



The Philadelphia Engineer

Founding Chapter 1934 – May 2019 issue

Annual Dinner Meeting May 2, 2019

Chart House Seafood Restaurant
555 S Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Social: 5:15 PM - Dinner: 6:15 PM

Salad

Choice of Entree

Chart House Mud Pie and Coffee

Annual Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Price - \$40

No fee to attend without meal

Abundant Free Parking

to REGISTER go to www.pspe-philly.org

Nostalgia and the Engineer

Only a few years ago, 2007, the Presidents of our then five PA chapters of the SE Region and two from southern New Jersey honored our Notable Engineering Achievement Award winner **CBS-3 ENGINEERING and OPERATIONS** for their CBS-3 HIGH DEFINITION STUDIO. And for several years we have held an Annual Student Awards Night at CBS3 culminating with a tour of the new studio. But time and progress march on. And so this spring, the backbone operations of the studio have been moved from our pioneering all digital Philly studio to its progeny in Georgia. For now the switches and displays at our station are still operational, but no longer staffed. And as the decision of when to pull the final plug is pending, CBS3 and our chapter have decided to cancel our now “traditional” second meeting of May. MathCounts awardees will be honored at an assembly of this year’s top winner at Masterman. Our Chapter will continue to invite and honor the coach of the winning team at our Engineers’ Week banquet which is held a few weeks after each year’s event.



Letter from the President – and Editor
This is our **Last** Newsletter for 2019-19 and **First** for 2019-20. Our Annual Meeting will be held once again at Chart House on May 2nd. Outgoing Secretary, Andrew Pockl, PE, will cast the one vote to affirm the Nominated Slate with no challenges. We thank Andrew noting his employment has moved him away from Philadelphia and thus we now need a new Secretary. Those interested please contact president@pspe-philly.org. We also seek a Vice President and two Directors. See [Bylaw 11](#) for more information on responsibilities. With licensing and continuing education requirements for this cycle ending September 30th, I hope to use this year to explore Chapter activities going beyond collection of PDHs. Your suggestions and direction welcome.

Fredric L Plotnick, PE

Nominations – Now New Officers

Pursuant to **Bylaw 12, Section 6, Nominees for Officers and our Board, as provided by the Nominations Committee (or by petition) are provided below:**

Fredric L. Plotnick, PE	President
Chris Fell, PE	President-Elect
vacant	Vice President
Erik Hoet, PE	Past President
vacant*	Secretary*
Abraham El	Membership Secretary
Linda Douthwaite, PE	Treasurer
Thomas Friese, PE	State Director
this is a three year position completing in May 2024	
Soheila Rahbari, PE	Alt State Director
Ed Pluciennik, PE	Chapter Director, 2020
vacant	Chapter Director, 2020
Rick Parisi, PE	Chapter Director, 2021
Robert Cargill, PE	Chapter Director, 2021
Yefim Gudesblat, PE	Chapter Director, 2022
vacant	Chapter Director, 2022

BYLAW 12 -- NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 9. A vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, State Director, Alternate State Director, or of a Chapter Director shall be filled by elective appointment of the Board. Officers or Directors so appointed shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the office vacated. Such tenure shall not preclude nomination for this office at the next election.

Interested individuals may contact president@pspe-philly.org

* In the absence of an elected or appointed Secretary, the President shall also act as Secretary, subject to normal practice of submittal to and approval of Minutes by the Board.

Planning for 2019-2020

Both at and in the months following our Annual Meeting we will be building our Chapter Committees to plan and execute our chapter programs.

MathCounts competition is February, but 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

Our Chair of Programs Joseph Maida, PE, State PSPE 2018 Engineer of the Year, desires advice, input and assistance. Our draft Program is printed to the right but still needs building.

Contact at programs@pspe-philly.org

Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards seek help to publicize and encourage nominations (due NOV 18th)

Contact OEA@pspe-philly.org

Our High School Scholarship Committee needs help to publicize our program to the high schools in Philadelphia. The reductions in counseling staff at many schools has in many cases led to students not being advised of this opportunity.

Contact scholarships@pspe-philly.org

Our Teacher Awards program needs a Chair who can reach down to schools ranging from K-12 to find teachers who promote math, science and the spark to encourage our next generation to consider engineering as a profession.

Contact teachers@pspe-philly.org



Our committee to run our Engineers' Week Banquet is also seeking assistance, both related to the program and in inviting Members and non-Member Engineers and those who work with Engineers to improve our world

Contact eweek@pspe-philly.org

From time to time, our PA Board of Engineers reaches down to our Chapter to investigate Complaints relating to Engineers and the practice of engineering. These are fielded by our Chair Leonard Bernstein, PE, F.NSPE, former President of our Chapter and the State PSPE, but he also looks for help from other Members of PSPE and other Professional Engineers

Contact ethics@pspe-philly.org

Philadelphia Chapter also needs some young talent to assist with our [website](#) and [social media](#). Our webmaster also edits this newsletter, *The Philadelphia Engineer*.

Contact webmaster@pspe-philly.org

And for those who believe our Chapter may do more for Members, other Professional Engineers, others in the fields of engineering, or for the Public Health Safety and Welfare,

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which forwards to current, -Elect, and several past presidents

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 2018-2019 Program - Subject the Change -	
Date	Event - Click Event for Details
Sep. 12, 2019	Tour TBD
Sep. 19-20, 2019	<u>PSPE State Conference in Bethlehem</u>
Oct. 3, 2019	Two Courses TBD
Nov. 7, 2019	2019 Election Impact to Engineers
Dec. TBD, 2019 11:30am - 2pm Multi-Society	<u>Annual Multi-Society Meeting</u> (Organized by the Engineers' Club) DoubleTree Philadelphia Hotel 237 South Broad at Locust Street
Dec. 5, 2019 SE Regional Event	<u>Delaware Valley Region Outstanding Engineering Achievement Presentations</u>
Jan. 9, 2020	Tour TBD
Feb. 6, 2020	<u>Legislative Round Table - ChartHouse</u>
Feb 8, 2020 MathCounts	Phila Chapter MathCounts Competition at Temple University
Feb 13, 2020 ECP EWeek	<u>Dinner Event by Engineers' Club</u> DoubleTree Philadelphia Hotel
Feb 18, 2020 ECP Young Eng	<u>Young Engineers Social by ECP</u> Ladder 15 at 1528 Sansom Street at 6pm
Feb 22, 2020 NSPE Engineers' Week Banquet	<u>Greater Philadelphia and Delaware Valley Regional National Engineers' Week Banquet</u>
Mar 5, 2020	Program TBD
Apr 2, 2020	Two Courses TBD
May 7, 2020	Annual Meeting & Officers Installed

Forwarding a Message from NSPE

A bill has been introduced in both the House and Senate (H.R. 2139 & [S. 1097](#) respectively) that would eliminate engineering license exemptions for work done on public utility pipelines. The bill is in response to the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts explosion last year, and subsequent investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

NSPE Government Relations staff consulted with the authoring Members of Congress on the bill's language, and continue to engage with Congressional staffers as the bill moves through the legislative process. Read more on our [Latest News page](#).

Please also take a moment to [contact your elected officials](#) and express support for this bill. Demonstrated constituent support carries a lot of weight with Members and their staffers, and makes our conversations with them much more productive.