President’s Message

Dear PSPE and Chapter Members,

I want to start by thanking everyone who took the time to respond to our survey sent out with our last newsletter. We received a lot of great ideas and are looking forward to implementing many of them this year.

I am an electrical engineer and before getting involved with the board, I did not regularly attend chapter meetings because I didn’t think the topics were relevant to me or my work. And based on the responses to our survey, a lot of you feel the same way. We are going to work this year to plan meetings that are exciting and informative for all engineers.

We hope that these new and interesting engineering topics attract young engineers. Many new PEs don’t know our Chapter exists. We are going to work to reach out to these young professionals to keep the Pittsburgh Chapter going strong. We are lucky to have our Chapter’s 2018 Young Engineer of the Year, Angela Mayer, EIT, join the board this year. She brings a lot of new ideas for reaching the next generation of engineers.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer. Look for more information on our new initiatives this fall.

Sincerely,

Keenan D. Sukits, PE
President 2018-2019
Pittsburgh Chapter - PSPE
Members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers and their guests attended a unique event held on May 31, 2018, at ESWP. Mr. Reyman Branting, PE, thanked all of the Apprenticeship Program sponsors for their efforts during the past year and recognized representatives from AECOM and Michael Baker who were in attendance.

State President Mr. Joseph Boward, PE, was present to swear in the 2018-2019 Chapter Board. Before those ceremonies were performed, the 11 Past Chapter Presidents in attendance that evening were recognized for their service. Ms. Virginia Dailey, PE, took this opportunity to implore the Past Presidents to assist with future fund-raising efforts. After the Past Presidents were recognized, State President Boward performed the swearing-in ceremony for the new Board. Mr. Scott Sukits, PE, Pittsburgh PSPE Chapter Outgoing President, said some final words, at which time, Incoming Chapter President, Ms. Keenan Sukits, PE, discussed the upcoming year.
The PE/FE Instructors’ Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at Bravo’s on McKnight Road. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the meal and conversation.
We had a sufficient number of engineers enrolled in both the FE Review and Civil PE Review to conduct both courses (6 minimum). **Steven Musial II, PE**, has received feedback from those that took the FE Review affirming that they passed the exam, although not everyone has yet to sit for the exam. Feedback from those that took the Civil PE Exam indicate some people passed, but he is still waiting to hear from everyone.

So far this summer, Steve has received several calls asking to enroll in the FE and PE Exam Review Courses. The PSPE Pittsburgh Chapter website has been updated, and people are encouraged to register for the courses listed, which include: FE Review, Mini Refresher for the Civil PE, Civil PE Review, and Electrical PE Review.

- **FE Review** begins Monday, August 13, and ends Monday, October 22. Cost is $580.
- **Civil PE / Electrical PE** begin Thursday, August 16, and end Thursday, October 18. Cost is $580 each.
- **Mini Refresher** begins Tuesday, July 24, and ends Tuesday, August 7. Cost is $235.

### The Road to Johnstown

While it is true that Johnstown has had more than its share of flooding - 1889, 1936, and 1977 – Johnstown is so much more. The region has had great historical significance as a canal port, railroad center, and steelmaking center. Visit Johnstown to learn inspirational stories from the Johnstown floods, see how steel was made, and coal was mined.

Surrounded by the beautiful Allegheny Mountains, enjoy the hidden treasures offered by the Johnstown region. Ride byways; bicycle country lanes; mountain bike single-track and cycle rail-trails; hike atop lush ridges; and boat, fish, or swim in lakes once owned by steel companies. Enjoy whitewater boating in Stonycreek Canyon. Experience Johnstown’s immigrant heritage and arts scene in the Cambria City Historic District.

Johnstown is located just 70 miles east of Pittsburgh (an easy drive on U.S. Route 22), less than a half hour north of the Somerset Exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and less than an hour from the Bedford Exit.

**Save the date!** The **PSPE 2018 Conference will be held in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, September 12-15, at the Holiday Inn - Downtown**. The conference planning committee created a unique agenda of sessions **click here to view**. Stay tuned as details will be added often.

