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### Editor's Message

The newsletter is back after a two-month hiatus, or maybe it was a sabbatical. Regardless, the newsletter is back to provide ASEM-KC with a monthly update on all things ASEM. Send comments to [asemkc@gmail.com](mailto:asemkc@gmail.com).

Aaron Henton

### President's Message

#### Continuing Education

Whether we need education to stay current with the new technologies or practices in our profession...or if we need Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for various certifications...or if we just have a drive to get an upper level degree to get ahead in your current company...Education is the Key to our Success.

There are many ways to get that extra education: Attend Technical Society Meetings that have a Speaker, Attend a Convention or Conference for a Technical Society, Attend Special Seminars and Workshop hosted by your local Technical Societies, Enroll in Classes at your Local University, the list goes on and on...

All of you are privileged to be so close to so many Engineering Technical Societies in the Kansas City area. Whatever your Professional Orientation is, there are dozens of Groups of People just like you.

The American Society of Engineering Management is a unique Organization. We welcome anyone with any Engineering Background, who is currently a manager or aspiring to become a manager.

We help our members by giving several Opportunities for Education. Each month, we host a General Meeting, in which we have a Speaker educate the members about a Management Topic

for 30-45 minutes. We also host a Management Workshop each fall. This year's Workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30am – noon**. We realize that our members have lives outside of their work and society involvement, which is why we shortened the workshop to a half-day session. We will also try to have another half-day session in the spring.

Hope to see you at a General Meeting or Workshop!

Alysen Abel  
ASEM-KC President

### **ASEM-KC September General Meeting**

**Bobbi Fiedler-Prinslow** from Hallmark will speak to ASEM on "Introduction to Supplier Code of Conduct". Don't miss this exciting presentation!

Wednesday, September 14, 5:30PM  
KU Edwards Campus

Room to be announced – watch your e-mail for more information.

### **ASEM-KC Annual Management Workshop**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ASEM-KC Management Workshop will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – Noon at the KU Edwards Campus. Mark your calendars for this excellent event. Details about speakers and presentations will be announced soon.

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## [ASEM-KC Calendar](#)

September 14	General Meeting
September 14	Board Meeting (following General Meeting)
October 5	Board Meeting
October 13	General Meeting
October 26-29	ASEM National Conference
November 2	Board Meeting
November 5	ASEM-KC Annual Workshop
November 14	General Meeting

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## [ASEM-KC Happy Hour](#)

Several ASEM-KC members enjoyed a Happy Hour at Mickey's Irish Pub on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, which happened to also be Biker Night at Mickey's. Did Prez Alysen show up to Mickey's on a Hawg and sporting black leather? Only those who attended can say for sure...

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## [ASEM 2005 National Conference](#)

### **"Organizational Transformation - Opportunities and Challenges"**

October 26-29, 2005 in Virginia Beach, VA, hosted by Old Dominion University. Make your reservations now!

<http://www.emse.odu.edu/asem05/>

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### **ASEM National**

<http://www.asem.org>

### **ASEM-KC WEBSITE**

<http://emgt.ku.edu/asem>

### **JEC WEBSITE**

<http://www.jec-kc.com>

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## **Member Spotlight**

A regular feature of the ASEM Newsletter...

September 2005 Spotlight: **David Brackey**, ASEM-KC Vice-President

### Current Employer:

Taliaferro & Browne, Inc, Senior Project Manager  
We do traditional civil and structural engineering, and land surveying. Market niche is urban core redevelopment and infill.

### How long have you been at current employer?

Since June 2003.

### EMGT program - graduated?

Yes, May 2003.

### Schools and Degrees

BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison

### As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Probably an engineer (with trains), but settled for engineer (with numbers, plans, and putting your tax dollars to good work.)

### Family:

No spouse / no kids. Just a few dust bunnies, well actually a lot of dust bunnies.

### Activities outside of work:

Hiking and outdoors (board member of the Kansas City Outdoor Club); astronomy (secretary of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City); neighborhood (district representative for the Gramercy Park Homes Association); several engineering societies (APWA, ITE, KSPE).

### Favorite:

**Book:** Carl Sagan's The Demon-Haunted World (science as a candle in the dark)

**Movies:** China Syndrome, Contact, Fog of War.

**Food:** YES.

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### *Thought for the day:*

"It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."

- [Benjamin Disraeli](#)

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