

October 19, 2012

**HSPE Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

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**RECAP OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

- *Tax Exempt Status: State Society has tax exemption status, but the tax exemption status of the chapters is unknown. Manny Lanuevo will discuss with Nathan Yuen, and will get back to the Board.*
- *Wiliki Article Ideas: Kurt already submitted November Wiliki Article content, but will try to submit a revision. On December's Wiliki article, Kurt will announce finalized dates for Mathcounts' local and state competition dates (local – Feb. 9, state – March 9 at Filipino Community Center in Waipahu, Oahu), and will announce that Engineer of the Year nominations will be solicited soon.*
- *Meeting Minute Approval Process: It was decided during this month's meeting that meeting minute comments are to be sent to Soo within 1 week of distributing the minutes. Minutes will need to be approved by the entire Board.*

**WEBSITE**

- *No one opposed the proposed website design, so Soo will update the link. The original website information will remain on the FTP site. Soo will re-path the new website to [www.hawaiispe.org](http://www.hawaiispe.org). The transition will be seamless.*
- *The Board decided to hold off on creating the 'Career Center' page until the website generates higher traffic.*

**HSPE HOUSE OF DELEGATES (HoD) REPRESENTATIVE**

- *Curt announced that he was contacted by Nancy Oswald with NSPE, who mentioned that NSPE's Bylaw 13(2) reads: "Each member of the Board shall receive one (1) vote in the House of Delegates, unless the Director is also a State Delegate. In that case, the representative shall be granted the vote(s) of their State Society, but not their one (1) vote as a Director."*
- *Curt Beck is currently on Board of Delegates (BoD) until 2013. NSPE did not hear about Majella's newly appointed position as HoD representative. Manny will send an email to Nancy to update NSPE of Curt and Majella's new positions.*

**NSPE MEMBER RETENTION TASK FORCE**

- *Majella provided an update on NSPE's Member Retention Task Force. Support from companies to provide financial assistance with membership fees for professional organizations has decreased. As a result, NSPE membership renewal has dropped. NSPE's new Member Retention Task Force will begin to perform phone surveys to discover why NSPE members are not renewing their membership. Automatic membership renewal was proposed during the NSPE member retention meeting to promote membership retention.*

### **YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**

- *Joelle attended the HCES meeting that took place on August 21.*
- *It was decided that the Engineer's Week banquet will be held at Koolau Golf Course.*
- *Joelle is working on the engineer nomination form, and will be soliciting nominations for young engineer of the year soon.*
- *Kurt has sent Soo the nomination criteria from previous year. Majella and Joelle to confirm final criteria list.*

### **CHAPTER UPDATES**

#### **Big Island Chapter**

- *Curt provided an update on the engineering degree curriculum at UH Hilo. There was a meeting regarding this topic that attracted 50 participants!*
- *At the meeting, Curtis brought up the importance of licensing faculty to teach engineering students.*

#### **Maui Chapter**

- *There will be an upcoming meeting with Jon Young, Executive Director of Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry (HAPI) on Friday, November 2, 2012 to discuss how HAPI can serve as a resource to engineers. Curt expressed interest in hearing more about strategic partnerships. Mandy will report meeting details at the next Board Meeting.*
- *The flatbread fundraiser was successful. \$441 was collected, and this will support Maui Chapter's E-Week activities.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

- *Curt shared that the Big Brothers/Big Sisters charity organizes an annual bowling tournament, which generates a large amount of donations. Event covers two consecutive weekends, and usually lines up many sponsors. Curt will investigate and provide details at the next meeting.*
- *Mathcounts is quickly approaching and volunteers are needed. Barry Nakamoto ran last year's Mathcounts. Barry will provide an update at next Board meeting.*

Next meeting will take place Friday, November 16, noon-1pm. Majella has provided a conference bridge for this meeting. Call in number is (808) 471-2663, code: 1379.