I am honored to have been recently inducted as this year’s President of the Westchester/Putnam Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. Our Chapter is lucky to have such a dedicated group of professionals on our Board of Directors and in our Officer positions who give their time to our many charitable causes such as scholarships, MathCounts, Engineering Expo and many others. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert Aiello, P.E. for his past two years of service. He truly move this organization forward as was instrumental in bringing new and innovative ideas to the Society.

I share Rob’s vision for moving the Society forward and having the Chapter’s goal, in addition to these charitable efforts, of providing additional value to our members. I think we can all agree that in these times it is critically important that all financial expenditures, including your decision to renew your NSPE, NYSSPE and Chapter membership, need to be value driven.

We have changed the format of our monthly PDH meetings to become PDH / Networking events. The meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and will be either a breakfast format in the morning or an evening cocktail reception with hors d’oeuvres to reduce registration costs and to minimize disruptions to everyone’s busy day. Each meeting will have a ½ hour networking session to run concurrent with registration and the PDH session will follow. Our next PDH will be on November 14, 2012. Please join us for a discussion on GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

During the upcoming holiday season, we will have a PDH on December 11, 2012 and later in January to give all interested members the ability to take some much needed time off from the grind of our industry. Also, the Chapter will host a networking event in January with our Post Holiday party that was a big success last year. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We have also been talking with NYWEA and plan to have a great event in the spring that will combine a morning PDH seminar followed by a barbeque and softball game between the two (2) organizations. This joint venture will increase the networking opportunities and is sure to be a great event shared by truly great people.

I would like to thank everyone in advance for their support during my time heading up this great organization and hope that I can count on you to help should the need arise.
As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.

I pledge:

- To give the utmost of performance;
- To participate in none but honest enterprise;
- To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct;
- To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.

In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

GOLF OUTING
Vincent Cannizzaro, P.E.

The Chapter’s 32nd Annual Golf Outing was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012. Due to the unfortunate “threat” of severe weather conditions, the original scheduled date of September 4, 2012 had to be postponed. The weather was unbelievable for us on the 11th and Sleepy Hollow CC did another phenomenal job running this outing!

Thank you to all our sponsors and participants who helped make this year’s golf outing a great success!! Our annual outing was held at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club which is 2011 Golfweek’s Top 100 Classic Course. Our 96 golfers enjoyed a great day of golf and a total of 108 people attended the cocktail hour and dinner after the tournament. Sorry to all the golfers that could not stay for the after party, as County Executive, Robert Astorino stopped by to meet many of the golfers and spend some of his valuable time with our organization. Also, Kevin Plunkett, Deputy County Executive was kind enough to stay for the evening and say some kind words to the audience as well as layout the County Executives plans at Playland. Other County officials and legislators were also in the crowd and really took some of their valuable time to work through the room and speak to our guests.

The proceeds from the outing support our various student programs including scholarships, MathCounts, PDH events, social outings and Engineering Expo. The Chapter is extremely grateful to all those who made this great day possible.

The success of this event each year is the result of many people working together and contributing. The Chapter thanks all of our volunteers for their contribution to the success of this event, including: Ryan Coyne, David Weiss, Michael Putnam, WSP Sells, Arben Group and John Meyer Consulting.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to Sleepy Hollow Country Club and its General Manager William Nitschke, Banquet Manager Seamus Baker, Catering Manager Jeffrey Zwolak, Golf Services Manager Joe Barreiro, Pro Shop Coordinator Alan Nelson and the entire staff helped make the day a great success for all our guests.

We look forward to seeing our members, guests and sponsors at next year’s outing.

Please follow the link to view pictures from this event
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Scholarship Program
Anthony Oliveri, P.E.

This year’s scholarship program has had a great response from students throughout Westchester County. This year’s program has been opened up to include college students as well as high school seniors entering an accredited engineering program the following year. In addition the “endorsement” of the applicant by a current PE society member was also encouraged; we believe this made the program more beneficial to the PE society membership than ever before. The Chapter received 11 applications from aspiring engineers. Thanks to the efforts of the Chapter and its generous financial sponsors, we will be awarding three (3) $1,000 scholarships to students to help fund their college engineering education. The Scholarship committee has reviewed the applications and has recommended award to the following students:

1. Jonathan P. Circosta – Ossining High School
2. Lauren Pinto – Villanova College
3. Victor Carosi – White Plains High School

Congratulations to this year’s winners and we wish you the best of luck as you pursue your engineering degrees this fall!

Membership
Steven Robbins, P.E., LEED AP

Building Tomorrow’s Leaders

If you are reading this, you are likely a leader in your organization.

I know this to be the case not just from knowing many of you, but also based on the average age of our members (nearing retirement), and the fact of our 207 current members represent over 120 different organizations. Approximately 110 organizations in our Chapter have just one member, often a Principal, Director, Manager, or senior leader.

As a leader of your organization, our chapter needs your help.

