

PSNES Board

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2007

Welcome, Member Roll Call, and Meeting Agenda Review – Pat Loftus at 4:30 PM
(Meeting Agenda - Attachment 1)

Participants:

Pat Loftus, President
Dick Gill, Acting VP
Rick Etling, Secretary/Treasurer

Directors:

Jen Butler
Rich Martin
Ed Klevans
Bill Naughton
Jim Tusar
Fred Sears
Doug Wood (e-mail votes and website update)

Others:

Melissa Hunter
Eileen Supko
Liz Larsen

Old Business

1. The September 12, 2007 telecon meeting minutes were approved and will be posted to the PSNES Website.
2. The proposed changes to the Society Constitution summarizing the new board officer and director election protocol were approved by a 9-0 vote and will be posted to the PSNES Website.
3. The New Member Orientation document was approved by a 9-0 vote and will be posted to the PSNES Website.
4. Status of the PSNES website upgrade including new member on-line registration capability was provided by Doug Wood via email and verbally summarized by Pat Loftus. The PSNES Website will have similar features to the Penn State Mechanical Engineering Society website and should be available some time next year.

5. Discussion was held regarding the new PSNES Undergraduate recognition awards.
 - 2 awards will be pursued – one for service or leadership and one for academic achievement
 - Board recommends that the Program recommend the students with concurrence by the Board
 - The award will be a certificate of recognition plus a monetary award
 - The Awards Committee will incorporate comments from the meeting and update the descriptions for the awards to enable Pat Loftus to obtain Program review. The updated descriptions will be distributed for Member review at least 30 days prior to the February 6, 2007 meeting to enable a vote at that meeting.
6. The PSNES recognition plaque for Terry Flinchbaugh is ready but on hold pending resolution of the Reactor leakage issue. (Action: Ed Klevans and F. Sears to present the plaque.)

New Business

1. Eileen Supko, PSNES member, provided a summary of member efforts to create a Penn State Nuclear Engineering Excellence Fund. The intent would be to provide a mechanism for alumni donations to be directed to the Program. Liz Larson, Engineering College, is helping to provide guidance on how to achieve the intent of the program while complying with University and IRS requirements. Additional information will be forwarded as the effort is further defined.

2. Fred Sears provided an update on the leak that has developed in the reactor pool wall liner. Repairs are underway with successful completion expected within a few weeks. The NRC has been supportive of the efforts and generally cooperative.

Fred also announced his retirement effective June 2008. Notice for his replacement will be posted by the University.

3. All members were encouraged to seek opportunities for Jack Brenizer and Karen Thule to visit respective companies to further extent contacts with Program Graduates and to build mutually beneficial relationships.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- 1st Quarter Board Telecon Meeting – Feb 6th 12:00 PM (notice to be provided)
- Spring 2008 PSNES Annual Meeting (Blue-White Weekend) – April 18 or 19 at Penn State (date to be determined)
- MNE Recognition Event – to be determined by Jack Brenizer and Karen Thole

Adjourn – 5:50 PM

ATTACHMENT 1

PSNES MEETING AGENDA

November 12, 2007

Washington DC

- 5 Min. Welcome – Pat Loftus
- 25 Min. Old Business – Pat Loftus
- Approval of September 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes
 - Vote on Constitution Change – PSNES Elections Every 2 Years
 - Approval of New Member Orientation Briefing
 - PSNES Website Upgrade and On-line Registration status
 - Undergraduate Student Awards for Scholarship & Service or Leadership Update
 - PSNES Recognition (Plaque) Update
- 20 Min. New Business
- MNE Recognition Event – Spring 2008 (tentative)
 - PSNES Annual Meeting
 - 2008 Meetings, Membership & Operations Activities – All
- 5 Min. Member/PSU News & Events Roundtable – All
- 5 Min. Upcoming Events and Meetings – Pat Loftus
- 1Q08 PSNES Telecon Meeting
 - Spring 2008 PSNES Annual Meeting (State College) & MNE Recognition Event
- Adjourn to NE/PSNES Reception