Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
PSPE Conference, Wyndham Gettysburg, PA
Thursday, June 5, 2008

PSPE VISION
PSPE is the recognized voice and advocate of all Professional Engineers who are licensed in Pennsylvania

PSPE MISSION
Promote and defend the interests of Pennsylvania’s Professional Engineers

I. Call to order – President Leonard Bernstein, P.E. F.NSPE
President Bernstein called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

II. Roll call of the Executive Committee – Secretary Joseph F. Boward, PE

A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum (minimum five members in accordance with Bylaw 9, Section 3) was present.

B. Also Present:
PSPE Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE
PSPE Deputy Executive Director – Jennifer Summers
In-Coming NSPE Vice President, Northeast Region – Eric W. Tappert, P.E.

III. Additional Agenda Items or Revisions: none.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

A. May 9, 2008; The meeting adjournment time must be corrected to “10:30 AM” – Motion by Vice President McCullough to approve the Minutes as corrected; seconded by Immediate Past President Hnatiuk. Motion approved.

V. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer’s Report – John Nawn, P.E. – 2008 Budget – PSPE financial statements presented on Pages 7 and 8 of the meeting booklet. Treasurer Nawn indicated that the expenses and revenues are tracking relatively well with respect to the budget. However, a review of meeting booklet Page F – a table of PSPE dues revenue over the past several years – reveals that the reported dues for this point of the year in 2008 is less than for previous years at about the same time of the year. If this year continues on the apparent trend, PSPE may experience a dues revenue shortage. It appears that a dues increase will need to be considered at the September 2008, PSPE Executive Committee meeting. The last PSPE dues increase was reportedly four years ago, as part of a three year tiered dues increase. It is thought that the NSPE dues record problems have stabilized, so that the actual dues income is reflected in the revenue statement. PSPE has taken measures to reduce expenses, including reducing the PE Reporter publications from six to four times per year. Membership attrition is a continuing problem that affects revenue. The report was filed for audit.
B. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – Report presented on Page 11 of the meeting booklet. The reserve fund is doing as expected, based on the overall financial market at this time. Report filed for audit.

VI. President’s Report – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE – President Bernstein thanked all of the Executive Committee members for their participation and assistance during the past organization year.

VII. NSPE House of Delegates (HoD) Representative Report – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – The NSPE meeting is scheduled for July in Portland, Maine. NSPE is attempting to shorten the meeting this year, by conducting electronic voting on some issues before the meeting. NSPE is planning to extend the sunset date on PP168 (Bachelors plus 30) and all other professional policies. NSPE proposes to modify By-Law 7, which deals with affiliations (i.e. sustaining membership program). NSPE wants the freedom to have relationships with individuals and organizations that are not members of NSPE. This would provide additional avenues of income for NSPE. By-Law 9, which deals with student and at-large member status, is to be revised. By-Law 11, also being considered for revisions, has to do with dues for retired and life members. Several other By-Laws are under consideration for revision. HoD Representative Hnatiuk intends to e-mail the proposed changes to the Executive Committee for review and comment before his attendance at the HoD meeting.

VIII. Executive Director’s Report – John Wanner, CAE – A written report was presented on Page 12 of the meeting booklet.

IX. Legislative Update – John Wanner, CAE

A. Current Legislative Activity – The Pennsylvania legislature is revisiting transportation issues (i.e. turnpike leasing and tolling of I-80). Some of these issue discussions are potentially positive for engineers. Executive Director Wanner spoke to Republican Chair of Transportation Geist. Funding for MATHCOUNTS is proposed at $150,000 in the state budget; it is hoped that at least $75,000 is approved. One million dollars is proposed in the state budget to fund engineering equipment program. Engineering school deans met with the legislative appropriations individuals. The deans are hoping to expand on such discussions to include corporate CEOs in PA. Such high level corporate representatives can confirm the importance of university research and funding to economic development in Pennsylvania. Executive Director Wanner is continuing to work on the PE licensure Continuing Education “clean-up” bill (SB 1264). It appears that continuing education credit for active participation in engineering societies will be eliminated from the bill. New general conditions for design professionals are being developed by the Department of General Services (DGS); they have been under development for an extended time. PSPE, AIA and ACEC are assisting with their development, especially with respect to review. DGS will publish the draft of the new general conditions for public comment. ASCE/PSPE Engineers Day on the Hill went well, even though participation this year was slightly less than last year. PSPE donated $800 to assist with last year’s program. PSPE was not asked for funding this year. It was discussed that PSPE should contact ASCE regarding funding.

B. PAC Report – As indicated on the written report on Page 20 of the meeting booklet, only $375.88 remains in the PAC fund. It is imperative that the fund be recharged, as this is an election year. Solicitation letters are usually submitted by PSPE staff every spring and fall.

X. Committee/Task Force Reports

A. Membership

1. Total Membership Concept – John Bradshaw, P.E. – The total membership concept is a reaction to the decline in membership. The total membership proposal on Page G of the meeting booklet was briefly reviewed. Tim Ormiston, P.E., Chair of Membership Committee, requested that the proposal be put on the table for consideration. Some concerns were expressed by the Executive Committee members with respect to implementing such a program. As there are approximately 17,000 PEs in Pennsylvania,
there are considerable logistic and financial problems related to PSPE implementing such a
program. Some Executive Committee members indicated that there may be better ways to
increase membership. Concerns were expressed that existing paying members may decide
to simply drop to the basic non-paying status, ultimately damaging the PSPE revenue
structure. **Motion by President Elect Bradshaw to submit the proposal to Lisa Catania,
P.E., for her review to determine if she is interested in pursuing this concept. Upon her
evaluation, the concept would be revisited by the PSPE Executive Committee. Seconded
by Stanton. President Elect Bradshaw withdrew the motion before taking a vote.** The
above motion was instead made an informal request.

B. **2009 Conference Committee** – Walter Poplawski, P.E. – Tabled for discussion at the June 7, 2008,
PSPE Board of Directors meeting.

C. **Bylaws Revisions** – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE – Tabled for discussion at the June 7,
2008, PSPE Board of Directors meeting.

XI. **Old Business**

A. **Bachelors Plus 30** – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – The plan for this issue includes a presentation
by two Executive Committee members to the Board of Directors. They will present the pros and cons
of the Bachelors Plus 30 issue. The Board of Directors will then decide on the PSPE position with
respect to this issue. This will provide direction to the PSPE HoD Representative for the upcoming
NSPE meeting.

XII. **New Business**

A. **ASAE CEO Symposium** – It was decided that Immediate Past President Hnatiuk should attend this
two-day event. He will attend with the PSPE Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director. The
symposium updates the attendees on the current practices for managing professional associations. It
was discussed that PSPE should budget for attendance at the next symposium.

B. **Executive Session**
   1. **Wanner Associates Review** – The Executive Committee entered into Executive Session
to review Wanner Associates with respect to performance and compensation. Wanner
Associates representatives left the meeting during the Executive Session.

XIII. **Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings**

A. **NSPE 2008 Annual Conference** – July 24-27 (Portland, OR)
B. **PSPE Executive Committee Meeting and PSPE Leadership Training** – Tentatively set for August
8 and 9, 2008 (final dates and location to be determined).
C. **PA MATHCOUNTS Coordinator Meeting** – September 13, 2008 (Harrisburg, PA).
D. **PSPE Board of Directors** – September 27, 2008 (Philadelphia region).
E. **Northeast Region Meeting** – October 2-4, 2008 (Portland, ME).

XIV. **Adjournment** – President Bernstein adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

JOSEPH F. BOWARD, P.E.
Secretary