

**CENTRAL CHAPTER
NY STATE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The Central New York November 15 Engineering Expo at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool was very successful, especially for a first time effort. Over 300 people attended. It looks like each of the four professional groups that supported the Expo (ASCE, ASME, IEEE, and us) will receive \$2000 for their efforts. That puts your PE chapter back in the black after running a deficit for several years. Virtually all of our money is used for the newsletter, MATHCOUNTS, and our chapter's contribution to the scholarship fund.

There were several comments on our surveys that recommended having the Expo two times a year or more. I'd like to do that, but that would be too much for us to take on for now. All of the work was done by volunteers (including the speakers), which is why we were able to offer this educational seminar at a relatively low cost. The Capitol Region is holding a similar educational seminar on February 17 and 18, 2005 (our Expo was based on Albany's annual event during Engineers' Week last February). This will be a good chance for those who need them to pick up more PDHs. There will be more details on the NYSSPE web site (www.nysspe.org) later.

We will definitely do this again next year on November 14, 2005. The NYSSPE convention will be on November 4 and 5, 2005. So, there will another opportunity next year to pick up about 12 PDHs in a short period.

NSPE has a "Future Directions Task Force", of which Kelly Norris, NYSSPE Executive Director, is a member of. NSPE is considering significant changes in how it's organized and what the organization will do. They're really serious about this. There's more information on the NSPE web site at <http://www.nspe.org/fdtf/home.asp>. Please send me any comments you might have at m.hayes@ieee.org or mhayes@cscos.com. I will compile and forward them to Kelly Norris

We are planning to have two activities during Engineers' Week in 2005. One will be a lunchtime event on February 22, 2005 at Barbagallo's Restaurant. On Saturday evening, February 26, 2005 at the S.U. Sheraton, we will participate with Syracuse University in the Celebration of Engineer's Week . Please mark your calendars with these dates (more information in the January newsletter). .

Please see the TACNY section of this newsletter for information about the March 10, 2005 Celebration of Technology Banquet. We're having a speaker from Cornell who's involved with the Mars Rover program. As far I know, they haven't found any "little, green men" ☺, but it should still be a very interesting presentation.

I would also like to receive nominees for our Engineer of the Year award, which is presented at the Celebration of Technology Banquet. Just send me names at the email addresses above for now. I'll email the nomination form to anyone who wants one. As far as I'm concerned, there's nothing more gratifying, nor any greater honor, than being recognized by your peers for a job well-done.

TACNY, which we jointly publish our newsletter with, is also developing a strategic plan. One item under consideration is eliminating the printed newsletter and just sending it electronically, or only sending the printed version to people who specifically request it, because of the cost. I know some organizations have done this. About half of our chapter's annual expenditures are for the newsletter, so it's financially attractive. In spite of that, I'm not convinced it's a smart thing to do. Send me an email (!) if you have any comments or suggestions on this idea.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and prosperous 2005.

Mike Hayes, PE

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Foundation for Engineering Education - Past Officers Scholarship is again available. This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is the child of a NYSSPE member. Applications are available on our

website (www.cnype.org) and are the same as those used for our Chapter scholarships. Applications must be received no later than December 10, 2004 and should be sent to: Tim Taber (655-8161), tptaber@stearnswheler.com

THANK YOU

We are still seeking donations for our Chapter's Scholarship Fund. Please consider furthering our efforts to support future engineers. The Chapter scholarship fund is supported by contributions from firms and individuals who take an active interest in the future of our profession. Current contributors include:

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WEBSITE

Check us out at <http://www.cnype.org/>. The site is kept up to date and includes the latest on meetings, continuing education and other details of our many professional activities. **IT INCLUDES A COMPLETE AND UPDATED SECTION ON CPC.** As with everything else concerning your Society, your comments are most appreciated.

MATHCOUNTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP

This is the time of the year when we send notices of our Mathcounts competition to middle schools throughout the Central New York area. Unfortunately those notices are often misrouted or ignored within the school administrations. You can help by contacting your local middle school to see if they have an interest and then referring them to Andrew Watkins, P.E. (315)446-4764, awatkins3@juno.com for details. Thank you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

NSPE members are most cordially invited to attend all board meetings. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for noon on the first Thursday of each month. Those wishing to attend should contact Mike Hayes: (315) 455-2000 ext. 384; m.hayes@ieee.org to confirm time and date.