

DELAWARE ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Minutes of DES Board Meeting held January 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ahmad Faqiri at approximately 9:00 am at the Office of Pennoni Associates. Attendees were as follows:

- Ahmad Faqiri (President)
- Stacey Ziegler (Past President)
- Mike Keefe (Treasurer)
- Jason Winterling (Secretary)
- John Cromey (Bylaws Committee Chair)
- Dan Barbato (DAPE Representative)
- Joe Challburg (E-week Committee Chair)

1. EOY (Pasquale S. Canzano) and YEOY (Philip A. Horsey) - Ahmad asked if DES traditionally put out a press release recognizing the EOY and YEOY. Mark said this is not traditionally done, but if Janet Dill is willing to create one for the papers to pick up she could contact the winners. Ahmad will send out the biography of each winner once they have been returned and Janet can contact them on her own.

2. New PE Recognition at E-week Banquet – Dan Barbato will be heading the committee that coordinates between DES, DAPE and the E-Week Banquet Committee to have the new PE's recognized at the E-Week Banquet. At the banquet, Dan and Greg Polowski will give short presentation on what DAPE offers in addition to licensure, and call for the new PE's to give back by volunteering on DAPE committees. DAPE will be sending out letters and an invitation email to the new PE's early next week. The emails will ask for response by January 30th.

DES is willing to pick up the additional costs for inviting the new PE's and their spouses (one additional complementary ticket), with the intention of promoting NSPE/DES membership from the new PE's. Some additional fund will be provided by DAPE to help with event costs. Mark suggested that any additional tickets required by the PE's should come at a reduced (\$25) charge.

Jason has reached out to NSPE National to obtain promotional 6 month free memberships for the new PE's and inquire about partial funding from National for holding the event. He will also

be getting the updated member spread sheet from National. Mark mentioned the potential use Integrated Management System on the NSPE website to obtain the list.

3. Newsletter- Stacy will begin the next newsletter and send it to the council members for approval and additional articles. Mark said he will help with the addition of articles and one of his administrative assistants may be able to help put it together.

4. E-Week Banquet- Joe Challburg gave an E-Week update, planning is on schedule and the next meeting will be held February 4th. All new PE's will be recognized in the E-Week brochure.

5. Golf Outing- Stacy will ask Pete Madeville to research potential dates, courses and costs for the golf outing to be discussed at the next meeting. The tentative date for the golf outing will be in late April or early June. The outing will be advertised at the E-Week banquet.

6. Scholarships- Stacy said she has recently received 35 applications thru DHEC that were previously held up. The group decided that 4-5 \$2000 scholarships can be awarded due to excess funds and difficult economic times. Mike Keefe noted that the scholarships are merit based and any hardships can be used only as tie-breakers for equally qualified applicants. Jason has volunteered to help rate the applicants. Mark suggested that on future applications and inquiry be made of past participation in the Math COUNTS program.

7. Math-Counts- Delaware Day was held on January 15th

8. National Contact- Jason has reached out to Mary Ann Cannon to become the National Contact on file for DES.

9. Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit - Stacey and Ahmad completed are review of the 2007-2008 accounting records following the meeting.

10. Governor's Proclamation and Photo Opp. – Mark will contact Gov. Jack Markel to set up the photo opportunity before the banquet.

11. Iron Ring Ceremony – Mark asked that some people from industry attend the Iron Ring ceremony at the University of Delaware on the 17th of February. Jason said that he will get his Iron ring and he will give mark his ring size. Mark will send the flyer for the event to be included on the website.

12. DCES Council Meeting – Ahmad suggested that, following the E-Week banquet a DCES Council meeting be held to review all of the organizations involved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the DES Board will be held the **week of February 13, 2009 9:00 am at Pennoni 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,

Jason Winterling
Secretary, DES