

# The Philadelphia Engineer

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# 2019-20 Chapter Program The Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Philadelphia Chapter

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Social 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Program 6:30-8:30 Chart House Restaurant 555 S Christopher Columbus Blvd - Phila

# TWO PROGRAMS on PROFESSIONALISM PSPE's Lobbyist on Current Legislation Chat with the PA Board of Engineers

During our first hour, returning to the origins of our Society, this round table provides Members an opportunity to shape our Society input to our State Legislators. Led by John Wanner, our Society lobbyist, we will discuss one or more of the bills now pending in the PA Legislature.

During our second hour, we will chat with Frank Stanton, President of the Board of Engineers, on how the Board helps guide Engineers to protect the public. Issues relating to ethics and the civic obligations of professional engineers will also be discussed.

Cost is \$25 for Members of PSPE - \$40 for non-members

Click www.PSPE-Philly.org for Reservations

# Outstanding Engineering Achievement Program

Top regional projects judged by Presidents of regional chapters Winners for 2019:

#### **Professional Systems Engineering**

Pennsylvania Capitol Police Integrated Command Center

Notable: Maida Engineering
Sky Diving Wind Tunnel Power and Drive System

Honorable: Pennoni Associates

**Edge Hill Road/Tvson Avenue Improvement Project** 

Click projects above for PDF of presentation

## **2020 NATIONAL ENGINEERS' WEEK**

# **BANQUET**

Hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter of PSPE

Keynote Address Richard Paleski CBS National Engineer "Projects become obsolete – not Engineers"

Saturday - February 22, 2020
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Chart House Restaurant
555 S Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-625-8383 - Free Parking
Recognize, Promote and Celebrate the Role
Engineers fill in the Greater Philadelphia Area

90 Minute Reception before dinner is served (with Hot Butlered Hors d 'Oeuvres and Cash Bar) then a Full Course Dinner and an after dinner Dessert Reception

- Program and Presentations -

Presentation of Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards
Presentation of MathCounts and STEM Awards

Price per person is \$70.00 - Student Rate is \$35.00



#### **MATHCOUNTS**

#### MathCounts is Saturday, February 1st

MATHCOUNTS is a program sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) and its state and local Chapters, promoting excellence in mathematics. Each year, there are competitions to engage 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and recognize the best schools and students on a local, state, and national level. For those not local to Philadelphia but interested in helping at a MATHCOUNTS competition near you, please consider volunteering with a great program.

To volunteer or for more information contact Abraham El O: 215-254-7778 | M: 215-796-5261 | AEI@ Pennoni.com

To Donate to Mathcounts:



## Philadelphia Chapter Program 2019-2020

Our program for 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.

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Philadelphia Chapter	
2019-2020 Program	
Date	Event - Click Event for Details
Sep. 5, 2019	The Rail Park
Sep 19-20, 2019	PSPE State Conference Bethlehem
Sep 26-27, 2019	PhillyChapter Education BootCamp
Oct. 3, 2019	<u>Power Plants 101</u> <u>Sky Diving Wind Tunnel</u>
Nov. 7, 2019	Smart Cities Amusement Rides
Dec. 5, 2019	<b>Delaware Valley Region Outstanding</b>
SE Regional	Engineering Achievement Program
Dec. 10, 2019 ECP Multi-Society	Annual Multi-Society Meeting DoubleTree 237 Broad â€" 5:30pm
Jan. 9, 2020	Electrical Safety in the Workplace Ethics, Fairness and your PE License
Jan. 23 2020	Tour Philadelphia Airport
Feb 1, 2020	Phila Chapter MathCounts
MathCounts	at Temple University
Feb. 6, 2020	<u>Legislative Round Table</u> <u>at Chart House Restaurant</u>
Feb 13, 2020	Dinner Event by Engineers' Club
Feb 15, 2020	Engineers Club Networking Event
ECP YoungEng	location tbd
Feb 22, 2020	Greater Philadelphia and
NSPE PA/NJ	Delaware Valley Regional
Engineers' Week Banquet	National Engineers' Week Banquet at Chart House Restaurant
Mar 5, 2020	Fracking ASTM Walkway Safety Standards
Apr 2, 2020	Helical Piles and Geotech at Phila Navy Yard
May 7, 2020	Annual Meeting & Officers Installed
Aug 12-16, 2020	PSPE State Conference and NSPE Conference in Philadelphia



Tour of Behind the Scenes at Philly Airport on JAN 23rd

## Philadelphia Adds PE Requirement to **Increase Construction Site Safety**

Following recent construction-related collapses, the City of Philadelphia made the move to increase public safety with a new PE inspection requirement for excavation projects.

The Department of Licenses and Inspections added the regulations in response to building collapses and property damage tied to an uptick in redevelopment in the city over the last few years, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. For example, a family lost their home in February because of excavation activity at a building next door involving a construction crew without proper permits.

The department updated its building permitting process related to excavations and protection of adjacent property (both public and private) to require monitoring and inspection by a licensed professional engineer. An inspection is needed when the construction project meets the following conditions: 1) When underpinning or structural support is specified or required; 2) Where excavations in excess of 12 feet in depth require engineerdesigned sheeting and shoring; and 3) Where an excavation is three feet or less from an existing building. The PE requirement went into effect in August.

## **Call for Nominations**

The Philadelphia Chapter is looking for a Few **Good Engineers** to lead our Chapter for the 2020-21 chapter year and beyond. President-Elect Chris Fell will rise to be our President; we seek Members who may desire to join him in leading our Chapter.

#### FRANKLIN INSTITUTE: INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY

Saturday February 22, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM ASCE Philadelphia YMF has invited the Philadelphia PSPE chapter to team up in presenting an engineering activity for the Outreach Day at the Franklin Institute on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020. If you are interested in volunteering,

contact Linda Douthwaite ldouthwaite@pennoni.com \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

**Events of the Engineers' Club** and many other organizations of interest to Engineers may be viewed at ECP Calendar at http://engrclub.org/events

Join PSPE Philadelphia for #PECON20 in







Philadelphia August 12–16, 2020