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 – President Harvey D. Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE
President Hnatiuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. Roll call of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors – Secretary Joseph F. Boward, P.E.
A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum was in attendance.
B. Also Present:
   PSPE Executive Director – John D. Wanner, CAE
   PSPE Deputy Executive Director – Jennifer Summers
   President, Valley Forge Chapter – Paul Dugan, P.E.

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

IV. Approval of Minutes
B. May 20, 2006 (1st – 2006-2007 Board Meeting)
Motion to approve minutes from the above-listed Board Meetings by Vice President Poplawski, seconded by Vice President Sadaka. Motion carried.

V. Financial Reports
A. Treasurer’s Report – John Nawn, P.E. – Treasurer Nawn presented the attached financial report. The total revenues are slightly behind those anticipated at this time for the year. Expenses are at expected levels. Membership dues are behind due to the NSPE membership administration issues. It is anticipated that the membership dues will catch up. Report filed for audit.
B. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – Vice President Sadaka presented the attached reserve fund report. The funds are reporting as expected. Report filed for audit.

VI. Report of the President – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE
A. NSPE Northeast Region Meeting – October 19-21, 2006 in Saratoga Springs, NY – Governance and leadership of the Northeast Region will be discussed at this meeting.
B. PSPE Membership Survey Results – The survey resulted from the June 2006 Strategic Planning Meeting. The strategic issues discussed were correlated to create the survey. PSPE received 285 responses to the survey, representing approximately 20 percent of the organization. The survey results are attached. The survey intent was to delineate the important issues, as required to formulate a strategic plan to address them. Many of the issues receiving high responses via the survey are linked to the engineering perception dilemma. It was suggested that a network link be created to the survey results so that the general membership could review them. Discussion ensued regarding submitting the PSPE survey results to NSPE. One Hundred of
the respondents also provided comments, which generally concentrated on the: public perception of the engineer, and concern about the PE license.

C. **PSPE Strategic Plan** – The attached Plan is organized via Objectives, Strategies and Priorities. The intent of the Plan was to succinctly address main society/engineering concerns. The Plan objectives address PE license protection, the engineering perception issue and PSPE membership. The Plan is intended to be a “fluid” document, wherein it is reviewed and modified to meet our needs. The Committees implementing the priorities will be required to create Committee Operating Plans. Board discussion ensued regarding the Plan. **Motion to adopt PSPE Strategic Plan by Vice President Sadaka and seconded by J. Drosendahl, P.E.** **Motion carried.** The Plan will be distributed to all members via the PE Reporter and the PSPE website.

D. **Committees** – The attached PSPE committee membership summary was discussed. Many committee openings must be filled.


A. **NSPE House of Delegates Meeting, July 11, 2006** – President Hnatiuk discussed his attendance at this meeting and indicated that the NSPE House of Delegates meeting ran very smoothly.

B. **NSPE Convention – July 2007, Denver, CO**

VIII. **Report of the Executive Director – John Wanner, CAE** – Written report attached. PSPE staff has worked diligently with President Hnatiuk on the Survey implementation and Strategic Plan development. The PSPE staff operation was reviewed by Mr. Wanner and President Hnatiuk during this summer. Board discussion ensued regarding the NSPE difficulties with membership roster and dues collection administration. It was indicated that many of those issues revolve about the new NSPE computer software. A letter drafted by PSPE was submitted to NSPE regarding our concerns with respect to the membership roster and dues payment issues.

IX. **Legislative Report – John Wanner, CAE**

A. **Update on Senate Bill 655** – This bill amends the registration act, wherein continuing education is now required to maintain the PE license. The State Senate passed the bill. If the bill passes the House, it is anticipated that it will be implemented after current relicensure renewal is completed.

B. **Other Legislation** – One-Call System Bill (SB 1104) passed the Senate. There is concern with the section of that bill that included PennDOT in the System; the section of the bill was removed. This bill is scheduled for House consideration next week.

PEPP, AIA and CEC are working together with DGS to rewrite the DGS standard contracts in an attempt to make them more palatable to design professionals. The new contracts will include negotiated fees rather than having them tied to the percentage of construction cost.

HB 2101 is scheduled for a hearing. This bill would require a $10 fee as part of licensure payment by all professionals; the fee is intended to mitigate litigation costs to the professionals by the public. It would create a reserve fund for disciplinary actions against professionals. PSPE has concerns that PE’s would have little chance of benefiting from such a fund, as engineers are typically covered by professional liability insurance.

