I. Call to order – President Harve Hnatiuk, P.E. F.NSPE
   President Hnatiuk called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Paul Dugan, P.E.
B. Engineer’s Creed – Dale Campbell, P.E.
C. PSPE Vision Statement – Timothy Ormiston, P.E.
D. PSPE Mission Statement – Robert Reisinger, P.E.
E. Moment of Silence – For Past President Phil Kowalchik, P.E., and Michael Moore, P.E.
F. Introduction of Guest, Kenneth Rigsby, P.E., F.NSPE, NSPE President-Elect (from Texas)

II. 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
   NSPE President-Elect – Kenneth Rigsby, P.E., F.NSPE
   NSPE Northeast Regional Director – Barry Isett, P.E.

III. Additional Agenda Items and/or Revisions – none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. January 20, 2007 – Motion to approve minutes by Acting State Director Tappert and seconded by Vice President Stanton. Motion passed.

V. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer’s Report – John Nawn, P.E.

1. 2007 Budget – Treasurer Nawn reviewed the financial statement and the budget included in the meeting booklet. At approximately the one-third point of the elapsed year, PSPE has received about 55 percent of the budgeted revenues; a good situation. Expenses are tracking at about 45 percent of budget; however, little expenses are anticipated during the summer months. 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 are tracking well. The funds are conservatively invested, so that market fluctuations have marginal adverse effect. Reserve Fund Report filed for audit.

VI. Report of the President – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F. NSPE – President Hnatiuk summarized his written report included on Page 15 of the meeting booklet.
A. Committee Roster Update – Energize, Initiate, Engage, Involve – The Committee Roster on Page 17 of the meeting booklet was discussed. PSPE is engaging more committees this year and increasing membership in them; the slots have progressively filled up this year. This was part of our revamped strategic plan. President Hnatiuk asked Board members that, as they plan for the year, they offer your talents to one or more of the committees. The Board was also asked to engage more PSPE members across the state.

B. 2007-08 Leadership Conferences – The Conference meetings are tentatively scheduled for the end of June 2007. It appears that the Eastern Leadership Conference will be held June 30 in Fogelsburg, PA. Vice Presidents Stanton and Poplawski will be organizing that Conference, while Sadaka and McCullough will manage the Western Leadership Conference.

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 compressed five day version of typical NSPE meetings, which will reduce expenses. Attendance to the meeting is strongly encouraged. PSPE will be represented by Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE, as BoD representative, Leonard Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE, as PSPE President, Dale Englehart, P.E., as PA/PEPP Chair and Jon Drosendahl, P.E., as the Pennsylvania PEC Chair. Many others on the PSPE Board also indicated that they will be attending.

B. Dues Structure – NSPE and Unified Dues – The NSPE Convention Agenda includes a discussion of the NSPE Unified Dues proposal. NSPE is looking to reduce categories of dues such that each state has one dues structure for their members. PSPE has numerous dues structures across the state and within chapters. It would be up to PSPE to determine the single dues amount. This concept could detrimentally tax PSPE. PSPE put together a Task Force to evaluate this concept and develop a clear position; Treasurer Nawn is the Task Force Chair. Vice Presidents Sadaka and Stanton are on the Task Force; Paul Dugan, P.E., Virginia Dailey, P.E. and David Briskey, P.E. also joined the Task Force.

NSPE-Elect Rigsby indicated that he has heard about problems with Unified Dues situation across the U.S. Because of initiating new dues system and dismantling old structure, dues administration was delayed by about eight months. NSPE has about 12,000 different dues structures across the nation. NSPE President-Elect Rigsby indicated that maintaining this situation would require employing numerous clerks to verify each dues structure individually, entailing much cost. NSPE President-Elect Rigsby requested that PSPE figure out some way to provide a single dues number to NSPE. This would allow NSPE to use their resources more efficiently and effectively.

The PSPE dues structure – ranging from $6 to $40 per member – is summarized on Page 19 of the meeting booklet. All Chapters should file a financial report to PSPE so that the Task Force has as much information as possible on which to base their evaluation. This issue was opened to general Board discussion. Rigsby indicated that the House of Delegates in Denver will likely consider this issue. President Hnatiuk indicated that he is the BoD representative for PSPE and is seeking direction from the PSPE Board for a clear position on this topic. It was requested that the Task force provide feedback by the middle of July 2007 for President Hnatiuk’s use at the NSPE BoD meeting.

It was reported that the PSPE Executive Committee is sending a letter to NSPE indicating that PSPE is not in favor of Unified Dues at this time. Discussion ensued regarding Chapter/PSPE concerns with this issue. The Board asked NSPE President-Elect Rigsby to provide a specific cost savings per NSPE member by enacting the Unified Dues structure. It was suggested that the Unified Dues proposal be submitted at a later date, to give PSPE and other states some time to review and evaluate this situation before being asked to hurriedly implement it. The general PSPE Board consensus indicates a marked concern regarding this issue.

