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1. New President's Message

By John Parisi, PE, F. NSPE, Fox River Valley Chapter

Hello WSPE Members.

My name is John Parisi, and I am your incoming WSPE President for 2015-2016. It is an honor to serve WSPE in this position. I have served NSPE and WSPE in a number of capacities over my career, but I am particularly looking forward to the year ahead in my new role. While we have a great Executive Committee and Board of Directors in place, there is always a need for additional help.



*John Parisi, PE, F. NSPE
WSPE President, 2015 –
2016*

To that end, we are still looking for a Treasurer for the coming year. I highly encourage you to consider serving in this capacity by contacting Fred Groth (fred.groth@graef-usa.com) or Pam Mazur (pam.mazur@nwtc.edu). It has long been my experience that the benefits you gain by volunteering are well worth the investment of your time.

We are going to have a great year with focus on increasing membership, both individual members and Sustaining Firms (contact Zach Damuth, MembVP@wspe.org); the pipeline to future Engineers through MATHCOUNTS; K-12 school initiatives and University chapters (contact Mark Nagurka, EducVP@wspe.org); and finishing the year with another Discovery Conference and GNPA celebration (contact Ed Rodden, execdir@wspe.org, or Dale Swenson, gnpa@wspe.org). There are plenty of opportunities to get involved!

The NSPE Annual Meeting takes place this year on July 15-18 in Seattle, Washington. WSPE will be represented by James Buggs (our National Delegate, NatIDel@wspe.org), Ed Rodden (execdir@wspe.org), and me (pres@wspe.org). Please look for a summary of the Annual Meeting in the next issue of eNews.

I look forward to serving you during the coming year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2. 38th Annual Governor's New Product Awards Banquet & Awards Ceremony

By Dale R. Swenson, P.E., WSPE GNPA Chair

WSPE 38th Annual GNPA banquet and awards ceremony turned out to be a fantastic event. Many thanks to Master of Ceremony, Mike Austin, morning news, WTAQ AM & FM, Green Bay. His leadership throughout the banquet and awards ceremony kept enthusiastic attendees well informed and entertained.

Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor, Rebecca Kleefisch was our keynote speaker. Her speech "Closing the Skill Gap", was very energetic and well received by WSPE members, GNPA entrants and others that attended.

Each of the twelve companies that qualified and entered the GNPA competition received a mounted Certificate of Merit for the outstanding development of their product and for its economic contributions to the State of WI through engineering initiative and innovation. Each certificate was signed by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, as well as by our WSPE President and GNPA Chair. Each company also received an elegant diamond shaped crystal self-standing award in recognition of Engineering Excellence.

The awards ceremony was held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, Wednesday evening, May 27, 2015. Award presenters were Pam Mazur, PE, WSPE President and Dale R. Swenson, PE, WSPE GNPA Chair.

Best of State Winners

Small company category (50 or fewer employees)

1st place: Odyne Systems, LLC

Product: Plug-in Hybrid System for Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks
Waukesha

2nd Place: Aquila Corporation

Product: Softech Cushion System
Holmen

3rd Place: Shade Haven, LLC

Product: The Shade Haven
Viroqua

Medium Company Category (51 to 200 employees)

1st Place: Standard Imaging, Inc.

Product: Exradin W1 Scintillator
Middleton

2nd Place: Pflow Industries, Inc.

Product: Moving Floor System
Milwaukee

3rd Place: EmbeTek, LLC

Product: Sabot 0525
Hartland

Large Company Category (201 to 9,999 employees)

1st Place: M-B Companies, Inc, Airport Maintenance Products

Product: MB5 Multitasking Snow Removal Vehicle
Chilton

2nd Place: Greenheck Fan Corporation

Product: Variable Geometry Nozzle
Schofield

3rd Place: Zero Zone, Inc.

Product: Zero Zone Crystal Merchandiser Product Line
North Prairie

Honorable Mention: J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.

Product: Broadcast Capping System, BCS
La Crosse

Honorable Mention: Bruno Independent Living Aids, Inc.

Product: Commercial Vertical Platform Lifts (VPL 3300 Series)
Oconomowoc

Honorable Mention: Badger Meter, Inc.

Product: E-Series Ultrasonic Meter
Brown Deer

Congratulations to all GNPA entrants.

Please refer to www.wspe.org for any updates and information about next year's GNPA entry information. Entry information should be available by the end of August, 2015.

Contact myself or Ed Rodden if you have any questions. Thank you.

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3. Lean Sigma Green Belt and Black Belt courses at MSOE!

By Brittney Lynn, Graduate & Professional Education, MSOE

MSOE will be offering Lean Sigma Green Belt and Lean Sigma Black Belt professional education courses in fall 2015. Click the hyperlinks below to learn more and register.

- [Lean Sigma Black Belt](#) | Sept. 21-24; Oct. 26-29 | \$5,500 | CEUs: 8
- [Lean Sigma Green Belt](#) | Oct. 5-8; Nov. 9-12 | \$5,500 | CEUs: 8

Contact the Graduate and Professional Education department with any questions: gpe@msoe.edu | [\(800\) 321-6763](tel:8003216763)

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4. Wisconsin Companies Highlighted in NSPE's *PE Magazine*

Two Wisconsin Companies have been featured in the latest edition of *PE Magazine*, a publication of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

In the first article, Raine Gardner, PE, of MSA Professional Services writes about how the satisfaction of solving challenging problems is motivation enough for women to enter and succeed in engineering fields. You can read Ms. Gardner's article, *A Passion for Problem Solving*, here:

http://www.pemagazine-digital.com/pemagazine/july_august_2015?

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The second article features the work of Emily Pettis, an historian who works for Wisconsin-based Mead & Hunt. Ms. Pettis' helped to culturally preserve a corridor through Taliesin, a National Historic Landmark and former residence of Frank Lloyd Wright, near Spring Green. You can read this article, *When the Present Meets the Past*, here:

http://www.pemagazine-digital.com/pemagazine/july_august_2015?sub_id=uop5ap4hTgEY&folio=20#pg22

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www.wspe.org/WI%206%20months%20Free%20Membership%20Application.pdf to download an application.

Contact Ed Rodden, WSPE Executive Director, at ExecDir@wspe.org for details.

We Need Your News!

- Is your chapter hosting an event?
- Did your chapter get some new members?
- Have you started your own business?
- Is your company taking on a really challenging project?

If you said "yes" to any one of these questions, or would like to share anything even remotely newsworthy with the rest of WSPE, please contact Ed Rodden, WSPE Executive Director, at ExecDir@wspe.org.

We look forward to including your news in our monthly updates!



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- ...get your PE license?

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Alternatively, you can send your new information to Ed Rodden, WSPE Executive Director, at ExecDir@wspe.org or call him at (414) 531-1129 and he'll make sure your information is updated in both the WSPE and NSPE databases. We'd also like to include an article in the next eNews summarizing your recent change or accomplishment to inform your fellow WSPE members.

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WSPE Mission Statement

WSPE is an organization of licensed Professional Engineers (PEs) and Engineering Interns/Engineers in Training (EIs/EITs).

WSPE enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multi-disciplinary networking, and outreach.

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