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Minutes

I. Call to Order – Harry E. Garman, PE, PLS
   President Garman called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM followed by an invocation.

II. Roll Call – Len Bernstein, PE, F.NSPE
   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

III. Additional Agenda items and/or Revisions – A request to add NSPE Fellow nominations under New Business was accepted.

IV. Approval of Minutes, May 21, 2005 – Len Bernstein, PE, F.NSPE
   On a motion, seconded and carried unanimously, with no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes for the May 21, 2005 Board of Directors Meetings were approved.

V. Financial Reports
   A. Report of the Treasurer – Len Bernstein PE, F.NSPE
   The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and filed for audit.
   B. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, PE
   The Reserve Fund Report was reviewed and filed for audit.

VI. Report of the President – Harry E. Garman, PE, PLS
   A. NSPE Future Directions Task Force Report – President Garman reported that the NSPE Board of Directors approved the Future Directions Task Force Action Plan and approved amendments to the NSPE Bylaws. President Garman encouraged all present to vote to approve the proposed amendments to the NSPE Bylaws. Minutes from NSPE can be found on the NSPE website at www.nspe.org. The user name in your NSPE membership number and the password is your last name. Past President and PA PEC Chair Drosendahl noted that under the Future Directions
plan, practice divisions will become interest groups and the five votes from the practice divisions will become three votes in the House of Delegates.

B. **NSPE Northeast Region Fall Conference – Oct. 27-29, 2005; Portsmouth, NH** – President Garman reported that, in response to a request by the NHSPE, the Executive Committee had agreed to donate $50 to the NHSPE to support the Conference as the NHSPE had done when PSPE sponsored the Conference last year.

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

A. **SSEC Planning Meeting – Austin, TX; Oct. 2-4, 2005** – John discussed how NSPE wants to become a more state concentric organization. John noted that the next meeting of the State Society Executives was scheduled for October 2-4 in Austin, TX, and that he would be attending with all expenses being covered by NSPE. John also noted that he is available to speak at Chapter meetings.

B. **Other Activities** – John noted that a discussion of other activities undertaken by the Executive since the last Board of Directors meeting was included in the Board book for this meeting and noted that he would entertain any questions. There were none.

**VIII. Legislative Report** – John Wanner, CAE – John noted that he was successful in getting a one million dollar engineering equipment grant for the Pennsylvania engineering colleges. John also noted that the MathCounts grant was scaled back from $150,000 to $75,000 and this will affect Chapters unless he is able to find more funding. John noted that he has a proclamation for the Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day. John also updated the Board about proposed changes to the Registration law by Surveyors that would allow Surveyors to design stormwater management plans. The discussion noted that the design of stormwater management plans that comply with PADEP and local regulations requires the services of an engineer with hydrology and hydraulics experience. Surveyors do not have this experience. PEPP noted issues with this proposal and President Garman said that he would look to create a Task Force to sit down with the Surveyors to discuss the issues.

A. **SB 655 – Registration Act Amendment to Protect the Title** – This bill is an attempt to tighten the engineer title. John noted that he met with Senate staff and with Registration Board staff. The Registration Board wanted a couple of changes but they had promised to get back to John by last August. They still haven’t gotten any comments back to John and he will proceed without comments from the Registration Board.

B. **Sales Tax Proposal** – This bill would tax engineering service and PSPE is opposed to the proposal.

C. **PAC Report** – Because of the sales tax issue, PAC donations have significantly increased. The PAC report is in the meeting book. John thinks there a vote this Fall, but it probably won’t pass since there appear to be only 70 votes in favor right now and 102 are need for passage.

**IX. Old Business**

A. **Committee Reports**

1. **Membership** – Deputy Executive Director Jen Summers reported in the absence of John Bradshaw, PE – Jen noted that John had been doing an excellent job on membership and that more information was in the meeting book. President-Elect Hnatiuk noted that all Chapters should provide Jen with names for Sustaining Associates solicitation. Jen also noted that she has a list of all new PEs as well as a list of all PEs. There was also a discussion about the PSPE website.
2. **Professional Development Task Force** – Michel Sadaka, PE – Michel noted that the report was in the meeting book and thanked all members of the Task Force. Michel then reported that the Task Force recommended that the Board direct the Executive Director to pursue amending the Registration Act with the continuing education model recommended by the Task Force. This led to much discussion by the Board about various aspects of the model with all Board members being given the opportunity to offer comments. Following the discussion, Michel Sadaka moved that the Board adopt the continuing education model as presented by the task Force. The motion was seconded by Eric Tappert and was carried by a vote of 17-0. Michel Sadaka then moved that the Board authorize the Executive Director to pursue amending the Registration Act based on the adopted continuing education model. The motion was seconded by Harve Hnatiuk and was carried by a vote of 14-3.

3. **Public Relation Campaign** – Frank Stanton, PE – Frank discussed developing 15 second and one minute radio messages for one or two markets and noted that he would present recommendations to the Executive Committee at its November meeting for further presentation and discussion at the January Board meeting.

4. **PSPE Conference** – Harve Hnatiuk, PE, F.NSPE – Harve noted that he and Jen researched venues in the Philadelphia area and decided on the Sheraton Park Ridge in King of Prussia for May 18-20, 2006. Harve noted that this location is very convenient in that it is located right off the PA Turnpike. Harve further noted that a tentative schedule was in the meeting book and that Frank Stanton had agreed to head the education/technical sessions effort and that Paul Dugan agreed to be Participation Chair to lead the effort to increase participation.

X. **New Business**

A. **2006-2007 Nominating Committee Report** – Ernest U. Gingrich, PE, PLS, F.NSPE – Ernie noted that the schedule for the elections was in the meeting book.

B. **Fellow Member Nominations** – Deputy Executive Director Jen Summers noted that PSPE was entitled to submit three nominations for Fellow Membership. A discussion then ensued regarding how PSPE would select three nominations. President Garman decided to create a Fellow Member Nominating Task Force that would include all PSPE Fellow Members willing to serve on the task force and appointed former PSPE President and NSPE Fellow Member Lisa Catania to serve as chair of the task force. President Garman charged the task force with reviewing the nominations received and recommending three nominees to the PSPE Board for final action. Since Fellow Member nominations must be submitted to NSPE by February 1st, Fellow Member nominations are due to PSPE by January 6th in order to have nominations finalized by the January Board meeting.

XI. **Next Meeting:** President Garman announced that the next meeting of the Board would be at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 28, 2006, in a location to be determined in the Harrisburg area.

XII. **President Garman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.**