



The Philadelphia Engineer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This is my last communication memorandum as your president of 2014-2015. Our new president will be Tom Friese, PE. He has many years of experience in management of organizations and people. You always will be able to meet Tom in our meetings and conferences.

Lately, our monthly meetings have been well attended. The new location for meetings at Sheraton demonstrated that. The tours of the Naval Shipyard and Franklin Institute stayed as the absolute success. Our Engineering Week Banquet went well.

Philadelphia Chapter Math Counts Competition was successful and as expected, produced good responses from participants. In May, during our last meeting the winners will be presented with deserved prizes.

I would like to express my appreciations for electing me to the position of the Philadelphia Chapter President. It was very important for me to keep the chapter going in the directions outlined by the wonderful board and chapter members.

Best wishes to all of you.

Yefim Gudesblat, PE

From the Editor

At our April Chapter meeting, a Committee was formed to again look at the two biggest issues for our Chapter:

- 1 – What may encourage current member participation?
- 2 – What may encourage other PE's to join PSPE?

Our current Program has for the past few years focused upon the needs of members and non-members to obtain the required PDH continuing education credits required for both Pennsylvania and for other states. Our PIE committee works hard to assure that our programs will meet the exacting needs of New York. We believe our programs meet the needs of New Jersey, including ethics credits. Our Chapter has been provided pre-approval authority for Florida.

But many members may be able to obtain necessary credits elsewhere. Our Chapter was (and remains) instrumental in our State PSPE 24 PDH Boot Camp. The PSPE State Conference provides another opportunity (and always just before the deadline.) We are working to provide a library of on-line offerings at \$5 per PDH. NSPE has a number of PDH on-line offerings free to members. Other societies and for-profit entities offer a variety of means to get necessary PDH credits.

And so – the question to our members is what else can our society do to provide a benefit to participants? Your comments – to President@PSPE-Philly.org – are the first step to energize our leadership for the next year.

Philadelphia Chapter Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2015

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

Chart House Seafood Restaurant
555 S Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Social: 5:15 PM - Dinner: 6:15 PM

Caesar Salad

Choice of Prime Rib or Herb Crusted Tilapia

Crème Brulee and Coffee

Presentations 7:00 PM

Price - \$35 Free Parking

PSPE Philadelphia believes that this program will be not accepted for Professional Development Hour credit in PA, but may in other model states for participation in professional society activities.

Reservations: on-line at www.pspe-philly.org

If you must use a company check, or for more information, please [email](mailto:rich.horenburger@pspe-philly.org) treasurer Rich Horenburger, P.E..

Philadelphia Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Annual STEM Awards Night at CBS3

1555 Hamilton Street - entrance on 16th Street
between Callowhill and Spring Garden Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19130

More information will be provided online at:
www.pspe-philly.org

PSPE Greater Philadelphia and Delaware Valley Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards

The Outstanding, Notable and Honorable winners for outstanding engineering achievements were:

1. [Schuylkill River Trail Extension – Locust to South](#)
2. [Route 29 Roadway Improvement Project](#).
3. [U of P's South Bank Greenhouse Project](#).

Click the project link to see these OEA presentations.

Winners were honored at the PSPE Banquet on February 28th at Springfield Country Club

MATHCOUNTS

MathCounts was held on Saturday, February 21st at Temple University and hosted by the College of Engineering.

Winners were honored at our February Engineers' Week Banquet and will again be honored at our May Awards Night.

**To donate to MathCounts Philadelphia
Use the PAY PAL DONATE button below**

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Volunteers are needed to plan for next year and assist in this great program for middle school students. Please contact Abraham EI at ael@pennoni.com for more information.

Teacher Awards

Our Chapter will be again honoring the top Math and Science Teachers at our May Awards Meeting at CBS3. Winners for this year are:

Science Awardee – Ms Deanna Giustino
Mastery Charter Shoemaker Campus

Mathematics Awardee – Mr Ryan Reed
MAST (Math, Science & Technology) Community Charter

NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to Bylaw 12, Section 6, Nominees for Officers and our Board, as provided by the Nominations Committee (or by petition) are provided below:

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| Thomas J. Friese, PE | President |
| automatic succession from President-Elect | |
| Robert Cargill, PE | President-Elect |
| Eric Hoet, PE | Vice President |
| Abraham EI, EIT | Secretary |
| Richard Horenburger, PE | Treasurer |
| Leslie (Les) D. Johnson, PE | Membership Secretary |
| Soheila Rahbari, PE | State Director |
| this is a three year position completing in May 2018 | |
| Fredric Plotnick, PE | Alt State Director |
| *Robert Kaminski, PE | Chapter Director, 2016 |
| *Mark Kucirka, PE | Chapter Director, 2016 |
| *Philip Udo-Inyang, PE | Chapter Director, 2017 |
| *Ed Pluciennik, PE | Chapter Director, 2017 |
| Justin Alexander, PE | Chapter Director, 2018 |
| Rick Parisi, PE | Chapter Director, 2018 |
| Yefim S. Gudesblat, PE | Past President |

(* nominees; others from previous election or appointment)

High School Scholarships

Our Chapter will be again awarding scholarships to high school students who reside or attend in Philadelphia County. Two students will receive a \$500 stipend and a merit scholarship provided by Drexel (of \$5000 per year for 5 years) or Temple (of \$2000 per year for 4 years) University. Students will be honored at our May 27th STEM Awards Night at CBS3.

Our Chapter is proud to support
PSPE 24 PDH Boot Camp

East April 12-14, 2015 - Valley Forge
West June 7 – 9, 2015 - Pittsburgh
visit <http://pspe.org/education/continuing-education/pspe-boot-camp-east/> for more

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