



# The Philadelphia Engineer

Founding Chapter 1934 – July 2019 issue

## PSPE Philadelphia Chapter

is proud to announce our  
Chapter State Director and former President

### Thomas J. Friese, PE

has been elected as Treasurer of State PSPE  
and will be installed at the  
State Annual Meeting SEP 19-20  
to be held in Bethlehem PA.

All Philadelphia Chapter and SouthEast  
Region Members are encouraged to attend.

For more information click to

<https://www.pspe.org/event/pspe-2019-conference/>

## September Chapter Tour

September 5, 2019

## The Rail Park

details on where to meet TBA  
watch for our SEP issue of

## The Philadelphia Engineer

or webpage at [www.pspe-philly.org](http://www.pspe-philly.org)

**Registration & Hoagies: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Guided Tour 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**and enjoy beyond 7pm on your own**

Price - \$25

No fee to attend without meal

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Letter from the President – and Editor  
We have an exciting program set for 2019-20. At our Annual Meeting last May Linda Douthwaite PE was elected as both our Treasurer and Secretary. Our former Treasurer, Chris Fell PE, is now our President-Elect and thick into running existing and new programs.

We have several new programs and initiatives planned. How may we grow by reaching out to gain new Members? Yes – each of you should invite a colleague to one of our Chapter events – but we must now go beyond personal invitations to engage the greater community of Professional Engineers in our region.

We have over 5,000 registered Professional Engineers in our region of which only slightly over 10% are Members of PSPE/NSPE. Whether or not they realize such, they look to us and no other to represent their license and livelihood to our State Representatives. You may be aware of efforts to end licensure in many States including Pennsylvania. Or conversely to increase the requirements to take the exam and maintain a license. Should we expand or tighten the “industrial exemption?” The primary purpose of PSPE is to represent ALL engineers and the public that we serve. Our February Chapter Meeting with our PSPE State Lobbyist is designed to discuss and provide our direction to that which our Society will recommend to our Legislature.

Our licenses are up for renewal by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We all need to complete 24 hours of continuing education by that deadline. Our Chapter Meetings, our State Education Boot Camps and our Annual State Meeting all offer an opportunity to obtain needed credits. But some, especially those not Members of PSPE, may be in a panic as we approach the end of September. Our Chapter will therefore conduct a two day “Last Chance Continuing Education Boot Camp” on September 26-27 to be held at Drexel University. Up to 16 credit hours may be obtained for only \$160. We are advertising this and other events by our Chapter to the 4,500 non-PSPE Professional Engineers in the region with a postcard.

If only 1% respond by attending the Boot Camp, or a Chapter Meeting, or assisting with MathCounts, we have recouped our investment in outreach. If half of these join PSPE/NSPE we have hit a home run.

Look to our SEP issue of *The Philadelphia Engineer* for more details of our program. Better yet, send an email to your [Board@PSPE-Philly.org](mailto:Board@PSPE-Philly.org) with your ideas on building our program.

Your suggestions and direction welcome.

Fredric L Plotnick, PE