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President's Message

By James R. Galarneau



**Whether you think that you can,
or that you can't, you are usually
right."
- Henry Ford -**

This will be my last message as I will soon turn the reins over to another administration. As I promised last year, I have tried to build upon the work of past Presidents. I think, looking back over this past year working with the Board, we strengthened the Chapter in a number of ways. My approach was: I think we can and I think we did. I would like to share with the membership some of this year's Chapter accomplishments and thoughts.....

- One of the best Golf outing (chaired by Anne Garrity and Chris Motyl) which raised a significant amount of money for our scholarship fund
- We had a monthly meeting every month except December and our treasurer indicated that we had a net add which usually we have traditionally looked to break even. We mixed up the program to be a lunch as well as dinner format. We had two joint meetings. The variety I believe was very successful in meeting our member's needs.
- We had one fall new member function. During this function we found one of our new Directors Paul Adel. So new member meetings do not just encourage new members but it also has allowed an informal format where existing members could also attend and became active.
- The October Transportation Symposium which we support had it largest attendance. Fred Mastroianni represented our Chapter this year and helped make this event a success.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

April 17

May
Board Meeting

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- Board meetings held this past year always had a quorum and many times had almost the whole board there. For the most part I think I kept our meetings within the time promised. I think I did..... Since Bob Fraser retired last year as Secretary (for many years) Vince Mazzone did a fine job. I think he would agree with Bob that sometimes the meeting subjects move quickly and it can be difficult to capture it all.
- Leo Hetling this year enlisted Paul Adel to assist in the Chapter Scholarship Committee. We awarded three scholarships totaling \$2000. Leo was pleased to have Paul on board to help and they have talked about revamping some of the guidelines to help improve the process.
- Future Cities in January was in its second year and a great success. I believe they doubled the schools participating from the year before. Larry O'Connor was on the steering committee this year once again. As a Chapter, we currently have supported it with volunteers and a goal one day would be to financially contribute to this undertaken. This is a very good program.
- Mathcounts this year in February was chaired by Anne Garrity and held at the GE Schenectady Main Plant. The Facility was fantastic and the host even more gracious. Anne was able kept cost to a record low. Our Treasurer John Seligman was very pleased as there are always unexpected overruns during any one year.
- February saw another great Engineer's Week program. Keith Lashway and Larry O'Connor Co-chaired this event. The event again had a full program and filled with exhibitors. There has been talk about the need in future years to extend the event past the one day.
- We had a joint lobby day in May with ASCE and State NYSSPE. It too was a success. After this year, I think combining the event seemed to be effective and next year we should strive to increase member turnout to send a larger message to the legislators
- Another success this year has been the quality of our newsletter as prepared by Nadja Baur. She has worked very hard to keep the membership informed. She also continues to work closely with Jeff Mirarchi (website administrator) to get it posted each month.
- I also believe this year our Chapter has finally moved into embracing technology by the use of emails and the website. This has also allowed the Chapter to save significantly on mailing costs.
- The Directory went out this year through a lot of hard work of Tom McGrath. I should also acknowledge Tom's parents as he enlisted them to help prepare the mailings. Tom tried to keep the cost down! We financially had a net gain and Tom has many ideas about how to improve the next edition in two years.
- Finally, I have recently been advised that our Chapter will be receiving at the State summer meeting, this year's award for the most net gain in membership (total of six). This may not seem like many but it's a good direction for our Chapter. Next year I would challenge the chapter to double that number. I think our Membership Chair Monika Lowe is doing a great job and if the membership continues to support her efforts that goal will be reached.

I could go on but I believe I covered the major successes that I remember and apologize for those that I may have missed. Our Chapter has a great deal this past year to celebrate!!!!

With the future in mind, I did not achieve this year all that I set out to do. All presidents do leave unfinished business for the next in line. I am encouraged and excited at the make up of our new administration for 2003-2004. With the new Board having been formally inducted, I am confident that under Anne Garrity's leadership, the Chapter will continue to build upon this year's accomplishments. I will continue to work with Anne and the new Board as I exit. I look forward to attending many of next year's functions now as a member. I thank the Chapter for making my year memorable.

Sincerely,

James R. Galarneau, P.E.
Chapter President 2002-2003

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NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

By Monika Lowe

The Capital District Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers would like to welcome the following new member to our chapter:

- **John Steele**, of MSE Power Systems, Inc.

Please join us in welcoming the new member to our chapter!

SAVE THE DATE!*By Anne Garrity*

The Capital District Chapter's annual Fall Golf Tournament to benefit our scholarship fund will be held on **Tuesday, September 9, 2003** at the Town of Colonie Golf Course. A flyer has been attached to the newsletter with details on times, costs and hole sponsorship.

