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Minutes

I. Call to Order – Ernest U. Gingrich, PE, PLS, F.NSPE
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. Fred also thanked everyone for their cooperation during his term as Secretary.

A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum was in attendance.

B. Also Present:

NSPE Treasurer and upcoming President-Elect – Robert Miller, PE
PSPE Executive Director – John W. Wanner, CAE
Deputy PSPE Director – Jennifer Summers
NSPE Northeast Region Vice President-Elect – Barry E. Isett, PE, PLS, F.NSPE
NSPE PEC Chair – Donn R. Zang, PE
Past PSPE President and Chair Resolutions and Registration Committees – Sidney J. Myers, PE, FNSPE
Past PSPE President – John R. Ackerman, PE, PG, DEE, F.NSPE
Past PSPE President – Elizabeth Catania, PE, F.NSPE

III. Additional Agenda items and/or Revisions None

IV. Approval of Minutes, January 29, 2005 - Fred Waldner, PE

On a motion, seconded and carried unanimously, with no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes for the January 29, 2005 Board of Directors Meetings were approved.

V. Financial Reports

A. Report of the Treasurer – Len Bernstein PE, F.NSPE

The financial report for the fiscal year January 1, 2005 thru April 30, 2005 was presented. The report showed total revenues of $116,474.11 (48% of the 2005 budget) and total expenses of $69,858.35 (30% of the 2005 budget).

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and filed for audit.
B. **Reserve Fund Report**– By President Gingrich in the absence of Robert L. Garbart, PE, PLS

1. **Reserve Fund – General:** Value 12/31/04 $98,008.90; value 4/30/05 $96,629.76 (a 1.41% Loss). The transferred $15,000 (payback for 2004) from cash into this fund is now shown on this report.

2. **Reserve Fund – Building:** Value after deduction of the management fees on 12/31/04 $126,337.22; value 4/30/05 $121,838.54 (a market loss of 3.56% during the period).

3. **PA Engineering Foundation** Value 12/31/03 $107,455.82; value 4/30/05 $246,697.77 (a 129.58% gain in value). The large gain represents income from the State grant.

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

A. **NSPE Update** – Ernie introduced NSPE Treasurer and upcoming President-Elect Robert Miller, PE who expressed appreciation at being invited.

1. **Future Directions Task Force Report** This item will be discussed in detail at lunch.

2. **Missouri Pilot Program** - This proposal for a multi-level membership pilot program was not approved by the NSPE Board of Directors.

3. **NSPE Approval of Fellow applications** The following PSPE members were approved for NSPE Fellow Status:
   
   a. John R. Ackerman, P.E., P.G., D.E.E.
   b. Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E
   c. Elizabeth Catania, P.E.
   d. Ernest U. Gingrich, P.E., P.L.S.
   e. Harvey D. Hnatiuk, P.E.
   f. Barry E. Isett, P.E., P.L.S.

B. **Report on 2005-2006 PSPE Election of Officers** Fred Waldner, PE Secretary – Fred reported that there were no petition candidates and a unanimous ballot was cast for the Nominating Committee slate previously approved by the Board. The following officers will be installed this evening:

   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

C. **Dismissal of Teller’s Committee** President Gingrich dismissed the Election Teller’s Committee with thanks.

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

   He Highlighted:
A. **Pennsylvania Engineering Foundation Update** We have received the $150,000 state grant for MATHCOUNTS. We are currently working on distributing a portion of these funds to the Chapters. The PE license plate program is still a bit hung up on PennDOT rules.

B. **Insurance Update:** Jennifer Summers- Americanna has been purchased by Fenner and Essler and we hope this will give us better service. We have entered a partnership marketing agreement with Fenner & Essler that will provide us with $1800 per quarter.

VIII. **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. SB 655 contains the language previously discussed. A copy of the Bill will be out very shortly. The surveyors are working on an amendment to their act to allow some minor design work. PSPE will be involved in review of this proposal.

B. **One Call Act**—Some current revisions being suggested will place an undue burden on design professionals. We will be part of a joint review committee to protect the professionals.

C. **Budget**—We must continue to work to keep the MATHCOUNTS grant and the Engineering School Equipment grant. The budget will probably again be late this year.

D. **PAC Report** – A report was in the meeting materials. A letter will go out in the next week as part of our biannual solicitation.

IX. **Old Business**

A. **Committee Reports**

1. **Membership** – John Bradshaw, PE – Jennifer and John have developed a list of action items that the Membership Committee will be discussing and implementing. We hope to reinstate the 6 month free membership program for all members. We are again pursuing the Enterprise Membership program. We’d like to upgrade the web site. We’d like to get more involved with the engineering students. Robert Miller noted that NSPE has marketing resources available and money to help in our membership efforts.

2. **Professional Development Task Force**– Michel Sadaka, PE–Michel reported that the task force has not met but he has developed much research information on nearby states. We had a good discussion yesterday afternoon. We still anticipate having a report ready for the September Board meeting.

B. **Revised Procedures for Change to Life or Retired Status** – Jennifer Summers - Previously, requests for change in member status were finally approved by the Board. Our Constitution and Bylaws do not require this action. Board approval usually resulted in a process which took several months to complete. In the interest of significantly reducing the length of the process the Executive Committee approved revising the process to eliminate Board approval. We anticipate that the required records review can be done by the Chapter and PSPE staff expeditiously.

C. **Introduction of VIP Guests** – President Gingrich introduced Past PSPE Presidents who were present at this meeting.

D. **Rehiring Of Wanner Associates (Executive Session)** Frederick A. Waldner, PE-PSPE has two contracts with Wanner Associates (Legislative Consultant and Executive Director) – Fred reported that the evaluation committee (President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer) met to evaluate Wanner Associates performance. We concluded that they were doing a good job. The rating was 4.053 (Commendable). In anticipation that the Board would concur in the
recommendation to rehire Wanner Associates as Executive Director, the Executive Committee established compensation levels for the upcoming year.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that Wanner Associates be rehired as PSPE Executive Director for the 2005-06 Administrative year.

X. New Business

A. Request to Consider unified dues structure – John Wanner, CAE -NSPE has requested discussion of a unified dues approach to reduce the bookkeeping load. NSPE notes that they have over 12,000 different dues packages. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that we would not make any changes to our current dues structure. After some discussion by the Board of Directors, NSPE Treasurer Robert Miller withdrew the NSPE request to consider this matter.

B. Philadelphia Chapter Bylaws – Len Bernstein, PE – Len reported that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has approved and recommends Board approval of the recently revised Philadelphia Chapter Bylaws.

By motion properly made, seconded and passed unanimously the amendments to the Philadelphia Chapter Bylaws were approved.

C. Reports to the Board of Directors – President Gingrich called attention to all the reports included in the meeting materials and available at the meeting. All were encouraged to provide reports for future meetings.

D. Commendation of Outgoing Officers – The Board individually thanked and commended President Gingrich, Vice President Garbart and Secretary Waldner for their service and dedication.

E. Challenge – Past President Catania challenged the Board to contribute $100 annually to the PSPE PAC. Lisa provided her contribution at the meeting.

F. Passing of the Gavel. -President Gingrich passed the Presidential gavel to President-elect Garman. President Gingrich thanked the Board of Directors for their work and cooperation and wished new President Garman well in his year.

XI. Next Meeting: Immediately following this meeting (11:00 AM) at Tannersville, PA

XII. Adjournment - President Garman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Waldner, PE, Secretary

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NOTE: Reports noted in these minutes may be obtained by contacting PSPE Headquarters
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