



# The Philadelphia Engineer

Founding Chapter 1934 – July/August 2020 issue

Chapter Annual Meeting  
was held May 21, 2020

First Chapter Summer Board Meeting  
was held May 21, 2020  
via Skype and teleconference

for details go to [www.pspe-philly.org](http://www.pspe-philly.org)

## Letter from the Editor

Our Chapter is working in these unprecedented times to continue our Mission to serve Chapter and State Members, all Engineers and the general public we are pledged to protect. Our dues may be down as some Members have deferred payments. Our investment income may be down as corporate dividends are scaled back. Our programs face challenges of maintaining social distancing and the **safety of our Members and the Public**. But we are Engineers and will face and meet these challenges.

Professional Engineers must still maintain current skills and education. All involved in engineering still need to meet, network and exchange experiences. What new problems have we faced? How have we dealt with these issues? And how have we dealt with personal issues?

PSPE-Philadelphia will continue to provide Events and Monthly Meetings. When deemed safe we will conduct tours of interesting and relevant local projects. We are morphing our Continuing Education to be virtual, but with all requirements to be pre-approved by PA, NJ, other model states, and even NY.

Our signature program **Outstanding Engineering Achievements**, will also be going virtual. So look to those projects you will finish this 2020 year despite the pandemic, and get your Nominations to us by NOV 16th. Those selected to compete should then prepare a ten minute Voice-over-PowerPoint or similar presentation to share via Zoom (Q&A by CHAT) on DEC 3rd. Judges will meet after the Meeting, results published next day.

Following the Presentations you will be invited to chat and network with other attendees via Zoom Breakout rooms. RESULT – Shorter Meeting! Easier “commute” Better meal for less expense served at your own home.

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## Our New Board 2020-21

As Elected at our Chapter Meeting of April 30th held by Skype and Teleconference

Chris Fell, PE	President
vacant	President-Elect
vacant	Vice President
Fredric L Plotnick, PE	Past President
Linda Douthwaite, PE	Secretary
Abraham EI	Membership Secretary
Linda Douthwaite, PE	Treasurer
Abraham EI	State Director
this is a three year position completing in May 2023	
Thomas Friese, PE	Alt State Director
Rick Parisi, PE	Chapter Director, 2021
Robert Cargill, PE	Chapter Director, 2021
Yefim Gudesblat, PE	Chapter Director, 2022
Justin Alexander, PE	Chapter Director, 2022
Ed Pluciennik, PE	Chapter Director, 2023
vacant	Chapter Director, 2023
directors serve three years completing year noted	

**NOMINATIONS for 2021-21 are now OPEN**  
See **BYLAW 12 – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

at <http://pspe-philly.org/bylaws/PhilaChapterBylawsVersion4-7-2005.pdf>

**Chapter seeks volunteers to join Nomination Committee**

SECTION 1. The nomination of officers and Directors shall be made by a **Nominating Committee**. This committee shall be appointed by the President early in the administrative year, and shall consist of at least five members of the Chapter, in good standing, one of whom shall be the living most recent Past President currently on the rolls of the Chapter, who shall serve as chair of the Committee.

Interested individuals may contact [president@pspe-philly.org](mailto:president@pspe-philly.org)

## #PECON20 modified by Covid-19

### Announcing Virtual PE Conference 2020

NSPE is planning to host a suite of online events that will constitute a Virtual PE Conference in August, around the **annual celebration of PE Day, August 5, 2020,**

Join us for #PECON21 in



Philadelphia August, 2021

# NSPE #PECON20

## PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS CONFERENCE

### AUGUST 3 - 7

NSPE's annual conference is now Virtual!

The 2020 annual conference was planned to be held in Philadelphia but due to Covid19 has been now to be totally online. Your Philadelphia Chapter is a \$1000 sponsor, and will also be recognized as a sponsor when NSPE holds the 2021 now also to be in Philadelphia.

But for now, we have a full week of #PECON20 events unfolding, starting Monday August 3rd.

