



Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Place: McCarthy Engineering Associates

Attendees:

Michael Hartman	Karl Peterson
Jim McCarthy	Ken Gabel
Jason Shaner	Frank Falzone
Eric Mountz	Chris Rickert
Jim Cinelli	Jack Tropp

Approval of minutes:

- Minutes were distributed regarding the September 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Jim M. to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Chris, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Correspondence:

- Michael indicated that he had received information from the Berks County Conservation District (BCCD) regarding nominations for their directors. Our Chapter is permitted to provide nominations. The BCCD directors are made up of 4 farmer and 2 at-large positions. The positions are each for a 3 year term and 2 of the positions are up for election each year. Michael noted that we have until November 1, 2009 to provide any nominations. He added that both of the members who previously held the positions up for election are both running again. Karl indicated that he has a 160 acre farm, and would be willing to be nominated for a farmer position. Jim M. noted that he was nominated for an at-large position by the Berks County Home Builders Association.

Reports:

- Past Presidents – No report
- State Director – Jim M. indicated that we are noting receiving our money from membership dues because there are 2 forms that had not been filled out. Jason indicated that he would contact Darryl for the forms and return them so we can get the money from dues.
- Secretary – No report.
- Treasurer – Jason indicated that he was in the process of getting access to the bank accounts. He also reported that there were 2 expenses to be taken care of. The 1st was the

engraving on the trophy from the golf outing and the 2nd was the cost of splitting the appetizers at the joint meeting on September 23, 2009 with the Valley Forge Chapter. He indicated that he paid for both out of his own money and will reimburse himself after he gains access to the accounts.

Committees:

- Scholarship – Ken reported that information regarding this year’s scholarship will be distributed at the end of January. He indicated that once Jason has had a chance to get familiar with the Chapter’s financials we can decide if we would like to increase the scholarship from \$2,000 to \$3,000 as discussed at the September 2009 Board Meeting.
- Berks Chamber of Commerce – No Report.
- Mathcounts – Eric indicated that the competition will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Alvernia University. He indicated that he will be sending out a letter to the Berks County schools reminding them to sign-up for the competition. He also noted that he needs to contact Keith Roberts to determine if he will be running the scoring room at the competition. If he is not, we will need to get someone up to speed on the scoring for the competition. Karl reported that he has completed his re-work of the buzzer system, and that the current system is much smaller than in previous years.
- Nominations – It was reported that the Chapter currently has 1 vacant Board position. Jim C. indicated that he is going to try and twist the arm of a colleague at Entech Engineering to fill the vacancy.

Old Business:

- Web site – Eric indicated that he will be sending information over to the webmaster to have the web site updated. He questioned if there was anything other than Board minutes and information regarding Mathcounts that should be added to the website.
- Drawing Board – No Report.

New Business:

- Meetings/Tours -
 - **September:** Pottstown Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint meeting with the Valley Forge Chapter).
 - **October:** State Conference
 - The conference is October 15-17, 2009 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort.
 - **November:** Continuing Education Update by John Wanner
 - It was reported that the preliminary date for this presentation is Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Additional information will be provided at the next Board Meeting.
 - **December:** Leadership Presentation
 - Jason indicated that he is coordinating with Joanie Nogul regarding setting up this presentation. He indicated that he will provide more information at the next Board Meeting.

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- **January:** River View at Reading/Schuylkill Valley Metro Presentation
 - Eric indicated that he will be working on scheduling one of these presentations.
- **February:** Engineers Week (School Presentations, Penn State, SE Banquet)
 - Denise previously noted that Airproducts has reserved the Hydrogen Bus for the entire week.
- **March:** Energy/Underground Gas/Wind Presentation
 - Ken is working on setting-up a presentation on Marcellus Shale.
- **April:** Mathcounts/Science Fair Awards Banquet
- **June:** Golf Outing
 - Jim M. previously noted that the outing will likely take place on the 3rd Thursday of June 2010.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on November 12, 2009 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.