PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The past year as president has gone quickly, but nonetheless has been successful for the Chapter. Through a true group effort, we have been able to continue serving our fellow professionals and supporting the community in which we live and work; in particular events that promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) educational activities.

Our programs for members have included opportunities for continuing education such as geotechnical engineering of raising slabs through pressure grouting, electrical engineering topics such as the evolution of variable speed drives and civil engineering the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk. We had a tour of the SEPTA Control Center which was fascinating and showed the cutting edge side of SEPTA’s work, including the soon to be introduced electronic fare collection system.

Our annual banquet gave us an opportunity to publicly congratulate the winners of the Delaware Valley Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award, hear a very interesting presentation by the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year, Kevin Johnson, PE, as well as socialize with our friends in the society.

The year started off in May 2015 with another successful celebration of STEM activities at our awards dinner held at and sponsored by CBS3 in Philadelphia. Sea Perch, Future Cities and Mathcounts students were well represented and treated to a behind the scenes tour of the CBS3 all-digital (the first in the US) television and radio studio. And Mathcounts was the main event at the annual competition we sponsored along with Temple University in February 2016.

I believe our greatest accomplishment this year was increasing attendance at our monthly events, and particularly seeing new faces. I look forward as past president, and my new role as State Director (Chapter liaison with the State Board) to helping increase involvement even more and promoting the understanding of the importance of engineering and engineers to our world. Thank you to all those in the Chapter who have made this year the success that it was.

Thank you,
Tom

From the Editor

The reason I joined PSPE and became an active Member of the Philadelphia Chapter was to assist ALL Engineers – and all members of the general public. I think we are doing a good job at this – but we need help – we need your help.

For the coming year our Chapter will help all Engineers obtain necessary continuing education and perhaps foster more opportunities to meet with and work with others of our varying disciplines for the betterment of our careers and our efforts to protect and serve the public.

Come join us.
MATHCOUNTS

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

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

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

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PSPE Greater Philadelphia and Delaware Valley Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards

The Outstanding, Notable and Honorable winners for outstanding engineering achievements were:
1. Vine Street Expressway Bridge Rehabilitation
2. Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center
3. Sugarhouse Casino Expansion

Winners were honored at the PSPE Banquet on February 27th at Springfield Country Club.

Links to see these OEA presentations are provided on our Chapter website www.pspe-philly.org.

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Engineers' Creed

As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.
I pledge:
• To give the utmost of performance;
• To participate in none but honest enterprise;
• To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct;
• To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.
In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.
Adopted by National Society of Professional Engineers, June 1954

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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:

Robert Cargill, PE President
automatic succession from President-Elect
Erik Hoet, PE President-Elect
Carl St. Pierre, PE Vice President
Thomas Friese, PE Past President:
Abraham El Secretary
Abraham El Membership Secretary
Jake Medendorp, IV, EIT Treasurer
Thomas Friese, PE State Director
this is a three year position completing in May 2019
Soheilla Rahbari, PE Alt State Director
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
vacant Chapter Director, 2019
vacant Chapter Director, 2019

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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 25th STEM Awards Night at CBS3.

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Our Chapter is proud to support PSPE 24 PDH Boot Camp East April 2017
Radisson Hotel Valley Forge
visit http://pspe.org/education/continuing-education/pspe-boot-camp-east/ for more

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(look for this app on our website)