



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2005

I don't know where the summer has gone. It is hard to believe that it is September already. I am still in transition from working in the field to working inside for design work. I hope that everyone had a fun and safe summer this year.

I look forward to serving this term as President of the Southwest Chapter. We still need other chapter members to volunteer. We need a couple of Vice Presidents and a Chapter Committee Chair for Program Arrangements. Also, our board could use help with this year's projects (Mathcounts, Scholarships, Engineer's Week).

We start out the season with our September meeting coinciding with the NSPE Central Region Meeting on Friday, September 16. We have a chance to meet with NSPE members from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. We will get a presentation and tour of the Overture Center. We will meet at the Pyle Center for the presentation, walk to the Overture Center for the tour, and return to the Pyle Center for dinner.

We have been planning our upcoming programs. We are trying to meet with UW Madison and UW Platteville students this year. Because this newsletter was sent out early for our September meeting, we could not include a schedule for the rest of our meetings.

Again this year, I would like to challenge our members to help increase our membership. Bring a current employee or friend with you to one of our meetings. We cannot increase our membership without our members' help.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

David C. McDermid, P.E.

President of WSPE SW Chapter

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September Chapter Meeting

<i>Topic</i>	Tour of the Overture Center. (See page back for more details.)
<i>When</i>	September 16, 2005. Presentation Tour of the Overture Center at 4:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM.
<i>Where</i>	Meet at the Pyle Center (702 Langdon St.). Parking is available at the Lake Street Ramp.
<i>Menu</i>	Gourmet Buffet at the Pyle Center. Chicken breast Oscar with crab, Asparagus with Bernat' sauce, served with rice, potatoes, salad and beverage. Fudge bottom pie for dessert. Cash bar.
<i>Price</i>	\$25
<i>RSVP</i>	Please RSVP to Dave McDermid at dmcdermid@msa-ps.com or 608-242-7779. RSVP by 4 PM, September 12.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE OVERTURE CENTER

In 1998, local businessman W. Jerome Frautschi made the breathtaking gift of \$50 million for the development of a cultural arts district in downtown Madison. He established the Overture Foundation to solve the space needs of the city's major arts organizations. Eleven months later, he made the decision that he would donate \$50 million more. At the completion of Phase 1 of construction, the announcement was made that Mr. Frautschi has spent an astonishing \$205 million to build this state of the art facility.

Internationally famous architect Cesar Pelli was engaged to design the project. It was a challenge to design and construct the facilities within the constraints of a city block in the center of town, but the team has been up to it.

When completed in 2006, the facility will contain the fabulous Overture Hall, the intimate Playhouse, three black box multipurpose spaces, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, meeting rooms, four art galleries, a soaring glass lobby, and the Capitol Theater, returned to its original name.

On September 16, 2005, you will have an opportunity to tour this beautiful facility and learn what it took to build. Members of the project team (Ralph Jackson, Guy Wilson and Don Anderson) will provide a presentation at Pyle Center (702 Langdon St.) followed by tour of Overture Center. Ralph Jackson is the past president of Flad & Associates and the lead architect for the Potter Lawson/Flad, LLC, entity that was formed to manage the construction of this unique project in downtown Madison. Guy Wilson and Don Anderson are principals from Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

The presentation starts at 4:30 PM, followed by the tour and dinner at 7 PM. Due to space restrictions, the tour is limited to 30 individuals. Bring safety glasses and a hard hat if you have one. Some safety equipment may be available at the site.