



# **Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Subject:** Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE), Reading Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, August 13, 2009 – 7:30 A.M.

**Place:** McCarthy Engineering Associates

**Attendees:**

Michael Hartman	Karl Peterson
Jim McCarthy	Jim Cinelli
Jason Shaner	Tuan Duong
Eric Mountz	Ken Gabel
Denise Alston-Guiden	Jack Tropp

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- The purpose of the meeting was to develop a list of anticipated meeting/tours for the upcoming 2009/2010 year. The following is a summary of the discussions:
    - Jim C. suggested that a potential tour could take place at the Railroad Museum in Hamburg, PA. Karl indicated that he had recently visited the museum and it is worthwhile to visit. He noted that he believes the price is \$3 per person.
    - Tuan indicated that we could potentially tour the Wrightstown On-Site Community Wastewater Plant in the fall when the weather is still good. He indicated that he would need to speak with Matt Boggs to schedule the tour. He also suggested that we could potentially offer this as a joint tour with the Valley Forge Chapter.
    - Jim M. questioned the status of Continuing Education (CE) as it relates to PE licensure, and questioned if we could potentially schedule a meeting/presentation that would count towards CE credits. Tuan indicated that there have not been recent updates on the status of the legislation. It was agreed that it will likely be a while until the legislation is passed, therefore we will not be able to have a meeting that counts towards CE credits during the upcoming year. Tuan suggested that we could potentially get someone to come to a meeting and give a presentation on the status of the CE legislative process. It was suggested that we contact John Wanner to give the presentation.
    - Jason noted that he had previously attended a presentation related to Leadership and thought it was beneficial. He suggested that we could potentially hold a lunch meeting and provide a similar presentation.
    - Tuan noted that this year's State Conference will be held October 15-17, 2009 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Mucungie, PA.
    - Denise indicated that she had previously visited local schools in Berks County to promote engineering. She suggested that we could do something similar during Engineer's Week in February 2010.

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- Tuan indicated that the Valley Forge Chapter was setting up a tour of the Pottstown Wastewater Treatment Plant in September 2009. He suggested that we could potentially partner with the Valley Forge Chapter to make this a joint meeting. During the meeting he confirmed that the Valley Forge Chapter would be willing to partner. Since the Board agreed that this would be a good tour to partner on, we would not continue to explore the Wrightstown On-Site Community Wastewater Plant since it is essentially the same tour.
- Michael questioned if we could potentially contact Giannasca Development to potentially give a presentation on the proposed River View at Reading project. Eric and Jim M. both indicated that they are involved in the project and could contact the Giannasca's if the Board would like to explore such a presentation.
- Jim C. questioned if the Board would be interested trying to get a presentation regarding the current status of the Schuylkill Valley Metro project. Eric indicated that he is a member of the US 422 Corridor Coalition and is familiar with the project. He indicated that he could request that a presentation be made to the Chapter at a Coalition meeting if the Board would like to explore such a presentation. It was suggested that we could potentially partner with another Chapter for this presentation.
- Michael indicated that he received correspondence that Frank Stanton has indicated that he would like to put together a Southeast Region Banquet during Engineers Week in February 2010.
- Jason questioned if there are any other technical subject areas for which the Board would be interested in setting up a presentation. Denise indicated that she could potentially set up a presentation related to a Wind Plant. Ken added that he also is aware of a single wind turbine at Cedar Crest College. Ken also added that he has a contact regarding underground gas that could potentially provide a presentation. Jim C. noted that he has a contact regarding Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Resource that could potentially provide a presentation.
- Denise questioned if there are any new regulations that we could provide a presentation on. The Board indicated that they are not aware of any at the time that would make good candidates for a presentation.
- Tuan indicated that we could potentially try to have a presentation related to Professional Liability. He indicated that this could be a potential fall back if we cannot fill our schedule with other presentations.
- Based upon the above noted discussion, the following tentative meeting/presentation schedule was developed:
  - **September:** Pottstown Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint meeting with the Valley Forge Chapter)
  - **October:** State Conference
  - **November:** Continuing Education Update by John Wanner
  - **December:** Leadership Presentation
  - **January:** River View at Reading/Schuylkill Valley Metro Presentation
  - **February:** Engineers Week (School Presentations, Penn State, SE Banquet)
  - **March:** Energy/Underground Gas/Wind Presentation

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- **April:** Mathcounts/Science Fair Awards Banquet
- **June:** Golf Outing
- Jim M. nominated Denise for the vacant Board Member Position (2009-2012). Karl seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on September 10, 2009 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.