

## **PENN STATE NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

### **MEETING – MARCH 7, 2014 – PSNES Teleconference Meeting**

#### **Participants:**

##### **PSNES Officers & Board Participants**

Jim Stavely – President  
Arthur Motta – Ex-Officio NE Program Chair (with vote)  
Jim Stover – VP / President Elect  
Catherine Perego – ANS Student Section President  
Tom Richard – Secretary / Treasurer

##### **PSNES Directors**

Rachel Heath  
Joe Sholtis  
Doug Wood  
John Atchison

#### **OPENING**

Jim Stavely began the meeting at 2:00 pm.

The minutes from the previous business meeting of November 25, 2013, were approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Nuclear Engineering Student Networking & Mentoring Program:**

At the Annual Meeting, we will talk face-to-face and decide who will lead this. This initiative will be discussed in further detail at the annual meeting on April 12, 2014, with the result being actions, assignments, and due dates necessary to roll-out a revised program for Fall 2014. There will be actions required during the summer in order to be prepared for the arrival of the students. We have made multiple attempts at establishing a successful program and have been unsuccessful.

##### **ANS Student Conference:**

Eric Beaumont is leading the support efforts. The conference is from April 3, 2014 (Wednesday) through April 6, 2014 (Sunday). Supporting this conference is the primary focus of PSNES for the next month.

- Donations (the link was sent out in a previous email from Jim Stavely)
  - Board of Directors
  - Other PSNES Members
  - Corporations

- Panelists
  - Board of Directors
  - Other PSNES Members
  - Corporations
- Judges
  - Board of Directors
  - Other PSNES Members
  - Corporations

Donations are on-going. Eric Beaumont is going to half-match anyone from the Board who donates. More donations will help the student reimbursements for their travel and participation fees. The students and faculty have done a great job with the ANS Student funding.

Prof. Motta noted that the weekly Penn State newsletter will be giving a highlight and news info for the ANS Student Conference.

There will be a number of excellent plenaries, including experts from around the industry. There will be 6 panels. The Small Modular Reactor (SMR) panel is on Friday with all of the major players represented. The conference is still looking for a panelist for the Waste Management panel. For the Innovations and Current Plans panel, there are 3 panelists lined-up from Exelon, PPL, and First Energy. Three panelists is probably enough, but one more would be great. Don Hoffman (ANS President) is the moderator for this panel.

The conference is doing good on the number of judges that have registered for the conference. Once participants arrive at the conference, it will be asked if others would like to volunteer as judges. There will be approximately 120 student presentations to judge.

#### **Awards and Budget:**

Congratulations to Catherine Perego, who was awarded the PSNES Leadership & Service Award! The MNE Senior Recognition Banquet is on 03/26/14 (Wednesday). Catherine will be honored at the banquet. You can attend or sponsor a student. The link was sent out in a previous email from Jim Stavely.

#### **Outreach and Social Media:**

Hilary Neal is the lead for this initiative. Social media on LinkedIn has been excellent. The number of LinkedIn PSNES members has grown steadily since it was started. There were some ideas on how to grow the group membership further, or to utilize available mailing list(s).

Joe Sholtis talked to Rachel Baker (COE contact) before Christmas to discuss a possible update to the PSNES website. This initiative will be discussed in further detail at the annual meeting on April 12, 2014 with the result being actions, assignments, and due dates. Volunteers to participate with the website update are encouraged.

**Time Capsule:**

The time capsule will be ready for when the new student lounge is dedicated. Joe Sholtis provided a discussion on the time capsule, and noted that Prof. Klevans has offered to be the point person for the time capsule (on campus), and the student chapter would also take a lead on this effort.

The ANS Student Chapter has had discussions about items to place into the time capsule. Items from the upcoming ANS Student Conference will go into the time capsule.

It is important to capture the rich history and events of the NucE program. For example, a list of all of the students and faculty would be a great item. Is it possible to advertise the time capsule project to alumni more? There was a discussion about how to generate more submissions for the capsule items.

Prof. Motta has received time capsule items from Joe Sholtis, Pat Loftus, and Prof. Klevans.

This project will be discussed in further detail at the annual meeting on April 12, 2014 with the result being actions and due dates necessary to close this project.

**NEW BUSINESS****Annual Meeting Agenda:**

The annual meeting is 04/12/14 (Saturday) starting at 8:30 am in Reber. The target is to be out by noon so that folks going to the Blue-White game can head for the stadium. The agenda should focus on our top three priorities for the next year. The mentoring program and outreach and social media are already penciled in as two priorities. The Awards program(s) will continue (an assumed/existing priority).

For the Annual Meeting, let's bring some ideas and have a third category of priority!

- Nuclear Engineering Student Networking & Mentoring Program
- Outreach and Social Media (including fund raising)
- Ideas!

**The next PSNES meeting will be the annual meeting on 04/12/14 at 8:30 am in Reber.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.**