

LUZERNE COUNTY CHAPTER

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers



P.S.P.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 23, 2006 **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.

- NEVP Walter Poplawski, PE, installed the Chapter's new Board of Directors at the June Installation and Awards Breakfast in Wilkes-Barre and gave an update on State conference activities and current initiatives in PSPE.
- Our annual Chapter picnic and reorganization meeting was held in July at the White Haven Poconos pavilion, hosted by Richard Kresge, P.E. The program for the upcoming year was discussed in detail. Chapter Committee Chairs were appointed. The meetings are listed in the *Chapter Chatter* and on the Chapter's website.
- There are a full slate of monthly meetings planned starting with a joint meeting on October 10th with the local ASHE Chapter to discuss the current status of PSPE's commitment to introduce Mandatory Continuing Professional Competency for Pennsylvania Engineers. The meeting chairs are Larry Fetich, PE, and Dale Englehart, PE.
- The Chapter is also holding a joint meeting later in October with Pennsylvania Anthracite Chapter of the Society of Mining Engineers, in Hazleton. Chapter member Mike Korb, PE, is coordinating the meeting.
- PSPE President Hnatiuk has accepted our invitation to join us at our November Chapter meeting.
- As a result of efforts last year, we have a vibrant electronic *Chapter Chatter*. After a brief hiatus this summer, Chapter Secretary, Amy Daiute, PE, just returned to action as the editor of the *Chapter Chatter*. In her absence Chapter President, Jim Kerns, PE, pitched in and produced the September issue of the "*Chatter*".
- Chapter Director, Dan Rickard, PE, has been instrumental in setting up and maintaining the Chapter's comprehensive website.
- We once again have an active scholarship program, headed by Jim Brozena, PE, who is also the Luzerne County Engineer.
- The Chapter plans to conduct the regional MATHCOUNTS competition in February at Wilkes University. Richard Kresge, PE, is the Chapter Coordinator.
- This marks the seventeenth year of the Luzerne County Chapter Awards Program. The Chapter Awards Committee Chair for 2006-7 is Dale Englehart, PE. The 2005-6 award winners were "Engineer of the Year": Walter Poplawski, P.E. and the "Distinguished Service Award": Dan Rickard, P.E. The Chapter's Distinguished Service Award is named in memory of Robert P. Eble, PE, PLS.

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