



# **LUZERNE COUNTY CHAPTER**

**Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers**

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## **P.S.P.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** **LUZERNE COUNTY CHAPTER STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The following is a summarized list of activities and highlights for the current period. No action is required on behalf of the PSPE Board of Directors.

### **MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

Since our last report, we have had numerous activities within the Chapter. On August 3, our annual picnic was held at the home of our past president, Mark Rutkowski, P.E. Attending members enjoyed homemade cooking and grill items. It did start to rain; however, that did not dampen our spirits. We all moved into Mark's spacious home and proceeded with our Officers Installation for 2005-2006. Awards were made for Engineer of the Year to Renée Hornlein, P.E. and the Distinguished Service Award went to Amy Daiute, P.E.

Later in the month, on August 17, we had a Board Meeting at Quad Three Group to discuss specific items. Chapter President, Dale Englehart, P.E. filled board and committee vacancies, and we also discussed re-energizing our Chapter Chatter and website. As a result of that meeting, we now have a vibrant electronic Chapter Chatter and a comprehensive website. We also once again have an active scholarship program.

On September 22, we had another brief board meeting to update Board Members regarding the Chapter Chatter, our website, and future meetings.

October's membership meeting, organized by Mark Rutkowski, P.E., was held at Luzerne County Community College. The topic was *Minority Recruiting* and provided thoughtful discussion for Chapter members.

During November, Dale Englehart, P.E. conducted an informational dinner meeting at Genetti's Wilkes-Barre about the current status of PSPE's commitment to introduce Mandatory Continuing Professional Competency for Pennsylvania Engineers. Dale explained the model law that was unanimously approved by the PSPE Board of Directors at the September meeting. There were a few seldom seen members at this meeting that generated some lively discussion.

December's membership meeting was a social Christmas lunch meeting held at An American Bistro. The meeting was well attended with several new prospects that seemed genuinely interested in becoming active PSPE members.

Most recently, the Luzerne County Chapter held our annual Engineer's Week and MATHCOUNTS planning meeting on January 19 at the offices of Quad Three Group. This year, the Luzerne County Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition will be held at Luzerne County Community College on February 11, organized by Richard Kresge, P.E. In the case of inclement weather, arrangements have been made for a February 18 competition. We are currently recruiting volunteers for the event, and plan on issuing press releases before and after the event. The winners will also be highlighted in the Chapter Chatter. We have thirteen schools registered to compete in the regional competition.

For Engineer's Week, are planning a display at the Wyoming Valley Mall, organized by Mark Rutkowski, P.E.; and, a joint dinner meeting with ASHRAE at the Victoria Inn and Suites on February 21. The topic will be "Sustainable Engineering and Design" presented by Dr. Andy Lau of the Penn State College of Engineering.

For the remainder of the 2005-2006 year, Joseph Stachokus, P.E will guide us through construction on the proposed 460,000 square foot, Shoppes at Montage on March 16. On April 20, we will visit the Bear Creek Wind Farm, courtesy of Walter Poplawski, P.E.

During May, new officers will be introduced at the annual Chapter Installation Breakfast Meeting; and, finally, our yearly-planning meeting will take place at our annual summer picnic during June.

**CHAPTER AWARDS:** This marks the sixteenth year of the Luzerne County Chapter Awards Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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