



# **Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 10, 2009 – 7:30 A.M.

**Place:** McCarthy Engineering Associates

**Attendees:**

Michael Hartman	Karl Peterson
Jim McCarthy	Ken Gabel
Jason Shaner	Tuan Duong
Eric Mountz	Chris Rickert
John Weinheimer	Denise Alston-Guiden
Jim Cinelli	Darryl Jenkins

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### Approval of minutes:

- Minutes were distributed regarding the August 2009 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, 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. Jim M. indicated that 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. Jim C. indicated that we may want to consider nominating Tim Krall from Spotts, Stevens & McCoy. It was agreed that we would postpone any nominations until the October Board Meeting in order to give our Board more time to think about potential nominations.

### Reports:

- Past Presidents – No report
- State Director – No report.
- Secretary – No report.
- Treasurer – Jason reported that he is still in the process of transitioning into his role as treasurer. He is coordinating with Darryl to obtain all of the pertinent information. He also reported that he has 2 expenses to be taken care of. The 1<sup>st</sup> is the engraving on the

trophy from the golf outing and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the cost of splitting the appetizers at the joint meeting on September 23, 2009 with the Valley Forge Chapter.

Committees:

- Scholarship – Ken reported that it is still early for any action on this year’s scholarship. Ken also suggested that the Chapter consider raising the scholarship from \$2,000 to \$3,000. It was reported that last year’s golf outing, which sponsors the scholarship fund, was a success and brought in \$2,000 to \$3,000.
- Berks Chamber of Commerce – Karl attended a Chamber meeting that was at the Reading Country Club. The topic was reputation management. Information is available online at [www.berkschamber.org](http://www.berkschamber.org).
- Mathcounts – Eric indicated that he attended a meeting of the State Coordinators in Harrisburg on August 29, 2009. He also reported that he has finalized the reservations with Alvernia University regarding the competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010. The competition will be run similar to last year. Finally, Eric reported that he will be sending out a letter to the Berks County schools reminding them to sign-up for the competition.
- Nominations – It was reported that the Chapter currently has 1 vacant Board position.

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 – Tuan indicated that the next newsletter would be issued in the coming days in advance of the joint meeting on September 23, 2009 with the Valley Forge Chapter.

New Business:

- Meetings/Tours -
  - **September:** Pottstown Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint meeting with the Valley Forge Chapter)
    - This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2009. Additional information will be provided in the Drawing Board.
  - **October:** State Conference
    - The conference is October 15-17, 2009 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort.
  - **November:** Continuing Education Update by John Wanner
    - Jim M. indicated that he left a message with John Wanner regarding setting up the presentation.
  - **December:** Leadership Presentation
    - Jason indicated that he is looking into scheduling this presentation and will get back to the Board with an update, when available.
  - **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 indicated that Airproducts has reserved the Hydrogen Bus for the entire week.
- **March:** Energy/Underground Gas/Wind Presentation
  - Jim C. indicated that he spoke with a geologist from Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Resource who would be willing to give a presentation. He indicated that the presentation is geared more towards geology than engineering. Ken added that he also spoke with a gentleman (Greg S.) who is also willing to give a presentation on Marcellus Shale that is more engineering based. It was agreed that the presentation that is more engineering based would be a better fit for the Chapter.
  - Jim C. also indicated that he spoke with a gentleman who would be willing to give a presentation regarding water furnaces, which would be focused on the geothermal principal. It was agreed that the Chapter would potentially explore setting up this presentation for May 2010.
- **April:** Mathcounts/Science Fair Awards Banquet
- **June:** Golf Outing
  - Jim M. indicated that the outing will likely take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of June 2010.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on October 8, 2009 at 7:30 A.M. at McCarthy Engineering Associates.