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Promote and defend the interests of Pennsylvania’s Professional Engineers.

Minutes

I. Dave McCullough, P.E. called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. In attendance:
Len Bernstein, PE, F.NSPE
John Bradshaw, PE, PLS
Joe Boward, PE
John Nawn, PE, PTOE
Harve Hnatiuk, PE, F.NSPE
Walter Poplawski, PE
Dave McCullough, PE
Michel Sadaka, PE
Susan Sprague, PE

Also in attendance:
Jennifer Summers
John Wanner, CAE

III. There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. A motion was properly made and seconded to approve minutes from July 24, 2007 with the change to show the meeting was held via conference call. Motion carried.

V. Financial Reports
A. John Nawn, PE, PTOE provided the treasurer’s report. With 58% of the year elapsed, revenue stood at $197,585.75 (77%) and expenses stood at $173,792.15 (67%), leaving a balance of $23,793.60. The report will be filed for audit.

B. Michel Sadaka, PE reported that the reserve fund performed similar to the overall market. He will continue to watch the fund for anything unusual.

C. John Nawn stated that based on reports from NSPE which show a member by member accounting of dues advanced to PSPE from NSPE, and dues collected from members in 2006, that PSPE does have an outstanding balance of $8,011.06. A motion was made and properly seconded to repay the balance in full to NSPE in 2007. Motion carried.

VI. Len Bernstein, P.E. F.NSPE reported on his activities to date. Len received an invitation from the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council to speak about PSPE. Lisa Catania, PE, F.NSPE; Zeyn Uzman, PE, F.NSPE; Jason Schmoyer, PE; and Dave Williams, PE have been confirmed as continuing as chair of their respective committees for the 2007-08 year.
VII. Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE provided a report from the NSPE Annual Meeting in Denver.

A. Education sessions at the convention were okay. Attendees from Pennsylvania included John Kampmeyer, PE, F.NSPE; Paul Dugan, PE; Barry Isett, PE; and Fred Akl, PE. The meeting of the Northeast Region states was informative. The majority of states in the northeast are proceeding with unified dues. Harve reported that PSPE is studying the possibility of simplifying dues, but is in no rush. Most states in the northeast are repaying their dues advance from NSPE; New Jersey is not inclined to repay what they consider "payment in lieu of service."

B. John Nawn reported on the PSPE Unified Dues Task Force findings. The committee was charged with providing direction to the PSPE representative to the NSPE HoD meeting on the issue of unifying dues. The task force learned that the NSPE Board of Directors voted in April to recommend that all state societies adopt a system of unified dues within their state and that further action was not anticipated at the HoD meeting in July. The task force recommended to the executive committee that simplifying the dues structure in Pennsylvania be examined prior to the 2008 "big renewal." As part of the research prior to any recommendation about simplified dues, John will ask each chapter to provide their financial report to him.

C. Tim McGough PE, Northeast Region Secretary has resigned from the position due to demands on his time. Matt Purcell, PE (NH) will assume the duties of Regional Managing Director, Harry Garman, PE, PLS (PA) will serve as NER candidate screening committee chair, and Joe Brennan PE (VT) will serve as secretary for the 2007-2008 term.

D. The Northeast Region Meeting will be held as follows:

1. 2007: November 8 – 10, Nassau Inn, New Jersey
2. 2008: October 2 – 4, Portland, Maine
3. 2009: Pennsylvania – Date and location to be determined

VIII. John Wanner, CAE reported that the staff activities are included in the meeting material. In addition to daily responsibilities and ongoing projects, John pointed out frustrations with the draft CE regulations. He contacted the state registration board president to see how PSPE could ease the process.

IX. John Wanner CAE reported on legislative activity.

A. The issue of taxing professional services has risen again. A taskforce has formed to study the possibilities and implications, and of course to decide which services will be taxed. PSPE will monitor to avoid taxation of engineering services.

B. Chet Allen has been attending meetings on the State Building Code. A bill has been drafted to set up an advisory committee whose role would be to advise and provide insight to the legislators on issues affected by the code.

C. There will be a public hearing on a home inspectors bill. The language has not yet been published. Staff will send an e-mail to members regarding the public hearing date, and identify engineers to testify.

D. John reported that the PAC fund currently stands at $2,738.93, which is always helpful in getting to spend time with legislators.

X. Committee/Task Force Reports

A. Awards – Susan Sprague, P.E. reported no committee activity at this point in the year.

B. Communications & Publications – There is no committee activity to report. Staff was requested to update the board material on the members’ only section of the website

C. Conferences

1. 2008 Conference Committee – John Bradshaw, P.E. reported that 4 out of 11 committee members were able to meet via conference call to discuss plans for the upcoming conference in Gettysburg, June 5 – 7, 2008.

2. The committee for the 2009 Conference is being formed.
D. Constitution & Bylaws – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE reported no committee activity at this time.
E. Membership – John Bradshaw, P.E. reported that the membership committee will reconvene via conference call on September 12.
F. Nominating – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE reported that correspondence has been mailed to chapter leaders requesting nominations for the 2008-2009 officers. The following members were identified to serve on the nominating committee:
   Southeast ................................................................. Carl DuPoldt, P.E. (Delaware County)
   Northwest ...................................................................................... George Willis, P.E. (Erie)
   Central ......................................................................... Bob Reisinger, P.E. (Lincoln)*
   Southwest ........................................................................ Dave Briskey (Pittsburgh)*
   Northeast ......................................................................................To be determined
* To be confirmed
G. Public Relations – There is no committee activity to report at this time.
H. Title Pursuit – Michel Sadaka, P.E. reported no committee activity at this time.
I. Young Engineers – David McCullough, P.E. reported that there will be a young engineers event at the 2008 conference in Gettysburg.

XI. Old Business – There was no unfinished business carried over from previous meetings.

XII. New Business
   A. Len Bernstein, John Bradshaw, and one staff person will represent PSPE at the NSPE Northeast Region Fall Conference – November 8-10, 2007 at the Nassau Inn, Princeton, NJ.

XIII. Upcoming Executive Committee Gatherings
   A. September – Executive Committee and Board meetings, September 28-29 at Hyatt Place Cranberry (136 Emeryville Drive, Cranberry Township 16066.)
   B. October Teleconference – October 24, 2007, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
   C. November 28 – PSPE Executive Committee meeting in person. John Bradshaw will check on the availability of the conference room at Michael Baker in Harrisburg.
   D. December – TBD.

XIII. Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE thanked the members of the executive committee for their time and commitment.

XIV. A motion was properly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Summers

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