Fellow ISPE Midwest Chapter Members,

Allow me to extend a warm welcome to the new and returning members of the ISPE Midwest Chapter and update everyone on the exciting things we have planned for 2017.

First I would like to recognize and thank Jeff Rozelle for his leadership as ISPE Midwest Chapter President for the past year. I also want to thank the 2016 Board of Directors for all of their efforts, help and support for the chapter.

2016 was a good year for ISPE Midwest! We had interesting and well-attended events that included a day of golf in Kansas City, Tech-Ed Day in St. Louis followed by a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game and a double plant tour event in Lincoln, NE.

In October the chapter’s elections were held. The Board has new members and our new officers are listed here in this newsletter for your information. As we transition chapter management we anticipate an active 2017. The new Board and I look forward to your continuing support as we make new efforts to grow and revitalize our chapter.

Major events on the calendar for 2017 so far include: Tech Ed day in Kansas City the first week in May, a Golf event in August and the ISPE Annual Meeting in San Diego in October. We are also in the process of planning several dinner events in various regional locations. The next newsletter will list all upcoming events with dates and locations for the entire year.

Something new being implemented this year are local quarterly networking events. They will be held in KC, Lincoln/Omaha, Minneapolis and St. Louis. Additionally, your board members are investigating holding events in Iowa. These events are ad hoc socializing events, the purpose of which is to spur interaction between local members and provide opportunities for networking and mentoring. Watch for communications from local Board Members about these events.

This year we will implement the use of committees to help broaden our membership’s involvement and better distribute the chapter workload. Each committee will be comprised of at least 2 Board Members and additional volunteers from the general membership. Committees are responsible for the duties outlined below. Each committee reports to the Chapter Board of Directors Officers monthly, summarizing accomplishments and ongoing activities.

Committee involvement is a great way to become more involved with our local chapter and the international organization. Serving on a committee facilitates an expansion of your local network, and members involved in committees will be considered first for open Board of Director positions.

**Membership Committee**

Responsible for maintaining current membership lists in coordination with ISPE International records. Proactively encourage and remind members to renew. Spearhead recruitment of new members, especially those attending events who are not members. This committee is responsible for coordination and hosting of quarterly local networking events. The local networking events are aimed at engagement of existing members and the recruitment of new members.

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Events Committee
Plan and schedule the Chapter’s yearly events, including (but not limited to) the Tech Ed Day Event, Golf Event, Regional Dinner Events, and Plant Tour Event(s). Provide details to the Content & Communication Committee for distribution.

Content & Communication Committee
Develop and maintain a list of content providers. Actively recruit from this list for speakers to present at Tech Ed Day, dinner events, YP Events, and Student Chapter meetings. Manage and assist with the periodic release of the Chapter Newsletter, including sourcing, requesting, and securing relevant articles. Assist with distributing event information to members.

Student Development Committee
Maintain student chapter membership list. Actively recruit new student members through the hosting of Student Chapter events (at least 1 annually per region), communication with Midwestern universities, and social media.

YP Development Committee
Encourage and support YP members by facilitating mentorship, planning and scheduling regional YP events, to include obtaining company sponsors for those events. Also responsible for recruiting YP’s to attend yearly events, requesting feedback and suggestions from YP’s, and participating in recruitment.

Feel free to reach out to any Board Member or Officer if you have suggestions, comments or ideas for improving the chapter events, communications, or the content presented. We are always interested in enhancing the value of your membership. This year we are making a concerted effort to improve communication and involvement across our large geographic market. If you have ideas that will help us we are eager to hear them, so please contact one of us.

More information on these events will be provided in the near future and will also be found online at http://www.ispe.org/midwest-chapter. Thanks to each and every one of you for the support that you have provided the chapter over the years. I look forward to seeing you soon at the next chapter event!

Happy New Year!

Tim Alsin
President
ISPE Midwest Chapter

2017 Vendor and Sponsorship Bundles
This year, ISPE Midwest is offering Vendor and Sponsorship Bundles for our events. This allows your company to commit to ISPE Events for 2017 with just one payment for the year! The bundles are detailed below and offer 3 options. This is the first time we have offered these options and its a great way to get involved and be a partner with the Midwest Chapter on all of our events!

For more information on these or to purchase one, please contact Shelley Klein, Chapter Manager at shelleyklein07@gmail.com or 913-744-1332

2017 Vendor Bundle - $2000 (Unlimited Availability)
Includes:
- Tech Ed Day - Vendor Table
- Golf Tournament - Team Foursome
- One Regional Dinner Sponsorship

2017 Silver Sponsorship - $3500 (5 available)
Includes:
- Tech Ed Day - Vendor Table & Meal Sponsor (Lunch, Dinner, or Break)
- Golf Tournament - Team Foursome & Hole Sponsorship
- Two Regional Dinner Sponsorships
- Four Newsletter Ads
- One Website Ad

2017 Gold Sponsorship - $5000 (3 available)
Includes:
- Tech Ed Day - Vendor Table, Top Event Sponsor with Recognition
- Golf Tournament - Team Foursome, Hole Sponsorship, Lunch/Dinner/Drink Cart
- Three Regional Dinner Sponsorships
- Four Newsletter Ads
- One Website Ad
GSK & Zoetis Tours

GSK and Zoetis generously agreed to open their doors and allow ISPE Midwest Chapter members to come in and tour their Lincoln facilities. On Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 3, members of our chapter spent time at both facilities learning about their processes and standards. It was an incredible event and we are so grateful to Ben Schroeder and Dave Koncak, and their teams, for giving up their time in order to usher us around and allow members to get a feel for how they work. In addition to the tours, we hosted a chapter dinner and meeting the evening of Wednesday, November 2 Lazlo’s in the Historic Haymarket. Members were able to share their thoughts and ideas for events coming in 2017.

Thank you for your support of the ISPE Midwest Chapter in 2016! We looking forward to seeing more of you all in the new year!