

PENN STATE NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES – JULY 29, 2015 – PSNES Teleconference Meeting

Participants:

PSNES Officers & Directors

James Stover – Interim President / President Elect
Pat Loftus – Interim Vice President
Tom Richard – Secretary / Treasurer
Arthur Motta – NucE Program Chair (with vote)
John Atchison – At-Large Director
Duane Karchner – At-Large Director
Michael Pantano – At-Large Director
Joe Sholtis – At-Large Director
Jim Tusar – At-Large Director
Douglas Wood – At-Large Director

OPENING

James Stover began the meeting at 12:30 pm and welcomed everyone for attending. The meeting was called to order, and Douglas Wood took roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present to conduct business.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from the previous business meeting of April 12, 2014 (annual meeting), are approved.

PSNES Status:

There was a break in PSNES activity. The last meeting was the PSNES annual meeting for 2014, which was on April 12, 2014. At that meeting, transitioning the role of President to another person was discussed.

At today's meeting, a motion was called to have James Stover act as Interim President / President Elect and Pat Loftus act as Interim Vice President. The motion was passed.

A motion was called to delay elections from 2015 to the Spring 2016 timeframe. This would extend PSNES board member terms one year to 2016. The motion was passed.

Stover and Loftus are making up the nominating committee for elections, where elections are tentatively slated for the March/April 2016 timeframe.

Short Term Goals

NucE Student Orientation August 23rd:

Dr. Motta suggested PSNES to support the NucE and ME orientation that takes place on Sunday, August 23rd. Dr. Motta will be giving a presentation to the students and introducing the ANS and PSNES programs. PSNES usually comes to this orientation, and this would be a good opportunity for PSNES to join-in as well. The schedule details are tentative at the moment, but normally there is a picnic and barbeque that starts at around 5 pm. Duane Karchner volunteered to go. Doug Wood and Rick Etling volunteered to go to either this event or the 60th Anniversary of the Breazeale Reactor.

60th Anniversary of Breazeale Reactor:

The 60th anniversary celebration of the Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor is taking place on August 18th. The NucE department is celebrating 60 years of education, research, and service as the United States' oldest continuously operating university reactor. More info is on the anniversary website (<http://www.engr.psu.edu/rsec60/>). James Stover is acting as a liaison between PSNES and the 60th anniversary, where Dr. Unlu is putting on the celebration and dinner. PSNES officers and directors are encouraged to attend the 60th anniversary event. In addition to the event notification sent out by the school, it was also sent out through the PSNES Linked-In account.

Followup PSNES Board Action after the Meeting

The following motion was made (by Douglas Wood and seconded by Pat Loftus) and distributed to the Board by e-mail for approval on August 9th regarding a PSNES proclamation in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary:

- to approve presenting a resolution made on behalf of the PSNES to the Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor in commemoration of its 60th Anniversary. (A draft was provided for comment).
- to approve the expenditure of funds from the PSNES general fund in the amount not to exceed \$250 to print, matte, and frame the approved resolution.

The motion was approved by a majority of a quorum on August 10th. Voting for approval of the motion were Heath, Wood, Loftus, Beaumont, Stavely, Richard, Atchison, Stover, Karchner, Neal, Pantano, and Sholtis. (None opposed.)

Comments on the draft resolution provided by Loftus, Pantano, and Atchison were addressed in the final version, which is attached. The actual framing cost of \$99.18 was within the approved limit. Douglas Wood presented the resolution to Dr. Kenan Unlu at the 60th Anniversary Celebration on August 18th.

PSNES Participation in the endowed Service & Leadership Award:

Pat Loftus spoke about the Service & Leadership Award which is now endowed. PSNES, through the PSNES Awards Committee, can work with the Program to review nominations and make a recommendation to the Program Chair on the most deserving candidate. Ideally, all nomination forms should be submitted and reviewed by early Fall, which is good timing for the student who receives the award. The award usually goes to a student who is a senior starting in the Fall semester. The award is typically about

\$1,000. Jim Tusar has headed-up the Awards Committee in the past, and is interested in continuing. John Atchison is also interested in joining the Awards Committee. Others who are interested can let them or James Stover know, as more discussion will take place offline.

Long Term Goals

Membership Growth:

Ideas for growing membership are welcome. Best way is usually one-on-one discussion and invitation. **James Stover took an action item to either call-in or attend one of the PSU ANS Student Chapter meetings.** In general, PSNES is working to attend these meetings, whether in-person or by teleconference.

Election in Spring 2016:

The next election is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2016. PSNES is gathering candidates for election. Potential candidates or people with interest should contact James Stover.

ROUNDTABLE

Committee Chairs:

Doug Wood suggested identifying committee chairs for PSNES. At this point in time, James Stover supports this idea but would not like to identify this as a short-term goal.

Mentorship Program:

Duane Karchner was contacted recently by a student for the mentoring program, and it has been going very well. The mentoring program is still available for students, and PSNES members have been supportive of this program. Going forward, PSNES would also like to make use of in-person or teleconference attendance at student meetings or events in order to help grow the program.

Video-Conferencing:

Joe Sholtis suggested video-conferencing as a tool for out-of-town or other PSNES members to attend events. James Stover will discuss this further with Dr. Unlu and Dr. Motta.

Meeting Minutes:

Tom Richard will be sending out the meeting minutes for today's meeting, as well as the current roster of PSNES.

Moving Elections to 2016:

James Stover will confirm through email whether each officer/director plans to serve an extra year until 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Attachment

Resolution

The Penn State Nuclear Engineering Society Hereby Honors and Recognizes

The Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor

for its outstanding contributions to society through nuclear education,
research, outreach and service

Whereas,

The Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor has safely and continuously
operated for a period of sixty years, and

Whereas,

The Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor is a leading national resource
making significant contributions in safety and security, education, innovative
research, and service, and

Whereas,

The Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor's dedicated staff and faculty
remain committed to safety, excellence, quality, and innovative research
while focused on inspiring and educating future generations of engineers,
technologists, and scientists;

Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Penn State Nuclear Engineering Society honors the Penn State
Breazeale Nuclear Reactor and its dedicated faculty and staff for its
continued leadership in education, research, outreach, and service, and
pledges continued support of its mission.

Adopted By This Society August 10, 2015

The PSNES Board of Directors
on behalf of your many students, colleagues and friends