MISSION OF PSPE

Through its leadership the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers will support, defend and strengthen the interests of practicing licensed engineers.

Minutes

I. Call to Order – Ernest U. Gingrich, PE, PLS

President Gingrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

II. Roll Call – Fred Waldner, PE

Note: Secretary Waldner noted that he was recording this meeting for the purpose of minute preparation only. Secretary Waldner (The PSPE parliamentarian) refreshed the Board on parliamentary rules and the possible actions which can be taken on a motion before the Board.

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
   Chair Resolutions and Registration Committees – Sidney J. Myers, PE, FNSPE
   Chair, Professional Development Task Force – Michel Sadaka, PE

III. Additional Agenda items and/or Revisions None

IV. Approval of Minutes, October 9, 2004 - Fred Waldner, PE

On a motion, seconded and carried unanimously, with no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes for the October 9, 2004 Board of Directors Meetings were approved.

V. Financial Reports

A. Report of the Treasurer – Len Bernstein PE

The financial report for the fiscal year January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004 was presented. The report showed total revenues of $242,199.30 (99.7% of the 2004 budget) and total expenses of $237,565.85 (98% of the 2003 budget). We ended the year with a $4,633.45 surplus.

On a motion, seconded and carried unanimously, the Treasurer’s report for the Period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 was accepted.

B. 2005 Budget - Len Bernstein, PE

Several line items have been dropped from the report as they have not been used recently. The definitions will be retained for future use. We have added line item 4100 (budget carryover) to more clearly state our continuing cash flow. We have revised line item 4131 to reflect either a withdrawal or deposit to the reserve fund. The proposed budget shows anticipated revenues of $241,983.45 and proposed expenditures of $229,850 with a resulting surplus of $12,133.45.

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On a motion, seconded and carried unanimously, the Proposed 2005 Budget was approved as presented.

C. Reserve Fund Report – Robert L. Garbart, PE, PLS

1. **Reserve Fund – General:** Value 12/31/03 $76,708.10 value 12/31/04 $98,008.90 (a 27.77% GAIN).

2. **Reserve Fund – Building:** Value after deduction of the management fees on 12/31/03 $113,395.76; value 12/31/04 $126,337.22 (a market gain of 11.41% during the period).

3. **PA Engineering Foundation** Value 12/31/03 $92,916.82; value 12/31/04 $107,455.82 (a 15.65% gain in value).

VI. Report of the President – Ernest U. Gingrich, PE, PLS

A. NSPE Update – Ernie, Harry Garman and John Wanner represented PSPE at the recent San Diego National meeting. The major item from that meeting was the future direction task force report.

1. **Future Directions Task Force Report**

   a. **Revised Mission and Vision Statement** – This material is on the NSPE website

   b. **Proposed Governance Structure** – NSPE is now proposing to return to a “State-centric” form of governance. The current Regional model has not been as successful as had been hoped. There are open questions on how the states will be represented on a restructured Board and/or House of Delegates. It was the consensus of the Board that PSPE express support for a representation based on 1 vote for each 500 members in the state society. The PSPE Executive Director will communicate PSPE concerns to NSPE. This matter will be finalized at the NSPE summer meeting in July.

   c. **Status of Academy** – "The Future Directions Task Force feels the Engineering Academy has potential. It will be referred to the Registry Task Force (This task force is chaired by the person who also chairs the future directions Task Force). John Wanner felt that this referral would probably end NSPE consideration of the Academy concept, but warned that we should keep watch so that PSPE opposition to the concept could be expressed in the future if necessary."

2. **Election of National Officers/Representatives**

   a. **NSPE President-Elect**
      i. Bernie Berson, P.E. (New Jersey)
      ii. Karen Pedersen, P.E. (Iowa)
      iii. H. Ken Rigsbee P.E. (Texas)

   A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that PSPE advise the Nominating Committee of PSPE endorsement of Karen Pederson, PE for the position of NSPE President-Elect and encourage the Committee to nominate more than one candidate for this position.

   b. **NSPE Northeast Region Vice President**
      i. James Lesikar, P.E. (Maryland)

   A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that PSPE cast its vote for James Lesikar, PE for the position of Northeast Region Vice President-Elect.
c. NSPE Northeast Region Representative to the Nominating Committee
   i. John Martin, P.E. (New York)

   A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that PSPE cast its vote for
   John Martin, PE for the position of Northeast Region Representative to the
   Nominating Committee.

VII. New Business (Out of agenda order)

A. Pittsburgh Chapter Resolution re: Mandatory Continuing Education

   The Pittsburgh Chapter moved the adoption of the Resolution as properly placed before the Board
   in advance of this meeting. The adoption was properly seconded and discussion followed. The
   motion was subsequently withdrawn with the approval of the seconder. A substitute motion was
   made and seconded. Following discussion this motion was also withdrawn and a third motion
   was made and seconded. A motion to table was made, seconded and defeated.

   The following resolution was adopted by the Board:

   “Be it resolved that PSPE take a leadership role in developing appropriate amendments to the
   Registration Act for Professional Engineers that:

   - Require an appropriate number of professional development hours as a condition for license renewal
     as an Engineer.
   - That an appropriate number of those hours be in instruction related to ethics.
   - That the Registration Board be empowered to waive all or part of the requirements in cases of
     illness, emergency, hardship, or inactive / military.
   - That PSPE establishes a task force to recommend the appropriate specific details of a continuing
     professional development model that PSPE can promote.
   - That the task force is encouraged to substantially base the model on the NCEES model (guidelines)”.

