Media – Kate Hennicken reported that the web site is up to date and Breanna Anderson asked for someone to forward photos from the Mud Hens and will update after the golf outing. We also have 69 followers and 65 likes on Facebook, and 62 followers on Instagram. Please provide her any updates on additional events.
8. Jackson Chapter Golf Outing Sponsorship – Chris Schaffer discussed this item on behalf of Patrick Lewis, who was contacted by the Jackson Chapter as in the past. Typically, our chapters have sponsored each other's outings, and Steve will coordinate pulling together the foursome. It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by James Marshall* to sponsor the Jackson Chapter outing for up to \$500 to include a hole sponsorship and foursome. Motion carried 6-0.

*Note: Typically the chair does not make or support motions, but the members in attendance did not object.

Adjournment: It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Marshall at 12:23 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

**Southeastern Chapter Meeting – September 11, 2024 – 11:45 A.M.
Green Meadows Golf Course
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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 08/14/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. ADS seminar (Mick) – September 20
 - b. ADS Plant Tour #2 (Mick) - October
 - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws

1. Golf Outing – September 27 - Carrington
2. Account Balance Report – Steve
3. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve
4. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

Other Committee Reports

1. Membership Update - Kate
2. MATHCOUNTS – Chapter competition date, price increase
3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs – no report (need State chair)
4. Website - <http://www.mspesec.org/> - Kate
5. MSPE Facebook Page (Public) – Breanna - <https://www.facebook.com/MSPEsoutheasternChapter/>
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – October 9, 2024 – Green Meadows Golf Course

Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

Board Present: Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Douglas Link (Vice President)

Board Absent: James Marshall (President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: Connor Ferguson, Mark Mathe, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith

Guests: David Smith

Call To Order: 11:56 A.M. by Mick Vargas, P.E., President-Elect, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161


Agenda Items:

1. **Secretary's Report** – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the August 14, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Kate Hennicken to approve the August 14, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report and the Scholarship Fund account. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **State Report** – Kate Hennicken provided the state report. The board is focusing on exposure to some other events, such as the Michigan School Counselors meeting coming up in order to advance the scholarship interests, though there are budget and logistical hurdles to some degree. We are still meeting to discuss disposition and facilitating action of inactive chapters and / or virtual activities within areas without active chapters. Still looking at implementation of the Strategic Plan, particularly with respect to member activity, as engagement was deemed to be the highest priority. We had one board member (John Condie) attend the NSPE Annual conference as well. Patrick Lewis also talked about potential by-laws changes with respect to a new virtual chapter and some other items.
4. **Social/Professional Programs Report** –Doug Link, Mick Vargas
 - a. ADS had been working on a vendor-sponsored seminar discussing stormwater treatment and regulations, underground detention, and EJ is planning to participate as well as some other vendors. This may now occur in late October, more details to follow.
 - b. Mick reported that ADS may do another plant tour, but this is going to be postponed beyond October in all likelihood.
 - c. There was some discussion about other options for future events, Patrick will also provide future opportunities for low-cost shows at DYPAC in Trenton again as they come up.

5. Scholarship Report – Steve Bouws
 - a. We have 21 groups that have committed so far for the golf outing, should be in good shape. Any volunteers that can help are asked to be there at 7:30 A.M. There was some discussion about doing a 50/50 raffle, we will be selling mulligans and skins for each team as well.
 - b. Money is still in our checking account associated with scholarships, waiting for the transition, but we are still going through the arduous process of account transition from Vanguard to Fidelity.
6. Membership – Chapter membership stands at 60, including one delinquent member.
7. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick Lewis reported that the date for the Chapter competition has been set, it will be Thursday, February 6 at Woodhaven Community Center. He is working with Nancy McClain to set the state competition, which will normally be on this side of the state, usually at the GM Tech Center in Warren.
8. Social Media – Kate Hennicken asked to have members continue to provide content to her, especially photos from the upcoming golf outing.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Kate Hennicken to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President-Elect Vargas at 12:42 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

Southeastern Chapter Meeting – October 9, 2024 – 11:45 A.M.
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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 09/11/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. ADS seminar (Mick)
 - b. ADS Plant Tour #2 (Mick)
 - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Fellows nominations due November 1
2. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – November 13, 2024 – location TBD

