

**South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers
Annual Meeting
June 8, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.
Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC**

Call to order: Susan Kozemko called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. Joe Jones gave the invocation. Also in attendance were: Vernon Atkinson, Steven Bobo, Mike Beckman, Joseph Coffey, Hazel Elliott, Arnold Ellison, Dean Feaster, Josh Fowler, John Gast, Michael Hanna, Michael V. Jolly, Jim Justus, Pat Jenkins, Susan Kozemko, Frank Lewis, L.G. Lewis, Frank Linder, Warren Maddox, Louis Manigault, George McCall, Howard McCall, Marguerite McClam, Jim McCarter, Gary McMinn, Marty Mobley, G.R. O'Kelly, Ismail Ozbek, Jim Roberts, James Rogers, Mark Schowalter, Chuck Sherron, Michael Sheu, Matt Silveston, Tom Sinclair, Kevin Sohrabnia, Peter Strub, Ashleigh Weatherly, David Wilson, Kenneth Workman, Joe Jones and Ginger Booker.

Introductions: Kozemko introduced, Larry Jacobson NSPE Executive Director, Board of Directors and Chapter Officers.

Jacobson reported he is a newbie to NSPE, and "I am not an engineer." He feels NSPE is in pretty good condition. Over the years NSPE has become an inefficient delivery vehicle for services. There is a ground swell to simplify dues. NSPE is very active in legislative activities; he feels the group needs to get serious about the legislature. There is \$36,000 in the PAC account. Only 10% of all engineers are registered P.E.'s. Engineers have great power and are among few professions that have signature power.

He reported NSPE has had database problems. The database is not capable of handling the dues system of the society. Going to a unified dues system is key. South Carolina already exercises this and other states will follow. He believes the society needs to make good relationships with major corporations, especially corporations that deal with military hardware.

Jacobson commended Marguerite McClam for her MathCounts efforts and said a lot of students that participate in MathCounts become engineers.

Welcome & Convention Report: Beckman thanked all for attending the convention. He reported the Charleston Chapter's main goal is to make everyone comfortable in the hospitality suite. He encouraged everyone to stop and see the exhibitors and visit the silent auction.

Approve June 10, 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes: A motion was made seconded, and passed to approve the June 10, 2006 minutes as published.

President's Report: Kozemko reported young membership is not there, the message is clear, "We need to increase our membership." She reviewed SCSPE's activities for the year as the following: two P.E. licensing ceremonies, two P.E. exam luncheons, Legislative Reception, successful MathCounts competitions at the chapter and state levels, board retreat, new website, e-newsletters, participated in the Joint Council meeting with three speakers, professional development seminar and the engineer's bill was passed. The Leadership Development Project was not successful this year. The

program started two years ago, and was cancelled due to lack of response. She encouraged all to get involved with the society.

Vice President's Report: Hanna reported at the board retreat in Aiken the board discussed what SCSPE is doing and what we will work on this year. SCSPE will focus on improving the following programs: MathCounts, licensing ceremony, P.E. luncheon, convention and tracking new P.E.'s. He reported Andy Kinghorn attending the SCSPE board meetings this year and gave updates on what is going on with the Registration Board. Hanna reported the society had a 90 person slide in membership this year. Chapter support, membership and the Volunteer Engineers Corp will be important this year.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Bobo reported the society stayed on budget as far as expenses; there was a slip in income. The society stayed as close to budget as possible. SCSPE obtained a \$9,000 loan from NSPE. NSPE is going to work with SCSPE to pay back the loan. SCSPE will pay back as funds are available.

Presentation of the 2007-2008 Budget: Bobo reviewed the 2007-2008 Budget. (See below) A motion was made seconded, and passed to approve the budget as published.

