



**Pennsylvania Society
of Professional Engineers**
Delaware County Chapter

Delaware County Chapter - PA Society of Professional Engineers - Board of Directors Meeting - March 16, 2007 - Little Inn, Media, PA - Meeting Notes - Prepared by Walter Kleponis, PE

Delco PSPE Board of Directors Meeting started 8:05 am

1. ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Susan Best, Mike Ciocco, Carl DuPoldt, Jerry Gambs, PIT, Chris Hilditch, Carol Kleponis, Walter Kleponis, Dave Lowdermilk, Kevin Matson, Bill Mulloy, John Nawn, Eileen Nelson, Fred Pondo, and John Pickett

Carl introduced Jerry Gambs from PIT to the group. Jerry completed an application for membership in PSPE.

2. APPROVAL OF NOTES OF JANUARY 5, 2007 BOARD MEETING

The meeting notes that were posted to the web site were unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Item: It was suggested that subsequent meeting notes be reviewed by the Board prior to posting on the web site for the world to see.

3. STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, JOHN NAWN

For Southeast Region: NSPE finally paid the State Organization. PSPE a new Ad Agency for the PE Reporter. State Convention in Reading PA, May 31 to June 2; details on www.PSPE.org. There will be a golf outing preceding the State Convention. There was some mention about continuing professional education.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT, MIKE CIOCCO

Mike Ciocco distributed the Treasurer's report dated March 9 2007. Scholarship awards are \$4500. The Treasury has a net of \$18,593. The Board unanimously accepted the Treasurer's Report.

5. SE REGION VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, JOHN NAWN

SEE ITEM 3. Members are encouraged to visit State Reps in Harrisburg as part of Legislators Day on May 8.

6. PROGRAMS 2006-2007

The ***January 17th*** meeting with Ed Magargee of the Delaware County Conservation District was well-attended with 31 attendees. There was a good mix of individuals from a number of firms.

The ***February 22nd*** Engineer's Week meeting was well-attended. Thanks to Sue Nielsen of Vollmer for handling the registrations for the meeting. Additional thanks to the Honorable Joe Sestak for attending the meeting. Thanks to the Scouts for their role as the Honor Guard. The attendance at the meeting was 120 individuals.

Kevin Matson gave an update on the Mathcounts competition that occurred at the Garnet Valley Middle School on ***February 24th***. Kevin indicated that everything ran smoothly. Kevin anticipates a check from \$2500 due from CONOCO. Chris Hilditch has agreed to chair Mathcounts next year. Eight individual winners from DELCO went to the State competition. Kevin indicated that he would forward the names to Mike Ciocco for posting on the web site.

For next year's Engineers Week celebration, there will be a joint call for nominations for the EOY, YEOY, and Lifetime Achievement Award. The Delaware County Science Fair was at the Granite Run Mall from **March 4 through 8**. There were three judges from Delco PSPE, namely, Dave Bevan, Belknap Freeman and Carl DuPoldt, John Nawn was on the list to judges; however, he had a conflicting arrangement. Judging occurred on **March 5th**. There were 300 projects. The winners in the categories for which Delco PSPE will provide \$100 are as follows:

Engineering - Joel Collier, Home School - "Can you Hear Me Now?"

Mathematics - Patrick Shank - St. Anastasia School - "Dueling Dice"

Computer Science - Markus Gray - Stevens Home School - "Is It Possible to..."

Physics - Lorraine Damerou - Academy of Notre Dame da Namur - "The Effects of Electromagnetic Fields on E. Coli Bacteria"

Environmental Science - Alexandra Kelleher - Academy of Notre Dame da Namur "The Effect of Phosphate on Duckweed Growth"

Motion: The Board voted to present \$100 each to the Five winners and to pay for the dinners of both parents for the Delaware County Science Fair winners, the Mathcounts winners, and the Scholarship winners at the May 16th Awards meeting.

March 21st Meeting: 30 people had signed up so far. The presenters at this meeting will be Chris Menna of the City of Philadelphia and Mark Tiger of Michael Baker Corp. The presentation will be on the Pa Aging Infrastructure Legislative Initiative. Bill Mulloy was instrumental in making the preliminary arrangements for this meeting.

April 18th: Tour of Covanta Trash - to- Steam Plant, starting at 4:30 pm. Hard hats, safety glasses and safety shoes are a must. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. Chris Hilditch was instrumental in making the arrangements for this tour. Also, Dan Caraccio the Business Manager at Covanta has been very helpful.

May 16th: Awards Night including presentation of Scholarships. Both parents invited as guests of the Chapter. We will try to get Corporate Sponsors for the event. John Nawn said that GAI Consultants will be a Sponsor. The program will include: the Engineer of the Year making a brief presentation to the students, the presentation of awards to the Delaware County Science Fair winners, with each student giving a short presentation on his/her project. The Delaware County Science Fair Projects will be displayed at the meeting. Presentations will be made to the Scholarship winners. The Mathcounts winners will be acknowledged and presented with a certificate. Mike Arora has agreed to prepare the program for the meeting. In the past, Kevin Matson has prepared all of the certificates. {Note: Not mentioned at the meeting, but the Future City team winning the chapter's special award will be invited as well}

The 2007 Golf Outing:

Motion: The Board voted that the Hooters Girls will not be used for catering at the golf outing.

The Board talked to Raj on the phone. Raj resigned as chair of the Chapter golf outing; he will have his own outing on May 23rd, and requested that the Chapter not hold their outing on that date.

The Chapter will consider its outing in June or September. A committee of five was formed to set up the Chapter's Outing. The group felt that we want to continue the Golf Outing to help raise funds for engineering scholarships in Delaware County. The Committee will include: Ciocco, Best, Matson, Nelson and Lowdermilk. Carl will be the ex-officio member of the committee. {Subsequent to the meeting, Carl has set up a teleconference for Thursday, March 29th at 2PM to continue the discussion. Raj Arora agreed to act as a consultant to the committee.}

June Outing/Picnic: The possibility of a combined picnic and golf outing was discussed. The Golf Outing Committee will include this in their discussions.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

The ballot for 2007-2008 is as follows:

President - Kevin Matson, PE; President-elect: Eileen Nelson, PE; Vice President: Bill Mulloy, PE; Treasurer: Mike Ciocco, PE; Secretary: John Pickett, PE; State Director: Carl DuPoldt, PE; Alternate State Director: Susan Best; Directors: 2008 (Raj Arora, PE and John Nawn, PE); 2009 (Chris Hilditch and Fred Pondo); 2010 (Walter Kleponis and David Lowdermilk)

The ballot will be published as a separate enclosure in the May, 2007 newsletter.

Action Item: The Board authorized reimbursement for lodging for State Board meeting for attendance at State Board meetings greater than 2 hour travel time. Mileage and tolls can be reimbursed from the PSPE.

8. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 17th, 8:00am at the Little Inn in Media, PA, This will be our annual planning meeting for 2007-2008. We need to bring our ideas for programs to assist Kevin Matson and the new Board. Some ideas presented included a tour of the underground at Longwood Gardens (Walt Flasiniski contact), a Forensic speaker (Bill Mulloy contact), and a tour of a Medical Waste Facility (Chris Hilditch contact).

9. MEETING ADJOURNED 9:15 am

Submitted by Walter Kleponis, PE, Acting Secretary