C. Proposed Changes to the NSPE Code of Ethics – The Executive Committee discussed this issue during their Thursday, May 31, 2007, morning meeting. As summarized on Page 22 of the meeting booklet, wording changes to the NSPE Code of Ethics – Items III.2.a., III.2.c. and III.2.d. – have been proposed. NSPE President-Elect Rigsby reviewed background related to these proposed modifications. Florida opposed sustainable development wording in the Code, as
violations of the Code could cause one to lose their license, so that the Code should not be so strongly worded in some areas. The proposed verbiage modifications include changing the “Shall” in those Code passages to “are encouraged”. Discussion ensued about the word “shall” and that it is a mandatory term. Removing “shall” would soften these areas of the Code. Executive Director Wanner commented on the state canons with respect to ethics. Maintaining the word “shall” could lead to liability issues if you were called to the judicial arena. Treasurer Nawn moved that PSPE support the proposed changes to the Code of Ethics as indicated in the PSPE Board of Directors meeting booklet; seconded by Vice President Sprague. Further discussion ensued. Vote on the motion taken: Seven opposed, 14 in favor and one abstained. Motion carries.

VIII. Report of the Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE – The written Executive Directors’ report on Page 26 of the meeting booklet was reviewed.

A. MATHCOUNTS Update – Jennifer Summers – Deputy Executive Director Summers summarized the written report on Page 28 of the meeting booklet. The State competition, during which Senator Casey spoke, was a success. Ben Kraft placed second in the National Competition and the PA Team placed fourth Nationally. Last portion of the 2006-07 grant was received. It will be distributed to the Chapters based on $7.50/student.

IX. Legislative Report – John Wanner, CAE

A. Legislative Issues Update – The Uniform Construction Code has received significant attention in the House and the Senate via public hearings (see Page 30 of the meeting booklet). Since enacted, the bill has been modified several times. At its most basic level, SB 437 is intended to exempt PA anchor bolt requirements for specific types of walls. However, it contains a provision whereby certain drawings would not require a seal by an architect or Professional Engineer; hence, PSPE opposes it.

B. Engineers Legislative Day – May 8, 2007 – This event was a huge success. Seventy-two engineers attended. Transportation funding, Engineering Funding and Math and Science grants (MATHCOUNTS) were the issues brought to the legislators. President Hnatiuk thanked the PSPE members that attended. PSPE will reach out to ASCE regarding future similar events.

C. Commonwealth Budget – The PA Commonwealth budget is supposed to be enacted by June 30, 2007. Due to political issues, it may be difficult to negotiate the PSPE line items – engineering equipment and MATHCOUNTS funding – back into the budget.

D. Continuing Education Regulations – The Registration Board is developing the regulations, but apparently relatively slowly. They were supposed to have the regulations drafted for enactment within 18 months of passage of the law; it is doubtful that will occur. Registration Board indicated that they would reach out to PSPE once they get a draft completed.

E. PAC Report – The PAC report is presented on Page 33 of the meeting booklet. The PAC fund performed very well with respect to revenue last year. The PAC account is a little low now; PSPE members were asked to donate to the fund.

X. Old Business

A. Committee/Task Force/Interest Area Reports and Updates


2. Membership – Tim Ormiston, P.E. – Mr. Ormiston thanked President Hnatiuk and Vice President Bradshaw for allowing him to serve as the committee Chair. Although there is an apparent drop in the membership, Mr. Ormiston is hopeful that the reduction is less than originally thought, as the membership data is confusing in its present form. The Board thanked Mr. Ormiston for his leadership of this committee.

3. Public Relations – Jason Schmoyer, P.E. / Frank Stanton, P.E. – Mr. Schmoyer summarized a written report that was handed out and not included in the meeting booklet. The radio campaign program undertaken during the year was discussed. The committee is planning to expand the program next year.

4. Publications – Zeyn Uzman, P.E., F.NSPE / Frank Stanton, P.E. – Mr. Uzman presented a verbal report to the Board. He thanked President Hnatiuk for asking him to serve on the committee. The committee is reviewing how the state office is
communicating with the PSPE members and is developing methods to improve on it. They are also looking for avenues of improvement to the PE Reporter. Both of these areas are already handled very well, but hopefully the review will reveal possible areas of improvement.

5. Title Pursuit – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – Vice President Sadaka indicated that there are some specific issues that the Title Pursuit committee may need to review. They are working on redrafting the Municipal Letter to achieve a document that is only one page in length. The letter will provide guidance to municipal governments for when they should have a Professional Engineer involved.

6. Young Engineers – David McCullough, P.E. – Vice President McCullough indicated that the committee focus this year is to add the young engineer component to this Conference. A Young Engineers event was held on Thursday evening (May 31, 2007) from 5-7 pm at the Reading Country Club. Ten were signed up, but there were several more attendees from the golf crowd that preceded the event. It was a successful event. The committee intends to develop methods to determine the needs of the young engineers and how to attract them to PSPE. There are 259 Young Engineers (under 40 yrs of age) out of about 2000 PSPE members on our roster. The Board thanked Vice President McCullough for leading the committee.

7. Interest Area Updates – Ms. Dailey reported for PA/PEPP. PA/PEPP worked closely with Mr. Ormiston this year with respect to membership. PA/PEPP is designing schematics for a web page. Seminars are being planned for next year. Three awards sponsored by PA/PEPP were made through the Penn State AE program. Also, PA/PEPP sponsored two scholarship awards through PEF. PA/PEPP has been participating in the DGS coalition in an attempt to develop a more user friendly design contract; general conditions of the DGS contract are being modified. ACEC, AIA and PSPE (through PA/PEPP) are working with DGS on this modified contract. The contract completion date is uncertain. PEC Chair Drosendahl will be attending Denver convention as the Northeast PEC Representative. PEC has a capital fund but no way to replenish it. Hence, they are having difficulty funding their programs; they will be speaking to NSPE leadership on how to correct this situation. Earl McCabe, P.E., indicated that PEI recently reviewed their last 20 years of financial statements, revealing a large drop in amount of national funding that they received via dues accounting and other unaccountable anomalies in dues collection amounts (PSPE can only provide the dues funding to PEI that they receive from NSPE). At this point, PEI does not enough have sufficient funding to have any programs.

8. Awards – Dave Williams, P.E. – Mr. Williams will attend the Banquet tonight to present PSPE awards.

9. NSPE Fellows – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – Three Fellows were selected out of the five PSPE applicants. The new fellows are: John E. Kampmeyer, P.E., Thomas M. Maheady, P.E., and Donn R. Zang, P.E. They will be recognized this evening.


11. 2008 Conference Committee, Mike Poletti P.E. / John Bradshaw, P.E. – Mr. Poletti, of the Lincoln Chapter, is Chairing the committee. Vice President Bradshaw presented a verbal report regarding the upcoming 2008 Conference in Gettysburg, PA, to be held at the Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center during June 5-7, 2008. The Harrisburg and Lincoln Chapters will be sponsoring the Conference. The committee is attempting to have Governor Thornburg speak at the Conference. The Conference theme is the “Gateway to Gettysburg”. The June 5, 2008, golf outing will be held at the Links of Gettysburg golf course. The committee is planning a young engineers’ activity. Vice President Bradshaw asked all to attend next year. The committee is planning to invite the PA Registration Board to the 2008 Conference to discuss the CPC regulation development. It was moved by State Director Reisinger that PSPE invite the State Registration Board to the 2008 PSPE Conference and ask them to have their regular meeting coincide with that event. Motion seconded by Vice President Stanton. Motion carries.

XI. New Business

A. Wanner Associates Review Committee and Recommendations – The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Wanner Associates review. Questions on the floor – Re-institute Wanner Associates as the Legislative Consultant and to provide Administrative Services. Motion
by Treasurer Nawn and seconded by Director Reisinger: Engage Wanner Associates as the PSPE Association Management consultant. Motion by Treasurer Nawn and seconded by Acting Director Tappert: Engage Wanner Associates as the PSPE Legislative consultant. Motion passed by voice ballot. Motion by Immediate Past President Garman and seconded by Vice President Bradshaw that the motions during the Executive Session be allowed in the Minutes. Motion carries. Executive Session closed.

B. By Laws Revisions – Immediate Past President Garman provided a verbal report. The By Laws Committee is considering a couple of recommended changes to the PSPE By-Laws, including: term limit revision for the president; and a method for the state to elect the PA House of Delegate representative. The Committee is also looking at having Young Engineers officially represented on the Executive Committee and/or the Board.

C. Approval of 2008 Engineers Conference – June 5-7, 2008 – Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center, Gettysburg, PA – Immediate Past President Garman moved to hold the 2008 PSPE Conference at the above place during the above dates; seconded by Vice President Stanton. Motion carries.

D. 2009 Conference and Beyond – PSPE will be forming a Conference Committee to address the 2009 Conference in the very near future.

XII. Next Board of Directors Meeting – 2007-08 Board of Directors to Meet after this Meeting

XIII. Closing Comments – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F. NSPE – President Hnatiuk thanked the Executive Committee and the Board for their diligence, presence and leadership at the meetings and throughout the year. He also thanked the Committee chairs and the members, as well as the Past Presidents Council. President Hnatiuk thanked those engaged in the society, including Barry Isett, representing NSPE. He thanked NSPE President-Elect Ken Rigsby, P.E., F.NSPE, for attending this meeting. President Hnatiuk quoted Henry Ford: “The unobtainable has been achieved through the resolve of many.” President Hnatiuk passed the gavel to John Bradshaw, P.E., the incoming PSPE President-Elect in the absence of incoming President Bernstein.

XIV. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by Acting Director Tappert and seconded by Acting PA/PEPP Chair Dailey. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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PSPE Secretary