Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wyndham, Gettysburg, PA  
Saturday, June 7, 2008

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.

I. Call to order – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E. F.NSPE
President Bernstein called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

II. Roll call of the 2007-2008 Board of Directors – Secretary Joseph F. Boward, P.E.
A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum was present.
B. Also Present:
   PSPE Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE
   PSPE Deputy Executive Director – Jennifer Summers

III. Additional Agenda Items and/or Revisions – Add Item X.4. Amendments to Constitution, and Item XI.C. Member-At-Large Endorsement for Zeyn Uzman, P.E.  
Motion to approve additional agenda items by Immediate Past President Hnatiuk; seconded by Acting Director Tappert. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes
A. January 26, 2008 – Motion to approve minutes by Immediate Past President Hnatiuk and seconded by Acting Director Tappert. Motion passed.

V. Financial Reports
   1. Simplified Dues – As the NSPE movement on this issue has decreased, PSPE does not need to revise the dues structure at this time. The PSPE Executive Committee recommended tabling this issue. The PSPE Board suggested that PSPE submit correspondence to NSPE that PSPE has no plans to revise the dues structure at this time. It was further suggested that the Board encourage the Chapters to attempt to simplify their dues on their own, such as a three-tiered system, as previously considered by PSPE. A hand-out tracking dues over the past several years was reviewed. For the first three months of this year, PSPE was well behind where we were at the same time last year. PSPE may be pursuing a dues increase in September of this year, as required to supplement our budget.
B. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – The report on Page 11 of the meeting booklet was reviewed. The fund value diminished during the first quarter of this year, but appears to be correcting itself now. When compared to the overall market, the PSPE Reserve Fund appears to be relatively sound. Report filed for audit.

VI. Report of the President – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE – President Bernstein reviewed the success of the PSPE administrative year. Fifteen young engineers attended the Young Engineers Happy Hour on Thursday, June 5, 2008, which is a positive increase to the first such event held at the 2007 Conference. President Bernstein thanked the Board for supporting him during his presidency of PSPE.
VII. Report of the NSPE House of Delegates (HoD) Representative – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE – The NSPE 2008 Conference is scheduled for July 24-27, 2008, in Portland, OR. NSPE is attempting to shorten the meeting this year by removing some items that are usually discussed and address them electronically prior to the meeting. NSPE will be revisiting all of the professional policy statements and potentially revising the sunset dates on them. HoD Representative Hnatiuk quickly and briefly discussed numerous professional policies that NSPE will be discussing.

VIII. Report of the Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE – The written Executive Director’s report on Page 12 of the meeting booklet was briefly reviewed. A new phone system will be installed at Wanner Associates, which should correct prior voice mail problems. PEF administers scholarship programs and MATHCOUNTS. Seven scholarships were awarded this year. PEF sometimes assists with judging scholarships. The Pennsylvania MATHCOUNTS team placed 6th this year nationally. The NSPE website offers Capwiz, a system that facilitates the submission of a letter, supporting various issues (i.e. funding issues for MATHCOUNTS), to your legislator. Capwiz includes readily-accessible information regarding the various issues, such as MATHCOUNTS. The Pennsylvania state budget has not been resolved, so the success of Capwiz is not yet clear. The status of MATHCOUNTS funding won’t be determined until the budget is resolved. PSPE received a $75,000 check for the 2007-08 program. Executive Director Wanner is hopeful that MATHCOUNTS will receive at least that much funding for 2008-09.

IX. Legislative Update – John Wanner, CAE

A. Current Legislative Activity – A written report was included on Page 16 of the meeting booklet. The Continuing Education Legislation (SB 655) did not adequately model the NCEES system, and has significant deficiencies, so SB 1264 was introduced. It is hoped that by the end of June, 2008, SB 1264 will pass the House. The PSPE objective is that it will be enacted before the SB 655 law takes effect in 2009. The credit for active participation in engineering societies will likely be removed from SB 1264; this change will appear in the upcoming amendment. In its current form, the bill allows professional engineers to carry 12 credits from period to period. A total of at 24 continuing education credits in a two year period will be required to renew licensure. The continuing education requirements will not take effect until the 2009-2011 licensure renewal period; renewal will be October 2009. PSPE is pursuing having the engineering equipment grant program added into the state budget. PSPE is attempting to drive this program back up to a million dollar funding level. PEPP has been working with AIA and ACEC regarding the on-going development of a revised DGS professional services contract. It is hoped that a draft of the contract will be published, for public comment, on the DGS web site soon. Proposed changes to Uniform Construction Code (HB 1096) passed the House and are pending in the Senate. The Bill will establish a committee to review updates/revisions to the International Building Code (IBC) on a tri-annual basis. The Bill includes a provision for several professional engineers to serve on the review committee. The State legislature voted to toll I-80. The proposed leasing of the PA Turnpike is still being considered, although it appears unlikely at this time. Pennsylvania is considering discontinuing funding the state police via the gas tax. Should that occur, the state police would be funded by the state general fund, which could be problematic.

B. Engineering Day on the Hill – This event was a joint activity with ASCE. Sixty to 70 engineers attended. PSPE is considering becoming more involved in organizing the event.

C. PAC Report – The PAC report was presented on Page 20 of the meeting booklet. The fund is low now. The Board was strongly encouraged to donate to it.