   The President appointed a task force to prepare a Progress report for the May Board meeting with a final
   report anticipated for the September Board meeting. The Task force to be comprised as follows:
   Chair Michel Sadaka, PE; Paul Dugan, PE, Eric Tappert, PE, Robert Garbart, PE and members to be named
   representing PEPP and the Harrisburg Chapter.

VIII. Report of the Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE

   John’s full report is in the meeting materials. John highlighted:

   A. Insurance Update: Jennifer Summers- Americana has been purchased by Fenner and Essler and
      we hope this will give us better service. We hope for a discounted rate. Details are to be worked out.

   B. Pennsylvania Engineering Foundation Update We have gotten the $150,000 state line item but
      have not received the funds yet. We have hired a new employee (Corinne Foust) to do
      MATHCOUNTS and other work for the Foundation. The Chapters will get MATHCOUNTS funds
      from this item based upon their student count. PEPP is providing 2-$ 1000.00 scholarships and
      the Foundation is going to award a new $2,000 Graduate level scholarship

IX. Legislative Report – John Wanner, CAE

   A. Registration Act Issues –Since the Garcia case the Board has been powerless to do any defense
      of the “Engineer” Title. John has developed (in consultation with NSPE General Council Art
      Schwartz) language for a revision of the registration act to restore the ability to defend the title.

   A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that the Executive Director pursue the
   introduction of the suggested language into the Registration Act.
B. **Best Value System** – DGS is moving from a low bid to a Best Value system whereby the low bidder may not be awarded the contract.

C. **Budget Season** – It appears that this will be another very tough budget year.

D. **PAC Report** – A report was in the meeting materials.

X. **Old Business**

A. **Committee Reports**

1. **Nominating Committee Report** - S. Faruq Ahmed, PE (Presented by President Gingrich)
   
   The following nominees were announced:
   
   President-Elect: Harve Hnatiuk, PE
   Treasurer and Secretary: Leonard Bernstein, PE
   Vice President Central Region: John Bradshaw, PE
   Vice President Northeast Region: Walter Poplawski, PE
   Vice President Northwest Region: David McCullough, PE
   Vice President Southeast Region: Frank Stanton, PE
   Vice President Southwest Region: Michel Sadaka, PE

   By motion properly made and seconded the Board approved the Report of the Nominating Committee.

   a. **Appointment of Teller's Committee** The President appointed a teller’s Committee to serve in the event of a contested election comprised of Secretary Waldner (ex officio), Robert Reisinger, PE and Harry Garman, PE.

2. **PSPE Annual Conference** - The Chateau Resort, Tannersville, PA, May 19-21, 2005. Harry Garman provided details and encouraged all to attend. An Order of the Engineer Ceremony will be conducted on Friday evening.

3. **Membership Report** - John Bradshaw, PE A report is contained in the meeting materials. Virginia Daily has been added to the committee. The Committee is focusing on ways to increase membership. Our previous pilot programs have been successful, but the most recent program has not been as successful. The membership Committee will review the good and bad features of these programs and provide recommendations for the future

B. **Application for Change in Member Status**

By motions properly made and seconded all of the applications for membership status change listed below were unanimously approved.

1. Life
   a. Philocles Anthropoulos, PEE
   b. Charles Austin
   c. William Christensen, P.E.
   d. Nick Courinos
   e. James A. Droble, P.E.
   f. Chuck Fuellgraf, Jr.
   g. Marvin Kamin
   h. John Kampmeyer, P.E.
   i. Angus Knierman, P.E.
   j. Martin Timothy Lawler, P.E.
   k. Henry Liban, P.E.
   l. Harold Light, P.E.
   m. Heng-Poo Lim P.E.
   n. Victor Lynch
   o. Joseph Manzek
   p. Chuck Pennoni, P.E.
   q. James Policelli
   r. Warren R. Thompson, P.E.
   s. Charles Velzy, P.E.
   t. Joe Widmer, P.E.
   u. Frank Wills, P.E.
2. Retired
   a. Richard Benson
   b. Anthony DiSalvo
   c. William Kennedy
   d. Karl Peterson, P.E.
   e. David Stone, P.E.
   f. Donald Strong

3. Hardship
   a. Sandra Khalil

C. Nomination for NSPE Fellow Status

1. John R. Ackerman, P.E., P.G., D.E.E.
2. Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E.
3. Elizabeth Catania, P.E.
4. Robert Ford, P.E.
5. Ernest U. Gingrich, P.E., P.L.S.
6. Harvey D. Hnatiuk, P.E.
8. Donn R. Zang, P.E.

By motion properly made, seconded and passed unanimously all listed nominations for NSPE fellow status were endorsed for forwarding to NSPE for action

The president called attention to the following reports in the meeting materials:

Beaver County Chapter
Chester County Chapter
Luzerne County Chapter
Valley Forge Chapter
Registration Committee
Central Region Vice President
Pa/PEPP Practice Division and Northeast Region Vice President
Southeast Region Vice President

XI. Next Meeting: May 21, 2005 in Tannersville, PA

XII. Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Waldner, PE, Secretary