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“What’s Your Story?” – Presentations That Make an Impact - Virtual Seminar

Matt Boggs, President

The Reading Chapter joined with other professionals in the engineering and construction industry for a webinar held over the Zoom platform on May 12, 2020 regarding the “dos and don’ts” of presenting in public. The webinar was presented by Christine Gunsaulus, who also used the services of Dr. Jenn Gunsaulus to perform the moderator role. Christine regularly presents at water and wastewater conferences on a multitude of topics, with a focus on tanks (hence the title Tank Queen). While Christine has offered this presentation a few times in the past, the webinar held for PSPE was the first time done over the computer as opposed to in a lecture setting. As those in virtual attendance are not able to congregate in large groups due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the webinar provided a great forum to gather together and learn a trick or two! Christine and



Jenn were able to offer multiple poll questions to receive feedback from the group and help steer the information provided. As someone who is not comfortable with public speaking, the information I received regarding how to interact with your attendees, what information to include on your PowerPoint slide, and how to present that information gives me more confidence for future presentations. One noted drawback to learning the tricks on presenting is that now when I am in attendance at other conferences and talks, I notice all the things that could be improved!

2020 MATHCOUNTS Competition

The 37th annual Berks County MATHCOUNTS competition was held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Penn State University – Berks Campus. A total of 98 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students representing 15 Berks County schools took part in the local competition, which was sponsored and staffed by the Reading Chapter of the PSPE.

Individual Winners:

- 1st Place – Toby Beougher, Wilson West Middle School (Coached by Christie Viscariello);
- 2nd Place – Nikita Patel, Wilson West Middle School (Coached by Christie Viscariello);
- 3rd Place – Akhil Kagithapu, Exeter Township Junior High School (Coached by Kathy Topper);
- 4th Place – Jason Kaufmann, Wilson West Middle School (Coached by Christie Viscariello).

Team Winner:

- 1st Place – Wilson West Middle School (Toby Beougher, Jason Kauffmann, Adi Nayak, Nikita Patel, Coach Christie Viscariello);

2020 Golf Outing

Due to the COVID-19 closures, the 2020 Reading and Valley Forge Chapter Annual Golf Outing was cancelled. The Reading Chapter looks forward to collaborating with the Valley Forge Chapter on the 2021 Golf Outing.

Reading Chapter Bylaws

The Reading Chapter is pursuing updates that will modernize the Bylaws to the current operations of the Chapter.