

## **Minutes - Penn State Nuclear Engineering Society Annual Meeting**

The annual Meeting of the PSNES was held on April 21, 2007, at Penn State per the bylaws of the Society

### **Attendees:**

Leonard Pasquini, President  
Pat Loftus, VP Elect  
Rick Etling, S/T Elect  
Frank Buschman, S/T Presiding  
Jen Butler, Director  
Richard Gill, Director  
Jeff Jeffries, Director  
Prasad Kadambi, Director  
Edward Klevans, Professor Emeritus & Director  
William Naughton, Director  
Doug Wood, Director  
Richard Martin, Director  
Jack Brenizer, Program Chair, Nuclear Engineering  
Karen Thole, Department Head, Mechanical & Nuclear Engineering  
Larry Hochreiter, Faculty Representative  
Fred Sears, Director, Radiation Science & Engineering Center  
Dan Skilone, Penn State Student ANS President  
Mark Trump, Assistant Director, Rx Operations  
Bob Edwards, Professor  
Traci Shimmel, Department Executive Assistant

The Meeting was called to order by Len Pasquini at 8:30AM and introductions were made. Meeting materials were distributed and introduced.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. New Directors and Officers were introduced:

Pat Loftus – VP/P Elect	8/07-8/11
Rick Etling – S/T	8/07-8/09
Richard Gill – Director	8/07-8/09
Jeff Jeffries – Director	8/07-8/09
Mark Lloyd – Director	8/07-8/09
James Tusar – Director	8/07-8/09

#### 2. November 13, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as written.

## **New Business**

### 3. Vacant President Elect Seat

The Society reviewed the vacant position of President Elect which arose due to unavailability of the current incumbent. Following discussion, it was moved and approved to elect Pat Loftus to assume the President Position, effective August 2007 for a 4 year term. Further, it was moved and approved to appoint Dick Gill as acting Vice President for a 1 year term until the position of VP/President can be filled according to the bylaws.

4. Dr Karen Thole presented the overview of the Nuclear Engineering Department summarizing the growth in enrollment, successful performance, and the addition of a new faculty position – overall, very good news.

Dr Jack Brenizer was awarded the new position of Everest Professor of Nuclear Engineering.

5. The Society recognized Dr Warren Witzig, Department Head Emeritus, for his outstanding contribution and dedication to the Penn State Nuclear Engineering Department and the Nuclear Industry in general. Members of the Society presented Dr Witzig with a Recognition Plaque representing the gratitude.

6. The published Mission Statement of the Society was approved as written.

7. The proposed and published amendments to the Society Constitution were moved, discussed, and approved. Further, Richard Martin offered to review the Constitution to improve readability and organization and will make recommendations at future meetings.

8. Society members were encouraged to contact Dr Larry Hochreiter regarding suggestions and offers for presenters at future seminars of the NE 590 Speaker Series.

9. Open Discussion:

- The Society was asked for recommendations for one accomplishment to be completed during the next year.
- It was recommended that a Society Strategic Plan be considered to achieve the critical accomplishments identified.
- It was recommended that Society talking points be developed for members use with Political Representatives to support the Nuclear Industry and Academic Programs (especially DOE funding of University Programs).
- It was recommended to consider WebCasts for future meetings in addition to conference call.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM, followed by a tailgate with the Department Students and Society Members.