We look forward to seeing everyone!
REQUEST FOR SUSTAINING ASSOCIATES
Pay your 2018 Dues and
Become a Sustaining Associate Now

Becoming a Sustaining Associate in the Pittsburgh Chapter of PSPE provides tools to accomplish corporate objectives and more. Through the financial support of our Chapter Sustaining Associates, the Chapter is able to continue to provide many services to the Pittsburgh engineering community as well as sponsor excellent outreach programs to the students in our area. It is imperative in today’s world to get and keep students interested in the science- and engineering-related fields in middle schools and high schools. Our outreach programs include the Engineering Apprenticeship Program, the Mathcounts Program, and participation in several activities at the Carnegie Science Center during National Engineers’ week.

The Pittsburgh Chapter is proud to offer the following advantages and benefits of becoming a Sustaining Associate in the Pittsburgh Chapter.

SUSTAINING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

- Member firms may provide an article for the newsletter highlighting their firm’s projects, individual accomplishments, services, products, or technical capabilities. The newsletter circulation reaches 300+ engineers, managers, and company officials and is published on the Chapter website.
- Member firms may advertise positions available within their firm in the newsletter and on the website free-of-charge.
- Member firms may be listed on the Pittsburgh Chapter, PSPE’s Internet Website, free-of-charge. A link to the company’s website can be included.
- Member firms that employ personnel preparing for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) and Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Examinations are entitled to a 20% discount on the Chapter’s review courses for the exams.
- Representative(s) of member firms are permitted to attend regular Chapter Business Meetings and are invited to the Chapter Meetings. Our Chapter presently offers a minimum of four (4) meetings with one (1) qualified PDH for continuing education requirements to maintain a Pennsylvania PE license.
- Member firms are recognized as Sustaining Associates in our PSPE Newsletters and at the Annual Engineers’ Week Banquet held each February.

The following are the Sustaining Associates who were paid up through December 2018:

D&D Engineering
The Gateway Engineers, Inc.
HDR Engineering, Inc.
Keystone Consultants, Inc.

SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Stantec Architecture and Engineering LLC
Trumbull Corporation

To become a Sustaining Associate, please complete and return the “Application for Sustaining Associate Membership” on the next page.

TO PAY YOUR 2018 DUES, please mail a check for $350 payable to “PSPE Pittsburgh Chapter” to PSPE, Pittsburgh Chapter, 337 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.
Application for Sustaining Associate Membership in
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THANK YOU!

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Questions: Call 412.261.4300 or email us at PSPE@PittsburghPE.Org
## 2018-2019 CALENDAR

### MEMBERSHIP EVENTS & MEETINGS

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### 2018-2019 Chapter Officers

- **President** – Keenan Sukits, PE
- **President-Elect** – Ed Telega, PE
- **Vice President** – Melissa M. Fontanese, PE
- **Executive Secretary** – Brian Schull, PE
- **Treasurer** – Justin Kramm, PE
- **Financial Secretary** – Reyman Branting, PE
- **Immediate Past President** – Scott P. Sukits, PE

### 2016–2020 Chapter Directors

- Angela Mayer, EIT – 2019-2021
- Brian Krul, PE – 2018-2020
- Matthew Kusic, PE – 2017-2019

### Chapter Committee Chairs

- **Refresher Course** – Matthew Kusic, PE
- **Young Members** – Jason Esser, PE
- **Newsletter** – James Lombardi, PE
- **Apprenticeship** – Reyman Branting, PE/Dave Briskey, PE
- **Sustaining Associates** – Scott P. Sukits, PE
- **Website Coordinator** – Jason Esser, PE
- **Future Website Coordinator** – Angela Mayer, EIT
- **Mathcounts Coordinator** – Virginia Dailey, PE
- **Future Mathcounts Coordinators** – Keenan Sukits, PE, and Kevin Ferry, PE, PTOE

### State Officers

- **State Secretary** – David Briskey, PE
- **State Director** – Kirk Thompson, PE