MISSION OF PSPE: Through its leadership the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers will support, defend, and strengthen the interests of practicing licensed engineers.

I. Call to order – President Harve Hnatiuk, P.E. FNSPE

President Hnatiuk called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

II. Roll call of the Executive Committee – Secretary Joseph F. Boward, PE

A. The attached roll call sheet indicates attendance; a quorum (minimum five members in accordance with Bylaw 9, Section 3) was present.

B. Also Present:
   PSPE Executive Director – John D. Wanner, CAE
   PSPE Deputy Executive Director – Jennifer Summers

III. Additional Agenda Items or Revisions: None.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 22, 2007 – Motion to Approve the Minutes as written by President Elect Bernstein and seconded by Treasurer Nawn. Motion approved.

V. Financial Issues – John Nawn, P.E. – No new financial issues to report since last meeting.

VI. Legislative Update – John Wanner, CAE – Many bills are currently being introduced. The bill dealing with home inspectors is again being considered; PSPE will be monitoring this. The Pennsylvania Professional Engineers Registration Board is beginning the process of developing regulations for continuing education. The statute indicates that the Board has 18 months to complete regulation development. When completed, the proposed regulations will be submitted to “stake-holder” societies, including PSPE, for review and comment before they are finalized. It was suggested that PSPE delegate the regulation review to our Legislative Committee or Task Force who pushed for the legislation. When questioned about HB 558, Mr. Wanner reported that he reviewed that Bill and that it is primarily aimed at home improvement contractors. SB 100 calls for registration for anyone providing home improvement services.

A. State Budget – MATHCOUNTS and engineering equipment funds must be negotiated back into the budget. The Senate Republicans are under new leadership and issues exist between them and Democratic Governor Rendell; predictions indicate long, drawn-out budget negotiations, delaying budget completion beyond the June 2007 deadline.
VII. Committee Updates

A. Young Engineers – Dave McCullough, P.E. – A Young Engineers event is planned for 5:30 pm after the golf outing at the Country Club for the PSPE Reading, PA, Conference. The Young Engineers Committee is seeking a “celebrity” speaker. The Committee is considering placing a notice about the event in the local Chamber of Conference publication. There are reportedly 259 young engineers (under 40 years of age) who are PSPE members. PSPE staff has acquired a list of all PA engineers under 40 years old to be used for invitation submittal. The actual target audience to be actually pursued/invited was discussed. The Executive Committee also discussed possibly giving door prizes and/or one year free PSPE membership at the event.

B. 2007 Conference – Len Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE – PSPE does not yet have material for NY continuing education credits for the constructability session. Discussion ensued about what actions need to be taken to complete that task.

C. Membership – John Bradshaw, P.E. – Tim Ormiston, P.E., recently held two teleconference meetings, including one on March 1, 2007, with the Chapter Chairs; and one on March 13 with the committee only. The Committee is planning to hold teleconferences with Chapter Membership Chairs on a quarterly basis. The Committee is considering sponsoring “shared” Chapter events. The recent radio campaign and other promotional strategies were discussed.

Two Chapters were represented at the March 1, 2007, teleconference. One Committee goal is to encourage other Chapters to participate in the meetings.

D. Public Relations – Frank Stanton, P.E. – The radio campaign is completed. The next PSPE promotion-related strategy to be pursued is tracking PSPE web site “hits.” It was reported that it appears that many hits are related to MATHCOUNTS and the competition results that are published on the web. It was mentioned that there has been an eight percent overall increase in web site hits. To attract young engineers, “ramping up” the PSPE web page and its capabilities will be investigated.

E. Publications – Frank Stanton, P.E. – Zeyn Uzman, P.E., is chairing the Publications Committee; Kurt Leininger, P.E., will be assisting Mr. Uzman. They are seeking other Committee members. The Committee will most likely:

1. review, on an on-going basis, the PSPE internal communications media, including the PE Reporter and the www.pspe.org web page, continually seeking ways to improve them;
2. develop other means to consistently communicate with members and communications leaders; and
3. provide assistance, as needed, in generating PE Reporter content and other communications vehicles.

F. Title Pursuit – Michel Sadaka, P.E. – This Committee has had no recent meetings. The requested review comments from the Executive Committee members for the draft letter to be submitted to PA Municipal Supervisors have been received; the suggested modifications to the letter are being considered.

G. Awards – John Bradshaw, P.E. – It was reported that the Awards Committee Chair, Dave Williams, P.E., recently sent a notice to the Awards Committee members with Award Candidate rating forms for 2007. There are five Engineer of the Year and three Young Engineer of the Year nominees. The Awards Committee is currently evaluating nominees and must select the awardees by April 13, 2007. An awardee for the new Chapter Communication Award must also be selected.

H. 2008 PSPE Conference – John Bradshaw, P.E. Mike Poletti, P.E., of the Lincoln Chapter, volunteered to Chair the 2008 Conference, which will be co-hosted by the Lincoln and Harrisburg Chapters at the Wyndham Hotel near Gettysburg on June 5, 6 and 7, 2008. A letter was sent to Dick Thornburg asking him to be the featured speaker at the Banquet. A golf outing is being planned.
I. Practice Division Updates – None reported.

J. Roster Update – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F. NSPE – An Excel file of the roster was sent with the meeting agenda. Many committee slots remain open; some were recently filled. There is a need to fill the Publications Committee openings.

VIII. Other Business/Updates

A. ASCE Legislative Day, May 8, 2007 – John Wanner, CAE – PSPE staff is preparing notices to be submitted to membership regarding Legislative Day. The notices will be sent as a “hold-the-date” e-mail, as well as being published in the PE Reporter and on the web page. PSPE is interested in participating in the “program” preparation part of the Day, as well. Discussion ensued regarding general methods to be developed/planned for speaking to legislators. The Hilton Hotel will be the base for operations for the Day, which is to take place between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

1. PSPE Turnout – Concerns regarding PSPE turn out at Legislative Day were expressed, as many event details have yet to be finalized. Mr. Wanner indicated that he would discuss this situation with ASCE.

B. PE Reporter Advertising – John Nawn, P.E. – PSPE new solicitor, Mr. Smith, has brought in some new revenue already. No additional activity regarding this issue was reported.

C. State MATHCOUNTS Competition, March 23-24, 2007 – One-hundred-sixty-six coaches and 82 students are expected at the competition. Sixty-two students are signed up for the Friday night engineering activity.

1. PSPE Executive Committee Representation/Participation – Vice President McCullough will represent the Executive Committee at MATHCOUNTS. President Hnatiuk and President-Elect Bernstein are unable to attend due to prior commitments. Vice Presidents Sadaka and McCullough will participate in the Awards photo-ops.

D. Videoconferencing – Walt Poplawski, P.E. – Vice President Poplawski was not available to report on this item.

IX. Next Gatherings

A. Executive Committee Meeting: April 18, 2007, 9:30 AM to Noon at Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Harrisburg office.

B. Executive Committee Meeting: May 31, 2007, Inn at Reading, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

X. Adjournment – President Hnatiuk adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. BOWARD, P.E.
PSPE Secretary