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

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Promote and defend the interests of Pennsylvania’s Professional Engineers.

Minutes

I. John Bradshaw, P.E. called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call

In attendance:

Frank Stanton, P.E.
Michel Sadaka, P.E.
Len Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE
Susan Sprague, P.E.
John Bradshaw, P.E.
Walter Poplawski, P.E.
John Nawn, P.E.

Also in attendance:

Jennifer Summers
John Wanner, CAE

III. The agenda was revised adding Simplified Dues Discussion (XI.C) and 2008-09 Meetings (XIII.F).

IV. Minutes from March 7, 2008 were approved as presented.

V. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer’s Report – John Nawn, P.E. provided a report of PSPE’s revenue and expenses from January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008. With 25% of the year elapsed, revenue totaled $68,674.29 and expenses totaled $60,523.70 resulting in a net gain of $8,150.59.

B. Michel Sadaka, P.E. reported for the Finance Committee, indicating that he is concerned about the investment accounts. He contacted Rich Melzer at Smith Barney to discuss options. Based on the current market and the long term health of the funds, Rich recommended no changes at this time.

C. The possibility of a state dues increase was discussed. The Executive Committee and John Nawn will research the options and report in June.

VI. President’s Report – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE

VII. Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE reported on activities of the NSPE House of Delegates (HoD).

A. Brad Aldrich, P.E., F.NSPE will serve as NSPE President 2008-09 instead of Ken Rigsbee, P.E., F.NSPE, who had to step down due to medical and personal issues.

B. Pennsylvania will now have 3 votes rather than 4 in this year’s HoD meeting in Portland, OR. The number of votes is based on PSPE’s membership. [Reference: NSPE bylaws: Each State Society shall receive a minimum of one vote in all actions of the House of Delegates. State Societies shall receive additional votes based upon the number of Member and Licensed Members enrolled in their State Society, as determined by the membership roles on April 1st of the calendar year for which the meeting is held, as follows:

1. 501-1,000 members, a total of (2) votes
2. 1,001-2,000 members a total of (3) votes
3. 2,001-3000 members, a total of (4) votes.
4. 3001-4000 members, a total of (5) votes.
5. 4001 members or more, a total of (6) votes.
PSPE’s membership as of April 1, 2008 was 1,971 members.

VIII. John Wanner noted that the PSPE Executive Director and Staff report is located in the board material. Staff is busy supporting the committees.

A. Jennifer Summers reported that the 2008 MATHCOUNTS Competition was successful, due to the combined efforts of the chapter coordinators and the current MATHCOUNTS chair, David Stone, P.E. Rather than speak from the podium during the awards ceremony, universities had displays on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The university representatives were busy on Friday evening talking with parents, coaches and students. Drexel University hosted an engineering and mathematics exercise for students on Friday evening, once again reinforcing to this prime group of students that engineering would be an excellent career choice.

B. John reported that he is working to get the Pennsylvania MATHCOUNTS grant back up to $150,000.

IX. Legislative Update

A. John has been busy at the capitol working on numerous legislative items
   1. John used the CapWiz service available through NSPE to promote grassroots activity on the MATHCOUNTS grant. He will use CapWiz to help gain action on SB 1264 (Continuing Ed bill) as it is needed.
   2. John has been working with ASCE on Engineer’s Legislative Day in Harrisburg on May 13. He has prepared messages on SB 1264, the engineering equipment grant, and MATHCOUNTS, which the engineers can leave in the hands of legislators.
   3. John, Walter Poplawski and Dale Englehart are working jointly with AIA and DGS on revising the DGS contract. A conference call is scheduled later this week.
   4. SB 359 RE: Home Inspectors - This bill established the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors. Provisions for licensure of home inspectors are included, but as the bill stands now, Professional Engineers do not need additional licensure.
   5. SB 1264: This bill which addressed continuing professional education for engineers has moved out of the Senate Licensure Committee and into the Senate Appropriations Committee. Legal staff is reviewing.
   6. HB 2016 RE: Municipal Authorities Procurement Code – This bill would allow competitive bidding for engineering services and other design professionals. This bill will most likely not advance.

B. The PSPE PAC fund stands at $2,060.88, which is helpful, but it will go quickly. Many thanks to all executive committee members who have been able to support the PAC.

X. Committee/Task Force Reports

A. Membership – John Bradshaw, P.E. reported that Steve Talian P.E. is preparing a proposal for total membership of all PE's in the state for review by the executive committee in June.

B. Education Committee Chair Candidates – Harry Garman, Craig Weaver and Mark Rutkowski would be members to approach to serve as chair.

C. 2008 Conference Committee
   a. John Bradshaw reported that the conference invitation is ready for distribution. John will send a letter to all chapter presidents inviting them to install their officers at the banquet in Gettysburg.
   b. Hotel fees and conference registration for executive committee members will be covered by PSPE; spouse fees are not covered.
   c. Frank Stanton proposed giving an award to the person who discovered the crack in the I-95 bridge support in Philadelphia.

E. Bylaws Revisions – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE indicated that there will be time to revise the bylaws and distribute proposed changes to the full board prior to the June 7 board meeting. [Reference PSPE Constitution Article XIV Bylaws Section 2: Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a majority present and voting at a meeting of the Board; provided that the text of a proposed amendment shall be furnished to each member of the Board at least 20 days before the meeting at which a vote on the amendment will be taken.]

XI. Old Business
A. IRS 990 Form – John Nawn, P.E. prepared a letter for distribution to chapters regarding the new IRS filing requirements. The executive committee recommended no changes.

B. Discussion of the Bachelors Plus 30 concept was tabled for discussion on the May 9 conference call.

C. The executive committee tabled further discussion of simplified dues until adoption of such a system is necessary. The executive committee did recommend that if chapters are going to raise dues that they choose one of the proposed three tiers of $15, $25 or $40.

XII. New Business
A. Leadership meetings will be planned again for 2008. John Nawn will be asked to discuss chapter finances.

XIII. Upcoming Meetings
A. April 29 – 30: NSPE Legislative Day (Washington DC)
B. May 9: 9:00 a.m. (Teleconference)
C. May 13: ASCE/PSPE Engineers Day on the Hill (Harrisburg, PA)
D. June 5: PSPE Executive Committee Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)
E. June 7: PSPE Board of Directors Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)
F. July 24 – 27: NSPE Annual Meeting (Portland OR)
G. October 2 – 4: Northeast Region Meeting (Portland, ME)

XIV. Adjourn