



Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 8, 2009 – 7:30 A.M.

Place: McCarthy Engineering Associates

Attendees:

Michael Hartman	Karl Peterson
Jim McCarthy	Ken Gabel
Jason Shaner	Darryl Jenkins
Chris Rickert	John Weinheimer
Eric Mountz	Michael Slusser (Visitor)

Approval of minutes:

- Minutes were distributed regarding the December 2008 meeting. Two changes were suggested for the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes was made, seconded and passed.

Correspondence:

- Michael distributed a letter from the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia indicating that Joseph Platt, Jr, P.E. was selected as the 2009 Young Engineer of the Year. The Board had approved providing a letter of recommendation for Joe at the November 2008 meeting. Joe will receive his award at a dinner on February 18, 2009 at the Union League of Philadelphia.

Reports:

- Past Presidents – No report
- State Director – No report
- Secretary – No report
- Treasurer – Darryl provided the following updates:
 - The current balance is \$15,542.66. The checking account has \$4,733.07 and the money market account has \$10,809.59.
 - The check from the Mathcounts grant for \$903 was deposited into the checking account. The check was a reimbursement for the 2008 competition.
 - Dues will be distributed over the next few months.
 - The 2009 budget will be distributed and reviewed at the next Board meeting. The budget will be sent out via email prior to the next meeting. The expenses will be

approximately the same as 2008, with the exception of the scholarship and Mathcounts.

- The 2008-2009 scholarship was paid in November 2008.

Committees:

- Scholarship – The December 2008 minutes include details regarding the 2009-2010 scholarship. Ken indicated that he will be providing an announcement regarding the scholarship to 24-26 colleges/universities.
- Berks Chamber of Commerce – Karl attended the Chamber's meeting on January 7, 2009. The meeting was related to career transition. Karl plans to attend the next meeting that will be held in late-January. Information is available online at www.berkschamber.org.
- Mathcounts – The date of the competition is February 7, 2009, with a snow make-up date of February 21, 2009. There are fourteen (14) schools registered for the competition. Michael will be providing the opening and closing remarks at the competition, as well as will be serving as the moderator. The Chapter is looking for approximately 30 volunteers to help out at the competition. Volunteers are needed for registration, protectors, and graders. Jim recommended that we contact Keith Roberts regarding his willingness to volunteer. Keith had previously run the scoring room, and has a computer program that makes compiling the scores much easier. The registration begins at 8:00 am, the tests begin at 8:50 am, and the graders are needed by 9 am. The competition is typically over by 1:00 pm. The awards are typically \$50 to the individual 1st place winner and \$25 to each member of the 1st place team. Eric Mountz will be the coordinator for the 2010 competition.

Old Business:

- Web site –Eric reported that the website was updated to reflect the current information about the Board members, the mathcounts competition, the scholarship, and the golf outing.
- Drawing Board – Next edition in January 2009.

New Business:

- Meetings/Tours -
 - On-Site Community Wastewater Plant – The Chapter is considering setting-up a tour of a wastewater plant designed by Yerkes that serves 16 residential homes in Wrightstown Township, Bucks County. Tuan will contact Matt Boggs at Yerkes about a tour.
 - Awards Banquet –The exact date was not known but it should be late-March or early-April. This is typically held at the Inn at Reading. Karl initiated a discussion regarding the awards for the Science Fair. He indicated that there are typically two (2) awards, and suggested that we increase them from \$50 a piece to \$200 a piece. Darryl will review the finances to determine if it is feasible to increase the awards.

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- Safe Harbor – The Chapter intends to set-up a tour of the Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Station on the Susquehanna River. The tour is tentatively scheduled for May 2009 on a Tuesday-Thursday.
- Golf Outing – Jim M. reported that the golf outing is scheduled for June 25, 2009 at the Reading Country Club. Lunch will be at noon and there will be a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. The flyers for the outing are complete, and will be included in the next issue of the Drawing Board. Information regarding the outing is posted on the website as well. The group discussed a previous suggestion to advertise that the money raised from the Golf Outing would be split between Matcounts and the scholarship, rather than just the scholarship. Darryl indicated that we have enough money to cover Mathcounts, therefore the money raised from the Golf Outing should continue to only sponsor the scholarship.
- Engineer's Week – Michael will distribute letters to the City of Reading and the Berks County Planning Commission.
- State Director Position – Jim M. will fill the position for the remainder of the year.
- Treasurer Position – Darryl indicated that he has served this position for many years and would be willing to relinquish the position if anyone else was interested in the position. Jason indicated that he would be interested in the position.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on February 12, 2009 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.