Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg, PA
Saturday, January 20, 2007

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.

Call to order – President Harve Hnatiuk, P.E. F.NSPE
President Hnatiuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Dave Briskey, P.E.
B. Engineer’s Creed – Mike Morrison, P.E.
C. PSPE Vision Statement – Paul Dugan, P.E.
D. PSPE Mission Statement – Blair Kusiak, P.E.

Roll call of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors – Secretary Joseph F. Boward, PE
A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum was present.
B. Also Present:
   PSPE Executive Director – John D. Wanner, CAE
   PSPE Deputy Executive Director – Jennifer Summers

Additional Agenda Items and/or Revisions – Add:
A. VII. B. Milton F. Lunch Ethics Contest

Approval of Minutes
A. September 23, 2006 – Motion to approve minutes by Past President Garman and seconded by Vice President Bradshaw. Motion passed.

Financial Reports
A. Treasurer’s Report – John Nawn, P.E.
   1. 2007 Budget – Treasurer Nawn reviewed the financial statement and the budget. As of December 31, 2006, PSPE is finishing in the red by about $75,000, primarily due to NSPE dues collection issues. PSPE has not received the amount of dues from NSPE that is normally anticipated by year’s end. With respect to expenses, PSPE is close to what was budgeted for the year.

   PSPE received a check of $111,000 from NSPE this week. This is part of our dues reimbursement. This amount, however, does not show on the 2006 reports. Hence, although the 2006 report shows a deficit, there is no need to transfer any reserve funds, and there is
no need to increase dues. The $111,000 amount received from NSPE does not accurately reflect our dues income; it is only an estimate that is to be verified by them later this year.

The proposed PSPE budget for 2007 is outlined on Page 9 of the meeting booklet. Expense line items are essentially equivalent to this year. Revenue expectations have been slightly reduced. Budget Education Line Items 4135 and 5135 were discussed. The amounts indicated are based on ramping up PDH education for engineers. Line Item 4201, Service to Practice Divisions, shows no revenue. It is based on the 2006 lack of donations to PSPE from the practice divisions. Revenue Line Item 4200, Service to PEF, has been doubled to $20,000 when compared to the 2006 budget ($10,000). It was decided that PSPE should make charges more realistic with respect to the level of services provided by PSPE staff.

Motion to accept 2007 PSPE Budget by President Elect Bernstein and seconded by Vice President Sadaka. Proposed Budget was approved.

Treasurer’s Report filed for audit.

2. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – Vice President Sadaka summarized the written report presented on Page 14 of the meeting booklet. The funds have earned substantial interest during 2006. Reserve Fund Report filed for audit.

VI. Report of the President – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F. NSPE – President Hnatiuk spoke at the Luzerne Chapter and the Southeast and Central Region meetings regarding the PSPE Strategic Plan.

A. Committee Roster Update – Energize, Initiate, Engage, Involve – The Strategic Plan is tracking well, as many of the committees are ramping up. The Committee Roster on Page 17 of the meeting booklet was discussed. The intent is to have every region represented in each committee. Committee involvement is strongly encouraged.

VII. Report of the NSPE House of Delegates (HoD) Representative – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F. NSPE

A. NSPE Convention, July 26-30, 2007 – Denver, CO – This meeting will be a condensed version of typical NSPE meetings, which will reduce expenses. Attendance to the meeting is strongly encouraged. It was noted that Larry Jacobson has been employed as the new NSPE Executive Director. Larry is the former MATHCOUNTS Executive Director.

B. Milton F. Lunch Ethics Contest – This is a NSPE contest for all current NSPE individual members, state societies and chapters. The NSPE Board of Ethical Review provides a real ethical situation and the competitors are to develop discussions and conclusions for the situation. The winning entry receives $1000. PSPE chapters will receive an e-mail regarding this contest. PDHs can be obtained via contest participation. The contest deadline is April 20, 2007.

VIII. Report of the Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE – The written Executive Directors’ report is on Page 19 of the meeting booklet. The Strategic Plan has resulted in more active committees, resulting in an increase in PSPE staff activity. PSPE has received the Governor’s Proclamations for Engineer’s Week; they will be made available to the Chapters.

Ms. Summers indicated that the MATHCOUNTS registration numbers have increased when compared to 2006. It was hypothesized that NSPE is mailing more PR to schools, leading to more involvement. There will be an engineering activity for the students on Friday evening.

The handout provided to the Board from Transworld Systems, Inc., regarding their GreenFlag Profit Recovery services was discussed. It is a collections agency. Transworld Systems indicated that they would participate in an agreement wherein PSPE would see a percentage of profits resulting from PSPE members using their services. Discussion ensued whether PSPE wants to endorse them. Additional revenue could be generated for PSPE, and we
could ask them to advertise in the PE Reporter. Ms. Summers indicated that she would check into Transworld Systems’ references.

IX. Legislative Report – John Wanner, CAE

A. House and Senate Organization – Dennis M. O’Brien is the new Speaker of the House. Executive Director Wanner has heard of no other important issues with respect to this topic.

B. Legislation Update – It is expected that the Home Inspector License Bill will be discussed in the Senate. PSPE wants PEs to be exempt from this bill. Discussion ensued regarding SB 655, which was signed by the Governor. Continuing education requirements/administration will be developed through regulation rather than legislation. It is hoped that the Registration Board will develop continuing education regulations by the end of this year. Discussion ensued regarding protection of the “engineer” title, since that portion of the original legislation was removed by the House Committee. It was generally decided that the title pursuit issue would be sent to the PSPE Legislative Committee for a determination of PSPE recommendations with respect to legislative actions.

C. PAC Report – Funding has increased. Board members are encouraged to participate in PAC.

X. Old Business

A. Committee/Task Force Reports

1. 2007 Conference – Rick Aulenbach, P.E. – Mr. Aulenbach thanked his committee members. “Draft Schedule” on Page 24 of the meeting booklet was referred to by Mr. Aulenbach. The Conference is to be held in Reading, PA, with the exception of the Friday afternoon sessions, which will be held at the Penn State Berks Campus. Discussion ensued regarding the various planned Conference activities and other available amenities in the Reading, PA, area.

2. Membership – Tim Ormiston, P.E. – Mr. Ormiston was not available to present a report. In his absence, Vice President Bradshaw summarized the written report on Page 26 of the meeting booklet. Current total PSPE membership is 2308. The report item, “Members Past Due but Carried on Membership Records”, which totals 761, was discussed. Most of these delinquent members were added during November thru December 2006. This is theoretically due to NSPE membership-dues collection administration problems. PSPE is planning to investigate what portion of the 761 delinquent members are actually lost members. It is suspected that, due to NSPE late statement mailings, many PSPE members just have not paid yet or their payments haven’t been recorded as of the date of the membership report.

3. Public Relations – Frank Stanton, P.E. – Vice President Stanton summarized the detailed written report on Page 27 of the meeting booklet. The Public Relations program has grown. Discussion ensued regarding the radio campaign message and the schedule. Chapter funding must be received by February 1, 2007, for radio messages to initiate on February 11, 2007.

4. Title Pursuit – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – A teleconference meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007. The Legislative and Ethical Practices Committees have been invited to participate. The purpose of the meeting is to determine what the Task Force will address this year and how the title pursuit issues will be addressed in the future.

5. Young Engineers – David McCullough, P.E. – Mr. McCullough indicated that the objectives now are to organize a committee and develop PSPE activities for young engineers. A young engineer is considered to be 35 years or less in age. The first step is finding a committee chair. The plan is to have a young engineers kick-off event at the Conference on Thursday evening. It was suggested that on-line activities via the PSPE web site may attract more young engineers. The Pittsburgh ASCE program has had success attracting young engineers via on-line programs.

7. **Awards** – Dave Williams, P.E. – In the absence of Mr. Williams, Vice President Bradshaw summarized the written Awards Committee report on Page 32 of the meeting booklet. Two new awards – Chapter Communications Award and Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award – were discussed.

   a. **NSPE Fellows** – Jennifer Summers – Pennsylvania was permitted five nominees this year. The Fellows Committee, Chaired by Lisa Catania, P.E., selected the following nominees.
      
      i. Eric Flicker, P.E.
      ii. Tom Maheady, P.E.
      iii. John Bradshaw, P.E.
      iv. Donn Zang, P.E.
      v. John Kampmeyer, P.E.

      Nominations are due by February 1, 2007. **Motion made by President Elect Bernstein for PSPE to endorse the above nominees pending review of their applications by PSPE. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Nawn. Motion carried.**

8. **Nominations** – Harry Garman, P.E. – The PSPE officer nominees were summarized by Past President Garman. The slate of officers has been filled.

9. **Conference Planning Task Force** – Rick Aulenbach, P.E.

   a. 2008 Conference – Vice President Bradshaw summarized the 2008 Conference. The theme is “Gateway to Gettysburg.” The Conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel. The Lincoln and Harrisburg Chapters will be co-sponsoring the Conference. Mike Poletti, P.E., of the Lincoln Chapter, will Chair the 2008 Conference Committee.

   b. **Beyond 2008** – no report.

10. **PA Initiative** – Frank Russo, P.E. – A letter was sent to the Board asking for input as to what the PA Initiative should be. Originally, it was a list of engineers willing to provide assistance in the event of an emergency or disaster. The question is whether it should remain only a list or if it should be expanded upon as an entity to work with the Legislative Affairs Committee to increase legislator’s awareness of engineers involved in public works, etc., and their role in national emergencies. Mr. Russo awaits PSPE Board input regarding this issue and direction for the mission of the PA Initiative.

11. **New Business**

   A. **ASCE/PSPE Legislative Day** – A status report regarding this planned event is included on Page 36 of the meeting booklet. President Elect Bernstein discussed the PSPE history regarding Legislative Day and that it was discontinued years ago. ASCE is requesting that PSPE partner with them on this event. ASCE is promoting their recent Pennsylvania infrastructure report card. This would give PSPE the opportunity to get our message to the legislators, as well. ASCE is organizing the effort. They are asking for assistance from PSPE staff and participation of PSPE engineers. PSPE has also been asked to provide $850 toward the event. **President Elect Bernstein moved that PSPE partner with ASCE in**
the Legislative Day event and provide financial support of $850. Motion seconded by Vice President Sadaka. Motion carried.

B. Internal/Regional Communications – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – PSPE currently lacks information regarding Chapter schedules, such as dates of their Board of Directors meetings. Hence, PSPE is interested in developing a master calendar of regional/chapter events. PSPE is investigating the development of an on-line calendar to be included within or linked to the PSPE web page.

C. PSPE House of Delegates By-Laws Revisions – Len Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE – PSPE must amend its By-Laws to conform with the NSPE form of governance. PSPE is seeking members for the By-Laws Committee.

D. Special Presentation – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – Many years ago, Michel Sadaka, P.E., had developed the Task Force promoting and advancing continuing education requirements for professional engineers in Pennsylvania. Due to Vice President Sadaka’s relentless efforts, SB 655 was passed via legislation and signed by Governor Rendell. The signature pen used by Governor Rendell was presented to Vice President Sadaka. The PSPE Board thanked Vice President Sadaka for his leadership and tireless efforts in this successful endeavor. Vice President Sadaka recognized the individuals that assisted him in that effort.

XII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

A. Next Meeting – Saturday, June 2, 2007, 9:00 AM at the Inn at Reading.

XIII. Closing Comments – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – President Hnatiuk thanked all of the individuals that attended the meeting today. He encouraged the Board members to inform their co-workers about our Board meeting and be sure that they know just what PSPE is all about.

XIV. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by Treasurer Nawn and seconded by Secretary Boward. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. BOWARD, P.E.
PSPE Secretary