



**READING CHAPTER
PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010 – 7:30 A.M.

Place: McCarthy Engineering Associates

Attendees: Jim McCarthy Jim Cinelli
 Ken Gabel Chris Rickert
 Eric Mountz John Weinheimer
 Michael Hartman Frank Falzone
 Tuan Duong Jeff Euclide

Reports:

- Past Presidents – Nothing.
- State Director – Nothing.
- Secretary – Eric indicated the Board previously discussed putting together a mailer to send to all engineering firms within the Chapter highlighting the benefits of joining NSPE. He noted that the mailer would highlight the availability of 4 free PDH's available to members, as well as the fact that the Chapter will be providing tours/presentations at which PDH's will be available at discounted rates to members. Eric said he would distribute a draft of the mailer at the next Board meeting.
- Treasurer – Not present.

Committees:

- Scholarship – Ken requested that we include a photo of last year's recipient in the next edition of the Drawing Board.
- Mathcounts – Eric indicated that the 2010-2011 Chapter Competition will be held on February 6, 2011 at Alvernia University. The snow make-up date is February 19, 2011. He added that introduction letters were distributed to all schools in the County at the beginning of September, and that he would be attending a meeting for all coordinators on September 11, 2010.
- Nominations – Nothing.

Old Business:

- Web site – Eric indicated that he would proceed with updating the website to include information on the 2010-2011 year. A suggestion was made to include information regarding ACT 25 regarding the State's Continuing Education requirements.

- Drawing Board – Frank indicated that the next edition will be distributed in late October. A suggestion was made to include information regarding ACT 25 regarding the State’s Continuing Education requirements.

New Business:

- Meetings/Tours -
 - **September:** CarTech Tour
 - John W. indicated that he is working on scheduling for the end of September at ~4:00 PM, however he is having a difficult time getting it scheduled. Tuan indicated that if we cannot get this tour scheduled, we may want to consider contacting Frank Stanton in order to see if he would be willing to provide a presentation regarding ACT 25.
 - **October:** State Conference & Professional Liability Tour by Tim Esler
 - Tuan indicated that he is working on scheduling and will provide an update at the next Board meeting. He indicated that this will be a joint meeting with the Valley Forge Chapter. The likely location will be Cutillo’s in Pottstown which is the mid-point for the Chapters.
 - **November:** Evergreen Community Power Tour
 - Eric indicated that he is working with Chris Fell on scheduling and will provide an update at the next Board meeting.
 - **December:** Open, potentially a cocktail hour for the holidays
 - **January:** Topic TBD, potentially nuclear seminar by Worley Parson
 - **February:** Sovereign Center Tour
 - **March:** Marcellus Shale Presentation
 - Jeff indicated that he is working with multiple companies on projects involving the Marcellus Shale, and thus could likely get one of them to provide a presentation.
 - **April:** Mathcounts/Science Fair Awards Banquet
 - **May:** Topic TBD, potentially Old Castle Pipe seminar or Waste Water Treatment Plant tour
 - **June:** Golf Outing
- Tuan indicated that he was contacted by Jennifer Summers about our Chapter sponsoring an ad in the PSPE 2010 Conference program congratulating Rick Aulenbach on his election to serve as the Secretary for the PSPE Executive Committee 2010-2011. A motion was made and passed to sponsor a half page ad at a cost of \$200.
- Tuan presented a draft certificate of attendance that the Chapter could use for tours/presentations for which PDH’s are available. The following disclaimer was discussed, “The provider neither expresses nor implies that this presentation is an applicable qualifying activity toward continuing education license requirements for each individual license. It is the responsibility of a licensee to determine in this activity maintains, improves or expands the skills and knowledge obtained prior to initial license”. It was agreed that the disclaimer was appropriate.

- Tuan distributed an email and survey from Jerry Bachert at Penn State Berks requesting that the survey related to Continuing Education preferences be distributed to our Chapter's members for completion. It was suggested that the survey be placed on-line and a link be distributed to our membership requesting that it be completed. It was agreed that this approach would likely result in the highest number of responses.
- Tuan distributed an email from Eric Tappert indicating that there is a signed memorandum of understanding with Wanner Associates to supply Continuing Education opportunities to our members. They are currently working on putting together a "Sustainable Design Day" for the southeastern part of the Commonwealth. Jennifer Summers will be heading up this effort for Wanner Associates.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on October 14, 2010 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.