

Lehigh Valley Engineering Council
Minutes for November 5, 2009
Council Meeting Held at Packard Lab 324 – Lehigh University

1. Engineers Week 2010

- a. The banquet will be held Friday, February 19, 2010.
- b. No theme is posted on the National Engineers Week web site yet.
- c. We have officially booked the Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley
- d. We need a volunteer to be the contact person/editor for the LV Business Journal – Don has someone in mind who could potentially do this, he will reach out to her.
- e. Discussion of potential speakers:
 - i. **Andrew Herrmann, ASCE National Board** – Would speak about the report card for America’s infrastructure. We received multiple recommendations from people who have heard him speak. He has also spoken on Good Morning America on this topic. The only cost would be travel expenses from NYC.
 - ii. **David Taschler** - Can give talk on the history of sustainability and the role of engineers and chemists in applying it in our lives today. He describes the talk as being geared to a technical/engineering audience but of interest to others as well. (Has given numerous talks on sustainability initiatives at AIChE, Lafayette, ACS, APCI, and other forums.) [I assume no speaking fee]
 - iii. **Speaker from PPL (Jim Miller?)** – Possible talk on one of the following topics: utility rates, the smart grid, nuclear power, the future of energy infrastructure. [I assume no speaking fee]
 - iv. **National Geographic Speakers Borough** – Could provide an experienced, professional speaker who would hopefully engage a diverse audience with an engineering-related but non-technical talk. The cost is being researched.
- f. Discussion of ticket and sponsorship costs was tabled until we confirm our costs with the Holiday Inn and confirm last year’s rates.
- g. Banquet booklet – we will ask Agnes or Elizabeth what the cost of the booklets was last year and who our contact was at the printer.

2. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Conference 2009

- a. Sponsored by LVEC in collaboration with Academic Outreach & Special Projects at Lehigh University
- b. Designed to provide an opportunity for students, engineers and scientists of all ages to develop and present technical papers before their peers.
- c. Held Saturday, November 7th, 8:00 AM -12:00 PM.

3. Future City Competition:

- a. Kutztown Area Middle School is still seeking a mentor.
- b. Full details of this annual Engineers Week Competition can be found at <http://www.futurecityphilly.org/> and www.futurecity.org

- c. Contact Keith Gardiner for more information.
- 4. LVEC-ASM Iron Pigs game** - Friday, June 4th against the Charlotte Knights.
- 5. Upcoming events of member societies**
 - a. ASCE/ASHE Event November 9: Michael Rebert, PennDOT District 5-0 Executive
 - b. Don't forget to submit events to Agnes.
- 6. Determine next meeting date**
 - a. Ben is unavailable Thursday, December 3 due to ASCE Holiday Banquet.
 - b. Possible alternative dates: Wednesday, December 2 or Thursday, December 10.
 - c. The next meeting will tentatively be held **Wednesday, December 2**. If anyone knows now that won't be able to make it, please let Ben know ASAP.