If you would like to donate a prize for the scholarship raffle or blind bogie drawing or are interested in helping coordinate the tournament, please email me at garritan@sysadm.suny.edu. Or call me at 518- 689-2592 (fax 518- 89-2635).

**LOBBY DAY UPDATE***By Jack Healy*

Lobby Day was held on May 6th with a great turnout. By teaming with NYSSPE and ASCE, this years lobby day had the most in attendance in several years. With over 30 participants divided into small working groups, we were able to meet with 70 legislative offices. We were fortunate to catch most of the legislators between budget talks, and were successful in meeting our representatives face to face. The responses to our agenda were overwhelmingly positive.

Several first timers indicated that Lobby Day was a great experience and would be back next year. Thanks to all that participated in making this years a success.

ANNUAL AWARD AND INSTALLATION MEETING*By Jim Galarneau*

On Thursday May 15th the Chapter held it annual Award and Installation dinner at the Watervliet Arsenal. There was a number of members and guests in attendance to receive awards. The following awards were presented:

Meritorious Service –
Howard Riggert, PE
Contribution to Engineering Education –
Donald Aulenbach, PE PhD
Young Engineer of the Year –
Jamie Fraser PE
Engineering Manager of the Year –
Michael Hollowood, PE
Government Engineer of the Year –
Keith Lashway, PE
Engineer of the Year –
David Biggs, PE
Outstanding Engineering Achievement –
Albany Riverfront Pedestrian Bridge, Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, PC
Special Recognition to Nadja Baur, PE Times Newsletter Editor
Life Member - Wyman Soule, PE

Guest, State President John Martin, PE, was in attendance to install the 2003-2004 slate of Officers.

President - Anne Garrity, PE
President-Elect – Christopher Motyl, PE
1st Vice President - Thomas McGrath, PE
2nd Vice President - Jack Healy, PE
Secretary - Vincent Mazzone, PE
Treasurer - John Seligman, PE

Newly Elected Directors:
Monika Lowe, IE
Fred Mastroianni, PE

Returning Directors:
Paul Adel, PE
A Jeffrey Mirarchi, PE
Salvatore Ervolina, PE

In addition to installing the Chapter's new officers, President John Martin discussed some of the important issues this year State has been involved in. John discussed that NYSSPE legislative efforts in time have made significant gains. One recent successful effort was 2003 passage of the Continuing Professional Competency requirements that professional engineers will start to accumulate in 2004. Our society is now formulating how the State and Chapter will work together in supporting the new law by offering chapters training to certify programs that then can be offered to its members. The efforts will begin at the summer State meeting in June. There are also continued efforts in tort reform which each years moves closer to winning approval. It may not make it this year but we are encouraged that since 47 other states have passed similar legislation, it should be happen soon.

The evening concluded with Anne Garrity, PE, 2003-2004 Chapter President looking forward to another successful year that promises to offer members a full program. Thanks to Director Paul Adel, a number of pictures were taken and will be posted to our website.



**CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER
NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**20TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF OUTING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003**

TOWN OF COLONIE GOLF COURSE



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. ---- Tee Off
5:30 PM -- Dinner, 6:15 PM -- Awards/Prizes & Raffle
\$60 per Golfer
 Includes greens fees, dinner and prizes
 (Does not include cart)

Prizes include low net, low gross, closest to the pin, long drive & more
Dinner includes food, beer and soda

Calloway System Rules – Limited Tee Times Available
Raffle will help support the Chapter's Scholarship Fund

GOLFER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 22TH

Call Anne Garrity at 689-2592 for Reservations

Please Make Checks Payable to: CDCNYSSPE

And send to: Anne Garrity, 8 Snowberry Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

SPONSOR RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 15th

One Hole Sponsorship & Golf (one person) - \$200

One Hole Sponsorship Only - \$150

Call Chris Motyl at 427-7200 Ext. 329

All Sponsors will have an appropriate sign placed near a tee box

CDCNYSSPE 2003 Award Winners

This year's nominations are in and the Chapter has selected the following recipients for the respective category:

Engineer of the Year

David Biggs, PE

Young Engineer of the Year

Jamie Fraser, PE

Jamie's parents accepted the reward due to his absence.

Engineering Manager of the Year

Mike Hollowood, P.E.



Government Engineer of the Year

Keith Lashway (absent)

Contribution to Education

Donald Aulenbach, PE, PhD

Meritorious Service

Howard Riggert, PE



Outstanding Engineering Achievement

Albany Riverfront Pedestrian Bridge
Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP
with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, PC

Life Member Award

Wyman Soule, PE



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