2007-2008 SCSPE Budget

Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$55,600.00	Awards/Gifts	\$500.00
Interest	\$70.00	Board/Conf	\$500.00
UPS	\$3,000.00	Dues/License/Fees	\$900.00
Income		Expenses	
Newsletter Ads	\$3,000.00	Insurance	\$1,300.00
Retreat	\$1,000.00	Joint Meeting	\$1,000.00
Professional Development	\$5,500.00	Legislative Reception	\$2,200.00
Joint Meeting	\$1,500.00	Licensing Ceremony	\$1,800.00
Net Profit Convention	\$2,000.00	PE Exam Lunch	\$900.00
		Management Fee	\$53,000.00
		Miscellaneous	\$150.00
		Newsletter	\$1,200.00
		Postage/Labels	\$600.00
		Print/Photocopies	\$750.00
		Supplies	\$650.00
Total Income	\$71,670.00	Telephone/Fax	\$270.00
		Travel Expenses	\$1,200.00
		NSPE Loan	\$1,850.00
		Retreat	\$1,000.00
		Software/Website	\$250.00
		Professional Development	\$1,500.00
		SC Educational Foundation	\$150.00
		Total Expenses	\$71,670.00

NSPE House of Delegates Report: Maddox reported the association management system for NSPE is up and working better. The NSPE convention is in Denver coming up in July. NSPE will be working on changing the bylaws to include an affiliate membership. There have been changes in the code of ethics. New officers will be elected through the governance structure.

Educational Foundation Report: Workman thanked SCSPE and its members for their support over the years. He reported the Foundation's membership drive raised \$3,500 this year. The Foundation has 50 members and total assets are \$64,000. The MathCounts state competition was held at Clemson University this year. In addition to MathCounts the scholarship program has been reimplemented and two scholarships were awarded this year. He reported the Foundation received two life memberships this year. The Foundation will take annual payments for the life membership. The Foundation needs your ideas and support. He reported contributions are tax deductible.

Executive Director's Report: Jones reported SCSPE was here at the Francis Marion in 1957 for the societies first convention. Now 50 years later the society is back again. He reported two board positions are available on the SC Registration Board for Engineers and Land Surveyors. Due to the Engineer's Bill, the Governor has to accept recommendation of the S.C. Council of Engineering and Land Surveying Societies to fill board positions. He encourages the society to get involved in the process. He encourages member participation to bring in needed new SCSPE members. He mentioned Louis Manigault, PE of the Charleston Chapter, who was sitting in the meeting, was an attendee at one of our recent licensing ceremonies. Professional engineering needs to improve its image.

Presentation of Chapter Excellence Award: Kozemko presented George McCall, President of the Piedmont Chapter with the Chapter Excellence Award. Kozemko reported the Piedmont Chapter had held 8 PDH sessions with an average of 50 attendees, a successful local MathCounts competition, successful Discovery "E" program with 120 classes and 3,000 students at 12 middle schools and 4 high schools. Vice President Jim Roberts plays a key role with the Discovery "E" program. The chapter also hosted a successful Engineers Week banquet and awarded a scholarship to a Clemson University engineering student. McCall thanked the membership for the recognition and the Piedmont Chapters' members for participating in the programs.

Teller's Committee Report: Sheu reviewed the report below. A motion was made seconded, and passed to approve.

June 4, 2007

To: Joe Jones
From: Michael F. Sheu, PE
Subject: Teller's Report of the 2007 SCSPE Officers and Board of Directors Election

The Teller's Committee, consisting of Frank Lewis and Michael Sheu, both members of the Columbia Chapter, met on June 4, 2007, to examine and count the ballots received. There were 150 ballots received with 19 deemed "irregular" by virtue of procedural errors. The totals of the 131 valid votes were as follows:

President:	Michael H. Hanna	130 votes
Vice President:	Steven L. Bobo	130 votes
Sec/Treas:	James Justus	129 votes
Director:	Michael V. Jolly	129 votes
Director:	Michael A. Gearhart	129 votes

There were no write-in votes for any position. The Teller's Committee was satisfied with the electoral procedure and recommends that the election results be accepted.
Thank you.

2008 Convention Report: Jones reported 2008 convention location has not been determined. It will be held on the coast of South Carolina. The location will be announced soon.

Other Business: Strub challenged all present to bring one new member into the society this year.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Booker
Account Executive