### Get interesting and informative education.

<https://www.nspe.org/resources/virtual-2020-professional-engineers-conference/glance>

Monday, August 3, 2020

Communications Skills for PEs Track

- 10-11 NSPE Zoom Welcome and Coffee Talk
- 12-1 Present With Impact: A Professional Engineer's Guide to Making Effective Presentations  
by Roger Grannis
- 2-3 Technical Writing for Professional Engineers  
by Susan E Boone, F.SAME, CF.APMP
- 4-5 Ensuring Successful Stakeholder Involvement  
by Mr Nicholas Albergo, PE, DEE, DWRE, F.ASCE
- 6-7 Post Session Roundtable Chat

and TUE and WED and THU and FRI

\$39 per session, \$99 per day, \$249 all week

## PSPE Annual Conference

The PSPE Annual Conference was to be held in Philly in conjunction with National in mid-August. But as NSPE goes Virtual for 2020, PSPE will now have a separate event, also to be virtual and at a date to be announced near the end of September. Those Members desiring to participate or otherwise volunteer please contact Jennifer Summers at [jennifer@wannerassoc.com](mailto:jennifer@wannerassoc.com).

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While our Chapter hopes to again hold fact-to-face events by January, these may be other than our traditional sit-down lecture. We may be able to conduct a tour with appropriate social distancing. We may hold a non-lecture social or networking event. All is possible.

We are planning to continue with our Annual eWeek Banquet set for Saturday February 27th. Chair Tom Friese, PE is looking for input and volunteers, contact Tom at [eweek@pspe-philly.org](mailto:eweek@pspe-philly.org).

Covid-19 presents issues, but we are Engineers and will deal with the environment and its issues.

Fredric L. Plotnick, PhD, Esq, PE - editor

## Philadelphia Chapter Program 2019-2020-2021

We are now developing our program for 2020-21

Those desiring to assist our Chair of Programs: Joseph Maida, to share knowledge, or to suggest a tour or venue for Members and other Engineers to meet and share experiences, please contact Joe at [programs@pspe-philly.org](mailto:programs@pspe-philly.org).

Our program for last year, 2019-20 is provided below. We continue to look to our Members for suggestions and to volunteer to share knowledge with your peers. Please contact our leadership at [President@PSPE-Philly.org](mailto:President@PSPE-Philly.org).

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Philadelphia Chapter 2019-2020 Program	
Date	Event – Click Event for Details
Sep. 5, 2019	<a href="#">The Rail Park</a>
Sep 19-20, 2019	<a href="#">PSPE State Conference Bethlehem</a>
Sep 26-27, 2019	<a href="#">PhillyChapter Education BootCamp</a>
Oct. 3, 2019	<a href="#">Power Plants 101</a> <a href="#">Sky Diving Wind Tunnel</a>
<b>Nov. 7, 2019</b>	<a href="#">Smart Cities</a> <a href="#">Amusement Rides</a>
Dec. 5, 2019 SE Regional	<a href="#">DV Region Outstanding Engineering Achievement Program</a>
Dec. 10, 2019 ECP Multi-Society	<a href="#">Annual Multi-Society Meeting</a> DoubleTree 237 Broad â€ 5:30pm
Jan. 9, 2020	<a href="#">Electrical Safety in the Workplace</a> <a href="#">Ethics, Fairness and PE License</a>
Jan. 23 2020	<a href="#">Tour Philadelphia Airport</a>
Feb 1, 2020 MathCounts	<a href="#">Phila Chapter MathCounts at Temple University</a>
Feb. 6, 2020	<a href="#">Legislative Round Table at Chart House Restaurant</a>
Feb 13, 2020 ECP eWeek	<a href="#">Dinner Event by Engineers' Club</a> Doubletree Hotel
Feb 22, 2020 NSPE PA/NJ Engineers' Week Banquet	<a href="#">Greater Philadelphia and Delaware Valley Regional National Engineers' Week Banquet</a> at Chart House Restaurant
Mar 5, 2020	<a href="#">Fracking</a> <a href="#">ASTM Walkway Safety Standards</a>
Apr 30, 2020 Cancelled by Covid	<a href="#">Helical Piles and Geotech at Phila Navy Yard</a>
May 21, 2020	Annual Meeting & Officers Installed

MathCounts competition is February,

but Chair Abraham El needs volunteers now to help build the MathCounts teams in 6th, 7th and 8th grade schools starting now for re-launch in September.

Contact at [MathCounts@pspe-philly.org](mailto:MathCounts@pspe-philly.org).

