



## KANSAS CITY SECTION NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

Since this is the first newsletter of 2006 for ASEM's Kansas City chapter, I thought I would bring you up to date. First, we had our elections. Our new officers are now in place for 2006. And who are the leaders?

President: Dave Brackey

Vice-President: Phil Abel

Secretary/Treasurer: Kelli Wade

Membership: Cliff Cross

JEC Rep: John Vann

Past President: Alysen Abel

Second, we have a variety of scheduled programs to satisfy different parts of our managerial life.

March's Sprint Center presentation for updates on controlling a major construction project. April's popular half-day conference with a possible plant tour to follow. Those should be enough to keep you interested.

In the meantime, should you have any question or comment about ASEM or what you would like to give to ASEM, please contact me at [dbrackey@tb-engr.com](mailto:dbrackey@tb-engr.com) or (W) 816-283-3456. We at the board are here to serve you.

Dave

### **ASEM-KC March General Meeting**

Blake Ellis, P.E., from Burns and McDonnell will speak to ASEM about the [Sprint Center](#) project here in Kansas City. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the progress on this future Kansas City landmark.

Thursday, March 23, 2006, 5:30PM  
Burns & McDonnell, 9400 Ward Parkway,  
KCMO  
3rd Floor Auditorium

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

The 4<sup>th</sup> ASEM-KC Management Workshop is coming soon! Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00AM at KU Edwards Campus. Featuring three presentations from members of the local engineering community:

Chick Keller, University of Kansas  
*"Characteristics of Leaders"*

Rick Fiske, Vice-President, Cerner Corporation  
Topic to be determined

ASEM Forum  
*"Determining Your Personal Vision, Mission, and Goals"*

### **ASEM-KC Upcoming Meetings and Events**

ASEM-KC has many exciting events planned. Mark your calendars now for:

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – General Meeting – Sprint Center

April 12<sup>th</sup> – ASEM Board Meeting

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – ASEM Spring Workshop

May – ASEM Family Fun Day – Dave & Buster's

June – ASEM Tour of Boulevard Brewery

### **ASEM-KC Website Update**

Jon Fewins, Software Engineer at Cerner Corporation, is bringing the ASEM-KC website back to life, and making it better than ever. Stay tuned for the grand re-opening of ASEM-KC on the web.

**This Site**



**Under Construction**

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, ASEM's [Alysen Abel, PE](#) was named the Young Engineer of the Year by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, Western Chapter. We at ASEM-KC are proud of Alysen and her contributions to ASEM and the Kansas City Engineering community. Congratulations Alysen!



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## ASEM Happy Hour

ASEM Officers and Members hosted several guests and potential members at Barley's Brewhouse in February. We hope to welcome all as new ASEM members soon!

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## 2006 ASEM-KC Officers

### **President**

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## WEBSITES

### ASEM National

<http://www.asem.org>

### ASEM-KC WEBSITE

Coming soon...

### JEC WEBSITE

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

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## Member Spotlight

A regular feature of the ASEM Newsletter...

March 2006 Spotlight: **Phil Abel**, ASEM-KC VP

### Current Employer:

Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies (FM&T) also known as The Kansas City Plant (KCP), Electro-Optical Engineer

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

4.5 Years

### Schools and Degrees

University of Evansville, Indiana; BS in Electrical Engineering with minors in Math and Physics  
University of Missouri, Columbia;

### In EMGT program?

Planning to start in 2006

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

President of the United States, Professional Bowler

### Family:

Wife: Alysen  
Pets: Two cats, Nicky and Nate

### Activities outside of work:

Bowling, Sports enthusiast (Fan of all sports), Keeping informed of the Current World Events and Geo-Politics by reading foreign and alternative media sources.

### Favorite:

**Books:** The New Pearl Harbor: Disturbing Questions About the Bush Administration and 9/11

**Movies:** The Truth Uncovered: A detailed look at who really runs the world and the truth behind 9/11; Star Wars

**Food:** Corn

**Music:** Iron Maiden

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Send your news and announcements for the next ASEM-KC newsletter to Aaron Henton [aaron.henton@cerner.com](mailto:aaron.henton@cerner.com)

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### Thought for the day:

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." - William Arthur Ward

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