X. Old Business

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

1. Membership – Timothy Ormiston, P.E. – The state directors were asked to have their Chapter membership committee chairs become involved in periodic state membership committee teleconferences. Lisa Catania, P.E., NSPE Membership Committee Chair, indicated that NSPE initiated a corporate membership program, named Corporate Membership. The intent is to encourage corporations to pay their engineering employee membership fees. Enterprise members receive a ten percent reduction in dues. It was indicated that some societies obtained 200 to 300 new members with this program. Discussion ensued regarding this issue.
2. 2009 Conference Planning – Walter Poplawski, P.E.

a. Approval of 2009 Installation & Awards Banquet – June 5, 2009 – The annual membership meeting will be scheduled for sometime during May to July 2009, in accordance with the By-Laws. Immediate Past President Hnatiuk moved to hold the annual membership meeting during a date to be determined during May through July 2009; seconded by Treasurer Nawn. Motion passed.

b. Approval of Joint PSPE 2009 Conference and NSPE Northeast Region Fall Conference (Fall 2009 – Poconos) – PSPE will be hosting the NE Regional NSPE Meeting. By moving the annual PSPE Conference to the fall of 2009, it will coincide with the NE Regional Meeting. Motion made by Past President Garman to hold the PSPE Annual Conference in the Poconos region during the fall of 2009 to coincide with the NSPE NE Regional Meeting; seconded by Vice President Stanton. Motion passed.

3. By-Laws Revisions – Harry Garman, P.E., PLS – This issue was discussed at the January 26, 2008, PSPE Board meeting, and is detailed in those meeting Minutes. In brief summary, the proposed By-Law revisions include: formalizing the appointment of the HoD Representative; and revising officer term limits. The By-Laws revisions were outlined again on Page 23 of this meeting booklet. Motion to accept the bylaw revisions as shown in the meeting booklet was made by Past President Garman; seconded by Secretary Boward. Motion passed.

4. Amendments to Constitution – The proposed PSPE Constitution amendments are detailed on Pages 26 and 27 of the meeting booklet. The proposed changes are associated with the By-Law revisions discussed under Item X.A.3. According to the Bylaws, the Board must approve such Constitution changes at two successive meetings. Motion to approve the Constitution revisions for the second time (as indicated on Pages 26 and 27 of the meeting booklet) by Acting Director Tappert; seconded by Past President Garman. Motion approved. The constitution amendments will be submitted to the general membership for approval. Assuming acceptance, the changes will be implemented in 30 days.

XI. New Business

A. PSPE Position on Bachelors Plus 30 Credits – This PP No. 168 issue is summarized on Page 28 of the meeting booklet. In short, this proposal requires engineering graduates complete an ABET-accredited engineering degree and an additional 30 credits beyond that degree, plus all other current requirements, to be eligible for professional engineering licensure. Presentations opposing and supporting PP No, 168 were made by Treasurer Nawn and Vice President Sadaka, respectively. Acting Director Tappert moved that PSPE oppose PP No. 168; seconded by Drosendahl. Motion by Vice President Sadaka to amend the motion to allow votes to support PP No. 168 or abstain; seconded by Director Dugan. Motion withdrawn by Acting Director Tappert. Vice President Sadaka moved that PSPE direct HoD Representative whether to support, oppose or abstain from a position regarding PP No. 168; seconded by President-Elect Bradshaw. Motion withdrawn by Vice President Sadaka. Motion for PSPE to oppose the Bachelors plus 30 issue made by Director Reisinger; seconded by Acting Director Tappert. Motion passed. The PSPE Board voted by voice regarding the final motion directive. The votes were recorded as follows:

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Final vote was 14 yes, 10 no and two abstentions. Hence, per the motion and the Board vote, the PSPE HoD Representative is directed to oppose the Bachelors plus 30 issue at the NSPE Conference.

B. Wanner Associates Review Recommendations – President Bernstein called for Executive Session, during which Wanner Associates attendees were asked to leave. At close of Executive Session, President Bernstein reconvened the Board meeting. **Vice President Sadaka moved that PSPE engage an Executive Director for the society; seconded by President Elect Bradshaw. Motion passed.** Director Novotny moved to engage Wanner Associates as the PSPE association manager; seconded by **Immediate Past President Hnatiuk. Motion was made by Vice President Sadaka that PSPE enter into a contract with Wanner Associates to use Mr. Wanner as the PSPE Legislative Consultant; seconded by Immediate Past President Hnatiuk. Motion passed.** Wanner Associates will receive four percent and four and one-half percent increases to their compensation, to the previous annual contracted fee, for their association management and legislative consulting services, respectively. The percentage increases are consistent with the 2007-08 increases.

C. Member-At-Large Endorsement for Zeyn Uzman, P.E. – Mr. Uzman is requesting PSPE endorsement to be an at-large member to the NSPE Board of Directors. **Past President Garman moved that PSPE send a letter endorsing the nomination of Zeyn Uzman, P.E., as an at-large member of NSPE; seconded by Vice President Sadaka. Motion passed.**

XII. Upcoming Meetings
A. NSPE 2008 Annual Conference – July 24-27, 2008 (Portland, OR)
B. PSPE Leadership Training – TBD
C. PA MATHCOUNTS Coordinator Meeting – September 13, 2008 (Harrisburg, PA)
D. PSPE Board of Directors – September 27, 2008 (Philadelphia region)
E. Northeast Region Meeting – October 2-4, 2008 (Portland, ME)

XIII. Closing Comments – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE – President Bernstein thanked all of the Board members for supporting him throughout the year. President Bernstein passed the gavel to President Elect Bradshaw.

XIV. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn meeting by Immediate Treasurer Nawn and seconded by PEC Chair Drosendahl. Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. BOWARD, P.E.
PSPE Secretary