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024**

Board Present: James Marshall (President), Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Steve Bouws (Treasurer) via phone, Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: Kate Hennicken (Past President)

Other Members: Jacob LaBo, Don Link, Mark Mathe, Chris Schaffer

Guests: None

Call To Order: 11:56 A.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

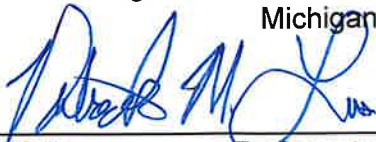
Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the September 11, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Mick Vargas to approve the September 11, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report and the Scholarship Fund account. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
3. State Report – no state officers were present. Patrick Lewis mentioned the board meeting is later today, there is a meeting coming up on inactive chapters, which Martha is working hard on, and there is an annual conference planning meeting this month as well.
4. Social/Professional Programs Report – Doug Link, Mick Vargas, Patrick Lewis
 - a. Mick Vargas reported that ADS had been working on a vendor-sponsored seminar discussing stormwater treatment and regulations, underground detention, and EJ is planning to participate as well as some other vendors. This still has not been scheduled.
 - b. Mick reported that ADS may do another plant tour, but this is also not yet scheduled either.
 - c. Doug Link reminded everyone that Patrick was going to investigate future shows at DYPAC, Patrick reported that they will be doing Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in April so when dates have been set we will plan an event.
 - d. Patrick mentioned that Matt Mikolajczyk reached out about setting up a presentation for Ground Penetrating Radar Systems. The group consensus was that we should try to hold this at Monroe City Hall in conjunction with the November 13 meeting. Patrick will confirm availability with Matt and report back to the group.

5. Scholarship Report – Steve Bouws
 - a. Steve reported that net profit from the golf outing once all checks were received will be around \$7,200. We had 21 groups and everything seemed to go well.
 - b. Checking account balance is \$2508.51, another \$10,471.38 is being held in account that is attributed to the scholarship fund.
 - c. Steve is continuing with the arduous process of account transition from Vanguard to Fidelity, some progress is being made.
6. Membership – Chapter membership stood at 60 last month, the October report is not available yet.
7. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick Lewis reported that the date for the Chapter competition has been set, it will be Thursday, February 6 at Woodhaven Community Center. He is working with Nancy McClain to set the state competition, which will normally be on this side of the state, usually at the GM Tech Center in Warren.
8. Legislative and Governmental Affairs – Patrick Lewis reported that there has not been much activity, but if the Republicans wins the House in November the “lame duck” session is likely to be very active. It also appears that our involvement may have helped stall the land division act changes that we were opposed to.
9. Social Media – Breanna Anderson thanked the members that provided photos from the golf outing, is still seeking others as well. She asked Patrick to confirm the November meeting date and location as soon as it is known.
10. MSPE Fellow Nominations – Patrick Lewis reported that MSPE Fellow nominations are due November 1. He and Kate Hennicken will be preparing a nomination on behalf of Steve Bouws.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mick Vargas to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Marshall at 12:22 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., either Monroe City Hall or Michigan Bar.



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

**Southeastern Chapter Meeting – November 13, 2024 – 12:30 P.M.
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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 10/09/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)
2. Signature Authorization Resolution (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Annual Conference
5. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. ADS seminar (Mick)
 - b. ADS Plant Tour #2 (Mick)
 - c. Joseph Musical – April at DYPAC (Patrick)
 - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws

1. Golf Outing Report - Steve
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fellow Nomination submitted – Steve Bouws
2. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – December 11, 2024 – location TBD

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024**

Board Present: James Marshall (President), Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: Doug Link (Vice President)

Other Members: Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Martha Thompson

Guests: David Smith

Call To Order: 12:38 P.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President, at Monroe City Hall, 120 East First Street, Monroe, MI 48161


Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the October 9, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Steve Bouws and supported by Patrick Lewis to approve the October 9, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report and the Scholarship Fund account. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mick Vargas to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Fidelity Signature Authorization Resolution Approval – Patrick Lewis and Steve Bouws presented a resolution that Fidelity requires to delineate which individuals can act upon our new account once established. The resolution provides for Steve Bouws, Patrick Lewis, Mike Smith, and Martha Thompson all to be authorized signers. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Kate Hennicken to approve the resolution as presented, and also to allow for additional language changes to the body of the document if required by Fidelity while keeping the intent and signers the same. Motion carried 6-0.
4. State Report – Martha Thompson and Kate Hennicken provided information about various state activities. The November meeting (today) will be mostly working through the 2025 budget, there has been zero PAC activity, which is surprising for an election year. There is discussion about moving our documents to an electronic file storage location, and there is also discussion about doing a review of our contract with Frontline. The annual conference is looking like it will be the first weekend in May in the Ann Arbor area.
5. Social/Professional Programs Report – Mick Vargas and Patrick Lewis
 - a. Mick Vargas reported that ADS is continuing to work on a vendor-sponsored seminar discussing stormwater treatment and regulations, underground detention, and EJ is planning to participate as well as some other vendors. This still has not been scheduled, but will not likely be winter or spring.

- b. Mick reported that ADS may do another plant tour, but this is also not yet scheduled, also likely winter or spring.
 - c. Patrick reported that DYPAC will be doing Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in April so when dates have been set we will plan an event.
 - d. Doug was likely still planning for us to bell-ring on December 11, so Patrick or Doug will send out an email requesting volunteers later this month.
6. Scholarship Report – Steve Bouws reported the account balance with the Treasurer’s report, we are all paid except one foursome, and the net profit is roughly \$7,000.
7. Membership – Chapter membership is at 57 total, with one delinquent member.
8. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick Lewis reported that the date for the Chapter competition has been set, it will be Thursday, February 6 at Woodhaven Community Center, and 11 of the 12 schools from last year have already registered, with the other one not coming. He is working with Nancy McClain to set the state competition, which will normally be on this side of the state, usually at the GM Tech Center in Warren.
9. Legislative and Governmental Affairs – Patrick Lewis reported that there has not been much activity, but since the Republicans won the House the “lame duck” session is likely to be very active. Stay tuned for possible appeals to contact your representatives if needed.
10. Social Media – Breanna Anderson asked that members again forward information on upcoming events to her.
11. MSPE Fellow Nominations – Patrick Lewis reported that the Chapter submitted an application for Steve Bouws to the Assembly of Fellows.
12. Reimbursement Request – Patrick Lewis requested that he be reimbursed for the food order for today’s Lunch and Learn. It was moved by Mick Vargas and supported by Steve Bouws to reimburse Patrick Lewis a total of \$218.27. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Marshall at 1:04 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Location TBD.



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

Southeastern Chapter Meeting – January 8, 2025 – 11:45 A.M.
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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 11/13/24

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)
2. Approval of Scholarship Fund Report (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Strategic Planning
3. Inactive Chapters
4. Annual Conference – April 30-May 2 at UM Dearborn
5. Other items of interest

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. ADS seminar (Mick)
 - b. ADS Plant Tour #2 (Mick)
 - c. Joseph Musical – April at DYPAC (Patrick)
 - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws / Patrick Lewis

1. Golf Outing Report – Steve
2. 2025 Application Process – Patrick
3. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve
4. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

Other Committee Reports

1. Membership Update - Kate
2. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick – need volunteers for February 6
3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs – Patrick
4. Website - <http://www.mspesec.org/> - Kate
5. MSPE Facebook Page (Public) – Breanna -
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items
2. Reimbursement request – MATHCOUNTS (Action requested)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – February 12, 2025 – location TBD

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025**

Board Present: James Marshall (President), Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Doug Link (Vice President)

Other Members: Don Link, Mark Mathe, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Chris Zangara (via phone)

Guests: None

Call To Order: 11:58 A.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161


Agenda Items:

1. **Secretary's Report** – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by Mick Vargas to approve the November 13, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – no Treasurer's report was presented, as Steve Bouws was not in attendance.
3. **State Report** – Kate Hennicken provided information about various state activities. The budget was adopted in December, they continue to look for additional participation on implementing the strategic plan, and they are looking at setting up training sessions for new chapter officers as has been done in the past. Ivan Ivanov will be taking over as PAC chair. The Assembly of Fellows is reviewing three applications that were submitted for new fellows for 2025. Patrick reported that the annual conference will be held April 30-May 2 at University of Michigan-Dearborn.
4. **Social/Professional Programs Report** – Mick Vargas and Patrick Lewis
 - a. Mick reported that the ADS plant tour and possible continuing education seminar are still in the works, possibly this spring.
 - b. Mick suggested we schedule a bowling event this winter, we can send out a Doodle poll for availability.
5. **Scholarship Report** – Steve was not in attendance, so there was no account balance information. Patrick reported that the new scholarship application is now available, with a deadline for this year's incoming freshmen set for February 15 through the online portal. He will send the check for Abbi Zeller, who elected to have her scholarship issued for the second semester.
6. **Membership** – Chapter membership is at 58 total.

7. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick reported that the Chapter competition will be Thursday, February 6 at Woodhaven Community Center. State competition will be either March 8, 15, or 22, and we are looking at Lawrence Tech because GM no longer has staff committed to the effort. Several members volunteered to help, and Patrick will send out an email request as well.
8. Legislative and Governmental Affairs – Patrick reported that lame duck was a bust, so very little legislation was passed, and the QBS bill was not introduced. The design-build bill for schools, which we had opposed, was signed into law.
9. Social Media – Breanna Anderson asked that members again forward information on upcoming events to her.
10. State Discretionary Fund – Kate passed out information on the State’s discretionary fund, which is approved for \$5,000 per year on a competitive basis. There was discussion on possible uses of this money on a competitive basis for our chapter. It was suggested that we continue to discuss this each meeting. Possible uses included working with some of the area schools on an engineering day or coordinating with local schools that have similar programs.
11. Reimbursement Request – Patrick requested that the Chapter authorize reimbursement for up to \$400 for MATHCOUNTS trophies once he orders them. It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by Mick Vargas to authorize reimbursement for up to \$400. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment: It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by Patrick Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Marshall at 12:32 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar and Grill



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PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 01/08/25

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)
2. Approval of Scholarship Fund Report (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Continuing Education - various

1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
 - a. Bowling Event (Kate)
 - b. ADS seminar / plant tour (Mick)
 - c. Joseph Musical – April at DYPAC (Patrick)
 - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

Scholarship – Steve Bouws / Patrick Lewis

1. 2025 Application / Renewal Process – Patrick
2. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve
3. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items
2. State Discretionary Fund Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – March 12, 2025 – Michigan Bar & Grill

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025**

Board Present: Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Doug Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: James Marshall (President), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer)

Other Members: Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Chris Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling, David Smith

Call To Order: 12:00 P.M. by Mick Vargas, P.E., President-Elect, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the January 8, 2025 meeting. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to approve the January 8, 2025 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Treasurer's Report – no Treasurer's report was presented, as Steve Bouws was not in attendance.
3. State Report – Patrick Lewis reported that the annual conference will be held April 30-May 2 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, we are working on golf for Wednesday, and the Thursday event will be bowling at Thunderbowl Lanes if anyone wants to join in.
4. Social/Professional Programs Report – Mick Vargas and Patrick Lewis
 - a. Mick reported that the ADS plant tour and possible continuing education seminar are still in the works, possibly this spring. He is also looking into the ADS Engineering and Technology Center in Columbus as well.
 - b. Patrick reported that Kate had settled on Sunday the 23rd for bowling based on the Doodle poll.
5. Scholarship Report – Steve was not in attendance, so there was no account balance information. Patrick reported that the new scholarship application is now available, with a deadline for this year's incoming freshmen set for February 15 through the online portal. Not quite half of last year's eligible winners have supplied their renewal information, which is due March 1.
6. Membership – Chapter membership is at 60 total, Patrick will be going through the list to remove dropped members and add new to the email list.

7. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick reported that the Chapter competition will now be Thursday, February 20 at Woodhaven Community Center, after cancelling February 6 and now February 13 due to weather conditions. State competition will be March 8 at Oakland University, and volunteers are welcome for each event. It appears we will have enough to staff the Chapter competition based on volunteers at the meeting. The Oakland Chapter competition is February 22 in case anyone would like to assist.
8. Legislative and Governmental Affairs – Patrick reported that Legislative Day is April 15, there has not been much activity lately.
9. Social Media – Breanna Anderson asked that members again forward information on upcoming events to her, including MATHCOUNTS and bowling event photos.
10. E-Week – There was open discussion about E-week, and that the Chapter has not had many activities in a while. Mick Vargas offered to spearhead this initiative for next time.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned by President-Elect Vargas at 12:40 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar and Grill



Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

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PRESIDENT REPORT

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2. Other items to report

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 02/12/25

Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)
2. Approval of Scholarship Fund Report (action requested)

State Report – Kate Hennicken

1. Board meeting items
2. Annual Conference – April 30-May 2 at UM Dearborn
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Programs and Continuing Education - various

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Scholarship – Steve Bouws / Patrick Lewis

1. Proposed 2025 Awards – Patrick
2. May and June Scholarship Luncheons
3. Account Personnel Transfer – Steve
4. Asset Reallocation Committee update – Mike / Steve / Martha

Other Committee Reports

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Chapter Officer Elections – set slate by next meeting
2. Chapter Annual Report / Awards deadline April 1
3. Open Discussion / Member Items

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items
2. State Discretionary Fund Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date – April 9, 2025 – Michigan Bar & Grill? Or City Hall for lunch and learn

**Southeastern Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2025**

Board Present: James Marshall (President), Mick Vargas (President-Elect), Kate Hennicken (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Doug Link (Vice President)

Board Absent: Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: Connor Ferguson, Jacob LaBo, Don Link, Mark Mathe, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith

Guests: David Smith

Call To Order: 12:00 P.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting. It was moved by Mick Vargas and supported by Doug Link to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Treasurer's Report – Steve Bouws presented an abbreviated account balance report, as of February 28, there was \$14,167.17 in the checking account, which includes some scholarship money that was deliberately left in the checking account pending change in banks. There was recently a \$500 check from National MATHCOUNTS that was deposited as part of a grant, and roughly \$570 in dues recently deposited as well. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Kate Hennicken to accept the report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
3. State Report – Kate Hennicken reported on State board items. The annual conference will be held April 30-May 2 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, social event will be at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park on Thursday night. There is some discussion about looking at the service package being provided by Frontline as our association managers, this will be a topic for future board meetings.
4. Social/Professional Programs Report – Various individuals
 - a. Kate Hennicken mentioned the bowling event held on February 23, congratulated Patrick on “winning” back the plunger for lowest game score. Mick Vargas and Mike Smith were also in attendance.
 - b. Mick Vargas again reported that the ADS plant tour and possible continuing education seminar are still in the works, possibly this spring. He is also looking into the ADS Engineering and Technology Center in Columbus as well.
 - c. There did not appear to be much support, so Patrick Lewis is not moving forward on the DYPAC musical for April.
 - d. Doug Link will be looking into Mud Hens games in August for an event.

5. Scholarship Report – Steve Bouws presented to rough estimate of our scholarship balance, which is similar to last month. Patrick Lewis reported that we received seven (7) new applications this year, all appear to have a good chance at success, so recommending that we fund five (5) at \$750 for scores between 50 and 60, and two (2) at \$1,000 for scores between 60 and 70. Nine (9) of the 13 eligible returners supplied their information on time, so this year’s total proposed sponsorships total 16 at \$13,750. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Steve Bouws to approve the proposed 2025-26 school year awards. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Membership – Chapter membership is at 60 total, Patrick Lewis revised the email group and found about 12 members that probably were simply placed in our Chapter because they assumed “Southeastern” included metro Detroit. He will try to contact these members to see if they are interested in switching chapters, since they are not likely to participate in our events.
7. MATHCOUNTS – Patrick Lewis reported that the State competition was held March 8 and everything went off well. We will schedule next year’s competition later this summer.
8. Legislative and Governmental Affairs – Patrick reported that Legislative Day is April 15, there has not been much activity lately.
9. Social Media – Kate Hennicken reported that it appears social media is up to date.
10. Officer Nominations – Patrick Lewis reminded everyone that officer nominations should be made in April, and if there are competing nominations a ballot will need to be prepared.
11. Chapter Reports and Awards Deadline – Patrick Lewis reported that Chapter reports and nominations for Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year are due April 1. Individual members can nominate candidates. Patrick will prepare the report and James will review.
12. Upcoming meetings – Mike Smith has been communicating with a contractor that performs sewer lining with UV light curing, and he is trying to set up a lunch and learn for our next meeting. It was agreed this could be held at Green Meadows on April 9, either with or without a presentation. Patrick Lewis asked if we could again invite the returning scholars to our May meeting and new scholars to our June meeting, and the group agreed by consensus.

Adjournment: It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned by President Marshall at 12:36 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course

Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary