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Minutes

I. Call to Order – Harry E. Garman, PE, PLS
   In the absence of President Garman, President-Elect Hnatiuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. President-Elect Hnatiuk noted that President Garman could not attend the meeting due to the death of his mother.

II. Roll Call – Len Bernstein, PE, F.NSPE
   A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum was in attendance.
   B. Also Present:
      PSPE Executive Director – John W. Wanner, CAE
      Deputy PSPE Director – Jennifer Summers
      Sidney J. Myers, P.E., F.NSPE (Harrisburg Chapter)
      John A. Nawn, P.E. (Delaware County Chapter)
      Paul Dugan, P.E. (Valley Forge Chapter)
      Johann Szautner, P.E. (Leigh Valley Chapter)

III. Additional Agenda items and/or Revisions – None.

IV. Approval of Minutes, September 24, 2005 – Len Bernstein, PE, F.NSPE
   On a motion by Mr. Reisinger, seconded by Mr. Tappert, and carried unanimously, with no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes for the September 24, 2005 Board of Directors Meetings were approved.

V. Financial Reports
   A. Report of the Treasurer – Len Bernstein PE, F.NSPE
      The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and filed for audit.
   B. 2006 Budget – the proposed 2006 Budget was reviewed and discussed
      On a motion by Mr. Sadaka, seconded by Mr. Thayer, and carried unanimously, the 2006 budget was approved.
   C. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, PE

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The Reserve Fund Report was reviewed and filed for audit.

VI. Report of the President – Harry E. Garman, PE, PLS

A. Pennsylvania Representative to NSPE House of Delegates – President-Elect Hnatiuk led a discussion regarding how to select the PSPE Delegate. Mr. Tappert offered that the Delegate should be selected by the Nominating Committee and elected by the membership. Mr. Bernstein suggested that the question should be taken back by the State Directors to their respective Chapters for discussion recommendation since we have about a year before we would have to elect or appoint the next Delegate. Mr. Bernstein was requested to have the Constitution and Bylaws Committee consider this and recommend a possible amendment to the PSPE Bylaws.

On a motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Plotnick, and carried unanimously, President-Elect Hnatiuk was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve the first two-year term as the PSPE Delegate to the NSPE House of Delegates.

B. Nomination of Barry Isett, P.E., F.NSPE to Northeast Region Director

On a motion by Mr. Tappert, seconded by Mr. Reisinger, and carried unanimously, the Board of Directors approved the nomination of Mr. Isett as the Northeast Region Director.

B. NSPE Winter Meeting – It was noted that President Garman, President-Elect Hnatiuk, Mr. Isett, Mr. Zang, Ms. Catania, and Deputy Executive Director Summers attended what is now the last NSPE Winter Meeting. NSPE will no longer hold a Winter Meeting, but will retain the Annual Meeting each summer. Deputy Executive Director Summers noted that at the meeting of the State Executives, NSPE noted that because of the change over in the accounting system, Chapters could request an advance without interest on dues. Ms. Summers also noted that NSPE is very responsive to helping out with respect to membership recruiting.

VII. Report of the Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE – John’s full report is in the meeting materials. He Highlighted:

A. PEF is still waiting to receive a grant from the Commonwealth. MathCounts registrations for 2006 (2584) are up from 2004 (2488) but down from 2005 (2614). It was also noted that Shell Oil donated $5000 to the MathCounts effort.

B. Other Activities – There were none reported.

VIII. Legislative Report – John Wanner, CAE

A. SB 655 – Registration Act Amendment to Protect the Title – CPC was added to the bill in Committee and was reported out, is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and will probably be voted out next week. The Surveyors and Geologists may attempt to add CPC for them to the Bill as well. Mr. Wanner noted that he was asked to appear before the State Registration Board because the Board wanted to know why 24CPC hours per renewal period was being requested rather than the 30 hours in the NCEES Model. Apparently the Board is concerned about comity. The consensus of the Executive Committee was to leave this issue alone because it is not really a comity issue since continuing education is a requirement after obtaining the PE license.

B. Sales Tax Proposal – SB 854 proposes to expand the state sales tax to include environmental services, management consulting, and safety consulting services. PSPE wrote a letter to the Legislature opposing this bill. The issue appears to be dead at this pint, but a new bill is being considered that would increase the state sales tax by ½ percent without any expansion of the taxable items.
C. **Other Legislation** – None of importance at this time.

D. **PAC Report** – Because of the sales tax issue, the PAC fund is better now than it normally is. The PAC report is in the meeting book.

IX. **Old Business**

A. **Committee Reports**

1. **Membership** – John Bradshaw, PE – The Membership Committee report is in the meeting book. Mr. Bradshaw discussed developing a new membership campaign.

2. **Public Relation Campaign** – Frank Stanton, PE – Mr. Stanton described the program scheduled to run in February and noted that the Board had already approved the 2006 Budget that contained the funding for the program.

3. **PSPE Conference** – Harve Hnatiuk, PE, F.NSPE – The Conference information is in the meeting book.

4. **2006-2007 Nominating Committee Update** – Ernest U. Gingrich, PE, PLS, F.NSPE – Mr. Gingrich noted that the Southeast Region had two candidates for Vice President and that an election would be required. Mr. Gingrich also noted that the deadline for petitions is February 15th. President-Elect Hnatiuk, on behalf of President Garman, appointed Mr. Kerns, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Bradshaw to the Teller’s Committee to be chaired by Secretary Bernstein.

5. **Fellow Nomination** – Edward C. Becker, P.E. – Lisa Catania, P.E., F.NSPE – Ms. Catania, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Fellow Member Council, presented credentials for Mr. Becker for nomination as Fellow Member.

On a motion by Mr. Tappert, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, and carried unanimously, the Board of Directors approved the nomination of Mr. Becker for Fellow Membership.

X. **New Business** – none

XI. **Next Meeting**:

President-Elect Hnatiuk announced that the next meeting of the Board would be at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Sheraton Park Ridge in King of Prussia.

XII. **President-Elect Hnatiuk** declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary