

DELAWARE ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Minutes of DES BOARD MEETING

held
April 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Ziegler at approximately 11:00 am at the offices of Duffield Associates. Attendees were as follows:

- Ahmad Faqiri
- Michael Keefe
- Mark Parker
- John Chromy
- Michael Angelo
- Stacy Ziegler

1. **Introductions.** Michael Angelo is attending meeting, as invited by Ahmad, to learn more about DES and DES Board functions.
2. **MathCOUNTS download.** MathCOUNTS state competition was held on Tuesday, March 18th at the Del Tech Stanton Campus. 14 schools participated and approximately 20 volunteers assisted. Event, chaired by Meghan Lester, went smoothly. Following are the results of the State Competition:

- Individuals:
1. Gina Wong – Hanby Middle School
 2. Bohan Wei – Shue-Medill Middle School
 3. Quing Lu – Shue-Medill Middle School
 4. Daniel Wang – HB Dupont Middle School

- Teams:
1. Hanby Middle School
 2. Shue-Medill Middle School
 3. HB Dupont Middle School
 4. Independence School

The Board discussed that, in accordance with MathCOUNTS National guidelines, that the coach of the winning team will accompany the 4 top individuals to the National competition. DES MathCOUNTS chair will not attend national competition. The cost of the students and the coach are paid for by MathCOUNTS National. DES Board would consider possible financial support for an additional chaperone or to support a student activity while on the trip. Stacy to get further details on the arrangements to date from Meghan, for further discussion with the Board.

3. **Golf Tournament.** Peter Mandeville of Duffield Associates is working to coordinate this effort. Tournament will be held on April 24, 2008 at the Frog Hollow Golf Club in Middletown. Announcements have been sent out to DES membership (via e-mail) and to members of ACEC. Mark to obtain list of E-week ticket purchaser so that they can be directly contacted regarding golf tournament. Mark has signs from previous tournaments ... will pass on to Pete and Stacy. Mark suggested that a list of people/ companies who have signed up be added to the golf tournament advertisement on the website. Stacy to coordinate this with the webmaster.
4. **Government Engineer of the Year.** Deadline for submissions is April 3, 2008. Only 1 nomination to date. Ahmad to convene the committee to review the nominations in the coming weeks. Committee will provide recommendation to DES Board for approval prior to next Board meeting. It was discussed that if there is not

a worthy candidate that committee can recommend that no Government Engineer of the Year be awarded this year.

5. **Annual Meeting.** UD President Harker declined to speak at the DES Annual Meeting. Mark Parker to contact Brad Aldrich, President Elect of NSPE, to see if he will speak at the meeting. Date of June 10th has been targeted, although final date will be determined based on Mr. Aldrich's availability. Board agreed that recent new PE's (Fall 2007, and Spring 2008 if list is available in time) will be invited to attend the meeting free of charge, and will be recognized at the meeting.
6. **Website.** Website has been updated with Golf tournament info, info from E-week banquet and MathCOUNTS results. "Updated on _____" was added to home page. Board agreed to continue with current webmaster (Mad House Graphics) and to renew yearly contract at rate of \$20.00 per month. It was suggested that the DES Constitution and Bylaws be posted on the website. Stacy to coordinate this with the webmaster.
7. **Treasurer's report** was discussed (see attached). One of the Certificates of Deposit at Artisans Bank will mature in the coming week. Board agreed to cash out the CD to the checking account. Mike is going to look into available savings accounts at Wilmington Trust and ING to find an interest bearing account with the ability to transfer funds to checking account easily.
8. **National News.** Upcoming National conference in Portland, Oregon in July. Mark's 2 year term serving as National Delegate will end in July 2008. Mark offered to serve as delegate for a 2nd term, unless Stacy wishes to take position. John Chromy has served as delegate in the past and declined position at this time. If Mark does not serve as Delegate, he plans to join the Licensure committee to replace Jack Billingsley.
9. **Board Positions.** Secretary position remains vacant. Vice President position will also be vacant in June. Board needs to continue discussions to find new candidates. Mike Angelo is considering a position. Ahmad has also spoken to Bill Detwiler and Mike Fessler for possible involvement.
10. **Newsletter.** Board agreed that newsletter should be sent out prior to golf tournament if possible. Stacy to prepare draft in the coming week for review by Board. Topics to include MathCOUNTS summary, E-week summary and upcoming events, including golf tournament and annual meeting.
11. **Topics for Next Board Meeting.**
 - **Annual meeting planning**
 - **Board positions**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m..

The next scheduled meeting of the DES Board will be held on **Friday May 2, 2008 at 12:30 pm at Duffield Associates' office.**

It is my opinion that these minutes accurately reflect the discussions of the referenced meeting. By copy of these minutes, attendees are requested to carefully review this information, and if appropriate, provide comments, additions, and revisions to me as soon as possible. Should comments be received, I will modify these minutes as appropriate. If comments are not received within 7 calendar days following the issuance of these minutes, they will be assumed to accurately represent discussions at the meeting, and the minutes shall stand as written.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy B. Ziegler, P.E.
President, DES

Enclosures: Treasurer's Report for March 2008