

DELAWARE ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Minutes of DES Board Meeting held July 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ahmad Faqiri at approximately 12:15 pm at the Office of Pennoni Associates. Attendees were as follows:

- Ahmad Faqiri (President)
- Mark Parker (Past President)
- Meghan Lester (MathCounts Chair)
- Jason Winterling (Secretary)
- Tommy Coleman
- Matthew Lichtenstein
- Douglas Hokuf
- Dan Barbato (DAPE)

1. New Members – Jason introduced Tommy, Matthew, and Douglas as new members and invited them to be involved in the various committees of DES.

2. Government Engineer of the Year – Ahmad provided the board with an email from Mike Angelo recommending Mr. James Pappas, DeIDOT for Government EOY. Mark suggested completing the board's approval of the candidate via email. (At the time these meeting minutes are being submitted, James Pappas has been approved by the board as GEOY.)

3. Annual Meeting Plans- Upon the approval of James Pappas as government EOY, his award will be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in September. In addition to the presentation of the GEOY, all new PE's will receive their certificates from DAPE. Dan Barbato said he has confirmed with Greg Pawlowski that he is willing to present the PE Certificates and that he has received the list of new PE's.

Mark suggested that, in the future, if the board would like to present all new PE's with certificates at the Annual Meeting, the bylaws must be changed to move the Annual Meeting permanently to August or September. The board has decided to hold 2 events in the future, separately recognizing the GEOY in the June Annual Meeting and New PE's in the fall, potentially with one event in conjunction with a golf outing.

- a. **Annual Meeting Date-** The board has selected Thursday September 17th to hold the Annual Meeting.
- b. **Location/Venue-** Ahmad suggested that a location in Dover be used for the Annual Meeting to be held due to the selection of a DelDOT employee as GEOY. Dover Downs and the Sheraton were suggested as possible venues. Mike Angelo and Ahmad will coordinate to select the venue.
- c. **Guest Speaker-** Mark suggested that he could reach out to the Governor or the Lt. Governor to speak at the Annual Meeting. He also mentioned that at the National Conference he will determine if any National board members would be able to attend/speak.
- d. **Advertisement/Flyer-** Once planning has been completed for the meeting a flyer will be sent out by email and mail to advertise the event by Jason.

4. **Newsletter-** Meghan has volunteered to help put together the Newsletter for circulation before the Annual Meeting. The following articles will be included: Math Counts wrap up and message to volunteers by Meghan, National Update on the St Louis conference by Mark, Golf Outing advertisement, Annual Meeting advertisement and GEOY, Message from the President from Ahmad. As a result of Doug's question of "what does DES do for me", Ahmad will address this in the Presidents Message. Jason will locate Newsletter template and forward to Meghan.

5. **Golf Outing-** Tommy has volunteered to join the Golf Outing organization committee and begin to collect course rate information. A temporary date for the Golf Outing has been set on Thursday October 8th.

6. **Math-Counts-** Meghan provided an updated on the Math Counts competition and asked for volunteers to call schools/present at schools. The group decided it would split up the list to call all of the schools and send out an information mailing with a memo from DES. Meghan also suggested acquiring Math Counts sponsors early on for schools because one of the main reasons for lack of participation is funding by the schools. Schools can be registered for the competition from September to December. Meghan also has a bill from Del-tech for use of the facilities at the past years event, and said that Tower Hill School has been a no show at the event recently. Mark suggested sending them a bill for the registration fees covered by DES.

The board discussed the potential for Math Counts to be expanded to a North division (New Castel) and South division (Kent and Sussex). Meghan noted that the schools enjoy Math Counts day (Math and Science tour currently held at UD) and if this could be held at a lower Delaware venue this may increase interest. Del State was suggested as an additional venue for Math Counts day. Mark also suggested the city planning competition at another way to involve the students.

7. National News- Jason has been in contact with National regarding dues. A review of the current dues is necessary for involvement in the 6-months free membership program. At this time the dues will remain the same, but Mark suggested that in the future the board make it a policy to increase dues annually by 2%. Jason has placed an order for partial reimbursement with NSPE for the New PE's from the E-week banquet.

Mark discussed some of the national issues at hand. Some of the meetings that he will be attending will discuss State only dues and B+30. Also, Mark stated that his position as National delegate will be over next July.

8. DCES Council Meeting – Jason will begin to organize a meeting to discuss the involvement of other societies in DCES. Jason also noted that Dario would like to step down as treasurer of DCES.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the DES Board will be held the **week of August 3rd, 2009 12:00 pm 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

Enclosures: James Pappas Recommendation for GEOY Email

Current Dues Spreadsheet