



# **Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 – 7:30 A.M.

**Place:** McCarthy Engineering Associates

**Attendees:**

Jim McCarthy	Jim Cinelli
Jason Shaner	Frank Falzone
Eric Mountz	Karl Peterson
Tuan Duong	

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### Approval of minutes:

- Minutes were distributed regarding the April 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Jim M. to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Jim C., and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

### Reports:

- Past Presidents – Nothing.
- State Director – Jim M. noted that the next meeting will be held on May 22, 2010 in King of Prussia, PA. He noted that he could not attend, however he was working on getting someone from the Chapter to attend in his place.
- Secretary – Nothing.
- Treasurer – Jason provided the following updates:
  - The checking account has a balance of \$3,944.02.
  - As of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010, the money market account has a balance of \$10,704.65.

### Committees:

- Scholarship – It was reported that 2 applications were received, with the deadline being May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A recipient will be chosen by the committee and the scholarship will be awarded following the golf outing (if the recipient is available).
- Mathcounts – Eric reported that the National Competition was held May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Orlando, FL. He also reported that the date for next year's Chapter Competition will be Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Alvernia University.

- Nominations – It was reported that the nominating committee for the Chapter nominated the following members for the 2010/2011 term:
  - President: Tuan Duong
  - Vice-President: Jim Cinelli
  - Secretary: Eric Mountz
  - Treasurer: Jason Shaner
  - State Director: Jim McCarthy
  - Directors (2011-2013 term): Chris Rickert and Ken Gabel.

The following positions do not require nomination/election for the 2010/2011 term:

- State Director: Jim McCarthy
- Past President(s): Michael Hartman and Karl Peterson
- Directors: Frank Falzone, Denise Alston, Jeff Euclide, and John Weinheimer.

Eric indicated that he would send an email to all of the Chapter's members requesting that he receive any nominations, in addition to slate proposed by the committee, by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. If no additional nominations are received Eric will cast a vote at the May 2010 Board Meeting to adopt the slate, as proposed by the committee, and the Board will be installed following the golf outing. However, if additional nominations are received, a general election will be required and Eric will need to send ballots out to the membership.

#### Old Business:

- Web site – Eric indicated that he recently updated the website with all of the Chapters current information and event information. Jim M. added that the Board nominations should be posted on the web site.
- Drawing Board – Frank noted that the next edition would be distributed in approximately 2 weeks.

#### 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**
  - **January:** Leadership Presentation - **COMPLETED**
  - **February:** Engineers Week (School Presentations, Penn State, SE Banquet) – **COMPLETED**
  - **March:** Marcellus Shale Presentation - **COMPLETED**
  - **April:** Mathcounts/Science Fair Awards Banquet - **COMPLETED**
  - **June:** Golf Outing

- Jim M. noted that the outing will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Reading Country Club. Flyers have been prepared and distributed for the outing. He indicated that we need to do our best to find more golfers since there are only 6 foursomes currently registered.
- It was reported that Jason, John W., Tuan, and Denise visited Wilson High School on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to see firsthand Wilson's engineering program developed under Project Lead The Way (PLTW). The Chapter is working closely with several PLTW teachers at Wilson High School to develop a partnership which includes:
  - Developing a program to increase female student participation/ interest in engineering
  - Speaking at-school presentations/ programs on engineering
  - Sponsoring students' visitations to worksites, companies, and/or manufacturing sites
  - Mentoring of students
  - Sponsoring summer internships for students
  - Answering engineering questions from students and staff
  - Engineering assistance in Engineering Design and Development (Solar Powered Electric Vehicle) Class
  - Assisting with location of donations for EDD (Solar Powered Car)

The Chapter plans to develop similar engineering outreach partnerships/assistance programs with other local public school districts and Penn State Berks' Campus. The overall goal is to increase understanding of, interest and excitement in the engineering and technology careers among young students. Denise Alston has been appointed the Education Outreach Chair position and is spearheading these efforts.

- Tuan distributed a letter from Denise inviting PSPE members to attend Wilson High School's Final Engineering Design and Development Presentation on Monday, May 24 at 6:00 P.M.
- Tuan distributed an email from Ken Gabel indicating that in the future the Chapter may want to consider tours of Car Tech and the Reading Eagle.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on June 10, 2010 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.