



Luzerne County Chapter

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

JUNE 1, 2008

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: The Chapter has held four meetings and has hosted three other events since our last report in January 2008:

February 2008

We held our annual **MATHCOUNTS** competition on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at Wilkes University. Twelve teams and over 110 students from Luzerne County competed in this year's event. Rich Kresge, P.E. was the MATHCOUNTS chairperson and many other members were on hand to help throughout the day. Mark Voyack, P.E. was in charge of fundraising for this year's competition. This year's competition was covered by both local newspapers (The Citizens' Voice and The Times Leader) and made the front page of both papers.

A team of middle school Mathletes from Wyoming Seminary won the Luzerne County competition. Members of the winning Wyoming Seminary team were Adithya Pugazhendhi, Brandon Bombe, Amy Shick, and Matt Blom. The winning coaches from Wyoming Seminary were Colin Conrad and Mary Kolessar. The second, third, and fourth place teams were MMI Preparatory School, Wyoming Valley West, and Valley Elementary, respectively.

The top four individuals from the Luzerne County Competition were Adithya Pugazhendhi – Wyoming Seminary (1st), Brandon Bombe – Wyoming Seminary (2nd), Matt Blom- Wyoming Seminary (3rd), and Dana Kisenwther – Valley Elementary (4th).

The Luzerne County program was sponsored by The Architectural & Engineering Group, Air Products, Bloomsburg Metal Company, Borton-Lawson Engineering, Clough-Harbour & Associates, Quad Three Group, SM Design Group and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc.

Chapter President-Elect Norm Johnstone, P.E. organized the Luzerne County Chapter **Engineers' Week** informational display at the Wyoming Valley Mall that took place on Sunday, February 17, 2008. The event was advertised in the local newspapers and flyers were sent to local middle and high schools to reach local students and teachers. Chapter members volunteered their time to discuss engineering careers and issues of interest with the public.

The annual **Joint Engineer's Week Dinner** with the Anthracite Chapter, ASHRAE Region III, the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), the Association of Facilities Engineers (AFE), and the Luzerne County and Northeast Chapters of PSPE, was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Quality Inn (Formerly the Victoria Inn), Dupont, PA. The program was ASHRAE's New Net-Zero-Energy-Building Initiative & UV Germicidal Irradiation and was presented by Dr. Bill Bahnfleth of Penn State University.

March 2008

On Monday March 10, 2008 the **JETS TEAMS Competition** was held at the Pennsylvania State University – Wilkes Barre Campus. This year’s competition theme was “Behind the Scenes: Engineering Athletic Events”, with all questions focusing on the engineering involved in pulling off a large scale athletic event such as the World Cup, Super Bowl or Olympic Games. Wyoming Valley West High school finished in first placed, followed by Wallenpaupack Area High School in second and Tunkhannock Area High School in third. President Joe Stachokus, P.E. and President-Elect Norm Johnstone, P.E. helped to proctor the exam.

Walter J. Poplawski, P.E., hosted a **Chapter Board Meeting** on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the office of the A& E Group, Inc. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our April meeting and to discuss other upcoming events, including the June Picnic and some potential topics for future meetings.

April 2008

On Wednesday April 23, 2008 the Chapter hosted a lecture on “Nanotechnology” presented by PSPE member Mark Rutkowski, P.E. Mark is a Professor of Technology and Coordinator of Innovative Technologies at the Luzerne County Community College. The lecture was held at the Luzerne Community College – Corporate Learning Center and was open to the public. Free pizza and soda were served and approximately 30 people attended the event. Continuing education credits were awarded to those who needed them.

May 2008

On Wednesday, May 21, 2008 the Chapter held its annual **May Installation Breakfast** at the Mark II Family Restaurant in Wilkes-Barre. Officers and Board Members were installed for the 2008-2009 term. Three awards were also presented. The Engineer of the year award was presented to Tom Lawson, P.E., the Robert P. Eble Memorial Distinguished Service award was presented to Norm Johnstone, P.E. and the Past President Award was presented to Joe Stachokus, P.E.

CHAPTER AWARDS: This marks the nineteenth year of our Chapter Awards Program.

The Luzerne County Chapter officers for the 2008-2009 calendar year are as follows: **President** – Norm Johnstone, P.E., **President-Elect** – Gary Kinsey, P.E., **Vice President** – Dan Rickard, P.E., **Secretary** – Amy Daiute, P.E., **Treasurer** – Renee Hornlein, P.E., **State Director** – Richard Kresge, Jr., P.E., **Alternate State Director** – Amy Daiute, P.E., **Chapter Director (06-09)** – Larry Fetich, P.E., **Chapter Director (07-10)** – Holly Bonning, P.E., **Chapter Director (07-10)** – Mike Korb, P.E., **Immediate Past President** – Joe Stachokus, P.E., **2nd Available Past President** – James Kerns, P.E. The committees and committee members for the upcoming term will be determined at our June Meeting. **MATHCOUNTS Chair**– Richard Kresge, P.E., **Membership Chair**– Norm Johnstone, P.E. **Scholarship Chair** – James Brozena, P.E.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luzerne County Chapter PSPE
Alternate State Director