C. **PAC Report** – Report attached. PAC funding has steadily increased over the years. The fund is primarily used for purchasing tickets to legislator fund-raising dinners. PSPE picks and chooses which congresspeople to donate to based on their record and the current legislation important to PSPE.

X. **Old Business**

A. **Committee/Task Force Reports**

1. **Membership – John Bradshaw, P.E.** – Written report attached. Tim Ormiston, P.E., is the new Membership Committee Chair. Discussion ensued regarding membership recruitment.
2. **Pennsylvania Initiative** – Please see attached written report by new Chair Frank Russo, P.E. This issue resulted form the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks. PSPE has an understanding with FEMA regarding what services Professional Engineers can provide during a disaster.

3. **Title Pursuit Task Force** – The Task Force history was discussed. Recent developments (i.e. E&S Control certification issue) have necessitated resurrecting the Task Force. The mission and name of the Task Force will likely be modified. Vice President Sadaka agreed to Chair this committee.

4. **Awards** – Written Report attached. President Hnatiuk encouraged the creation of new PSPE awards to supplement those already active.
   a. **NSPE Fellows Nominations** – It was reported that NSPE has not, to date, received many Fellows nominations. PSPE has five slots available for Fellows nominations. PSPE and NSPE participation is required for nominees.

B. **NSPE Member Records** – Jennifer Summers – Difficulties seen by PSPE with the NSPE member records administration were discussed. PSPE and NSPE have a good relationship; however, there exist apparent flaws in the NSPE member records process. Much of this is due to the enormous changes within NSPE via the AMS computer software, staff turnovers and organizational structure. Individual members are now capable of accessing their records on-line and making changes or corrections to them.

C. **PIE Sponsorship Update** – Frank Stanton, P.E. – PIE is an acronym for Practicing Institute of Engineering. PSPE considered becoming a sponsor of PIE. The review of the PIE application indicates that it is geared to educational institutions. It appears that it would cost PSPE more to become a sponsor than PSPE could make from it in educational classes/seminars. PSPE is still defined as a PIE training provider and can still apply on a program-by-program basis, incurring only a $75 to $100 fee per program. The PIE program only applies to New York state PE licensure continuing education.

XI. **New Business**

A. **2007-08 Nominating Committee Report** – Harry Garman, P.E., PLS – President Hnatiuk indicated the following candidates for serving on the Nominating Committee:
   - Southeast Region – Mike Moore, P.E.
   - Northeast Region – Johann Szautner, P.E.
   - Central Region – Robert Reisinger, P.E.
   - Southwest Region – Dave Briskey, P.E.
   - Northwest Region – Art Hall, P.E.

   Motion by Immediate Past President Garman to approve the committee members; seconded by Mr. Drosendahl, P.E. Motion carried

B. **NCEES Proposed Model Law Changes for Additional Education** – PSPE wants NSPE to understand our position on this topic. Mr. Szautner, P.E., is a member of our Task Force reviewing the attached Model Law. Our Task Force made a positive recommendation of the Model Law with only relatively minor exceptions.

C. **2007 PSPE Conference** – May 31-June 3 in Reading, PA – Information is attached.

D. **Conference Planning Task Force** – Richard Aulenbach, P.E., has offered to Chair this Task Force. PSPE is looking to plan and program the conference venue early. Discussion ensued regarding holding PSPE Conferences outside of Pennsylvania. Board comments generally indicated that it would be preferred that future conferences be held in Pennsylvania. It was suggested that the remaining PSPE Auxiliary be represented on the Task Force.

E. **NSPE Alliance Task Force** – Walter Poplawski, P.E. – Vice President Poplawski reported that he was asked by NSPE President Robert Miller to be included in this NSPE Task Force, which seeks opportunities to work with other organizations to enhance NSPE

XII. **Upcoming Meetings**

A. **Northeast Region NSPE Meeting** – October 19-21 in Saratoga Springs, NY – President Hnatiuk asked the Board if PSPE is interested in hosting the 2007 NE Region NSPE meeting; there was an affirmative reaction from the Board. Pittsburgh was suggested as a potential site for this meeting.
B. Executive Committee Teleconferences – October 24, 2006, and December 19, 2006 (?)

C. Executive Committee Meetings – November 21, 2006, and January 26, 2007, in Harrisburg, PA (?)
PSPE Board of Directors: January 27, 2007, Harrisburg (?) – January 20th considered rather than the
27th.

VII. Adjournment – President Hnatiuk adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Joseph F. Boward, P.E.
PSPE Secretary