



Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010 – 7:30 A.M.

Place: McCarthy Engineering Associates

Attendees:

Michael Hartman	Karl Peterson
Jim McCarthy	Tuan Duong
Jason Shaner	Denise Alston-Guiden
Eric Mountz	John Weinheimer
Jim Cinelli	Ken Gabel
Frank Falzone	Chris Rickert
Bob Feis (Visitor)	

Approval of minutes:

- Minutes were distributed regarding the January 2010 meeting. A motion was made by John to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Karl, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.
- There were no minutes from February 2010 since the meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Correspondence:

- Michael distributed an invitation from NSPE to participate in a conference call on March 11, 2010 from 2:00-3:00 P.M. to discuss the Enterprise Program.

Reports:

- Past Presidents – Nothing.
- State Director – Jim M. noted that he and Michael attended the State Director's meeting that was held in January in Gettysburg, PA. The following items were discussed at the meeting:
 - The State Directors encouraged each Chapter to provide a report on its activities.
 - An official vote will need to take place for the position of Southeast Regional Vice President. Denise Alston-Guiden and Frank Stanton were both nominated for the position.
 - Increasing membership.
- Secretary – Nothing.

- Treasurer – Jason provided the following updates:
 - The checking account has a balance of \$4,062.08. Recent transactions included depositing \$264 for membership dues and \$135 from money collected at the January lunch meeting and writing a check for \$131.75 to Chef Alan's for the January lunch meeting.
 - The money market account has a balance of approximately \$10,750.00. He is currently working with Darryl to gain access to the account.
 - The year-end taxes will be completed in the coming month.

Committees:

- Scholarship – Ken indicated that the 2010/2011 scholarship information has been distributed to 30 schools. He stated that he has already received 2 applications. He also encouraged members of the Chapter to past the application information are there places of employment.
- Berks Chamber of Commerce – The Chapter has officially dropped its membership to the chamber.
- Mathcounts – Eric reported that the competition took place on February 20, 2010. There were 16 schools and 102 individual students who took part in the competition. Overall everything went well. Next year we will be looking at making some changes to how things are run in the scoring room. He reported that the winners were as follows:
 - Teams: 1st Place = Brandywine Heights, 2nd Place = Schuylkill Valley, and 3rd Place = Wyomissing.
 - Individuals: 1st = Matt Widener (Brandywine Heights), 2nd Place = Nick Agia (Schuylkill Valley), 3rd Place = Elaine Huang (Fleetwood), and 4th Place = Nick Baylis (Twin Valley).

The 1st place team and top 4 individuals advanced to the State Competition which will be held on March 26-27 in Harrisburg, PA.

- Nominations – Tuan noted that the nomination process for the upcoming year will be beginning in the near future. There are 2 Board member positions that expire this year.

Old Business:

- Web site – Eric indicated that he recently updated the website with all of the Chapters current in formation and event information.
- Drawing Board – Frank noted that the next edition will be distributed in May.

New Business:

- Meetings/Tours -
 - **September:** Pottstown Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint meeting with the Valley Forge Chapter) - **COMPLETED**
 - **October:** State Conference - **COMPLETED**
 - **November:** Continuing Education Update by John Wanner - **COMPLETED**

- It was reported that the date for this presentation is Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Eric will coordinate with Tuan to determine if John Wanner's attendance was confirmed. Eric will also contact Chef Alan's to reserve a room for the presentation.
- **January:** Leadership Presentation - **COMPLETED**
- **February:** Engineers Week (School Presentations, Penn State, SE Banquet)
 - Denise noted she met with students at Wilson during Engineers Week. She recommended that the Chapter get involved with Wilson and Twin Valley who both have classes with engineering aspects in classes.
- **March:** Marcellus Shale
 - Ken noted that Craig Cilluffo would be giving the presentation on March 25, 2010 at Chef Alan's at 12:00 P.M. Eric indicated that he would book the room and get a meeting announcement out the Chapter's members.
- **April:** Mathcounts/Science Fair Awards Banquet
 - It was noted that the Science/Engineering Fair is March 16, 2010. Chris and Karl plan on attending, but the other Board members were not aware of the date of the event. PSPE sponsors the event, however we are not kept in the loop of what is happening. Marshall and Mike G. typically handle all of the planning.
 - The awards banquet will be on April 8, 2010 at the Inn at Reading. We will be holding a mini countdown round to demonstrate what the Mathcounts competition involves.
- **May:** End of Year Tour
- **June:** Golf Outing
 - Jim M. noted that the outing will take place on June 17, 2010 at the Reading Country Club. Flyers have been prepared for the outing.
- Bob Feiss questioned were continuing education stood with respect to PE licensure, and questioned if the PSPE would be offering classes the obtain credits. Tuan explained that the legislation has not passed requiring continuing education, but noted that the Chapter is hoping to have the ability to provide meetings/presentations that will meet the requirements to obtain credits.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on April 8, 2010 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.