I am sure that at some level, being a member of NSPE and the Westchester/Putnam Chapter has had a positive role on your professional development, your organization’s success, and your pride in being part of the engineering profession, whether that be from networking opportunities, PDH sessions, state and national-level advocacy for the profession, or cultivation of young engineering talent. The past few years have been challenging for most of our members and member organizations, and unfortunately our chapter membership role reflects that fact. Our chapter membership has declined by 20% since January, 2010, from 258 members to 207 members. It wasn’t that long ago that our membership was in the 300’s or greater.

Our Chapter’s Board of Directors is actively engaged in discussions about the reasons for our declining membership, what that means for our chapter, impact on our ability to represent the profession, and how to reach a greater number of our colleagues and get them engaged. Our best ally in this task is you. As you are planning for the future of your organization and building your staff’s leadership capabilities, consider the benefits that being a member of NSPE and the Westchester Putnam Chapter has had for your career and organization. Encourage your staff to be engaged in the issues of the broader profession, get involved in the activities of our Chapter, and help us build our organization for today’s engineering challenges.

We need our current membership to help us continue to be a strong organization representing the needs of engineers in our local communities by getting the young (and not-so-young) professionals in your organization involved in our Chapter. We think that investment will pay dividends for your organization’s success and
our profession's future.

We would appreciate any input and welcome any and all input that you have on this issue and the challenges we face - please feel free to email me directly at srobbins@woodardcurran.com, our general Chapter email address at westputpe@live.com, or any of our Chapter's Officers or Directors.

Thank you for your help.

Steven Robbins, P.E., LEED AP, Chapter Vice President and Membership Chair

Legislative
Chris Mele, P.E.

Design Build and More in NY

By Mark C. Kriss, Esq. (NYSSPE Legislative and Legal Counsel)

New York State Society of Professional Engineers
NYSSPE has recently been requested to comment on design build and other alternative project delivery methodologies, such as construction manager at risk, for public projects in New York. Legislation is pending before the NYS Legislature which would modernize New York’s law for most state and local governmental projects (see S3035-A / A4735-A 2012). The bill would amend New York law to allow projects to precede using alternatives to the design-bid-build means of project delivery. Enactment of this law will make New York’s law more consistent with the vast majority of other states. In addition, the Society has been requested to comment on design build procurement for the Tappan Zee Bridge Project.

I. S3035-A Design Build and Construction Manager at Risk
S3035-A / A4735-A in many respect is a sound bill which with a number of amendments could be supported by NYSSPE.

Good features of the bill include Quality Assurance Safeguards:
- The use of a PE or RA as the owner’s project representative independent from the principal design firm for design build projects
- Mandatory inspections and testing by properly credential inspectors with direct reports to the project owner or owner’s design representative

Despite the foregoing a number of amendments are needed to correct deficiencies in the bill. Proposed amendments to the bill include:
- Remove provisions in the bill which authorize some governmental entities to use alternative project delivery methodologies without sufficient detail and Quality Assurance safeguards
- Amend bill to insure that the scope of practice and responsibility respecting the design of buildings is consistent with current law for both professional engineers and architects
- Add a provision prohibiting improper blanket indemnification of a general contractor by a design professional. The intent is to insure that parties are held directly accountable for their respective scope of responsibilities owed to a project owner and the public
- Add a Quality Assurance provision applicable to all design build contracts which affords a primary design firm unrestricted access to a project owner or owner’s design representative
- Consideration of additional safeguards, including, without limitation, licensure of general contractors requires additional analysis.

II. Tappan Zee Bridge
In December 2011 legislation (S50002 / A40002 - 2011) was enacted which authorized the use of design build by a number of state agencies for the construction and rehabilitation of roads and bridges. The legislation has a three year sunset provision. In accordance with the new law a design build RFP for the Tappan Zee Bridge was advance earlier this year. NYSSPE is pleased that the RFP has a number of Quality Assurance safeguards
contained in S3035-A including, among others, the selection via QBS of a design firm to serve as the owner’s representative. A QBS process has also been included for the selection of the primary design firm. NYSSPE would support a long term extension of the current law provided that all of the Quality Assurance safeguards discussed above are included in the legislation.

(Copies of S3035-A can be obtained from the NYS Senate website.) – http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S3035A-2011

**Engineering Expo 2013**
James A. Caggiano, P.E.

EXPO 2013 will once again be held at the White Plains High School in Westchester County on Sunday, April 7, 2013. We expect to be as extremely successful as last year with over 3,000 attendees. This year will again host a successful special event for Middle School students involving Lego competitions, as well as, FIRST Robotics with exhibits from the Jacob Javits competition in NYC. The Westchester County Police will present their bomb robot. We expect to have approximately 140 exhibits in main gyms and about 20 exhibits for Middle School students in the Cafeteria. The event hours are 11:00AM to 4:00PM. We are encouraging more private industries and companies to exhibit; please let us know if you have a contact person so we may contact them to exhibit.

Please go to our EXPO website at [www.BeAnEngineer.org](http://www.BeAnEngineer.org) and continue promoting this event at schools, libraries, local businesses, churches and synagogues, etc. We can use a few more engineering firms, and technical societies/public works (registration is free for them). Assisting on the EXPO committees is Mike Putnam and from the Westchester/Putnam Chapter Board of Directors are Fred Kincheloe and Steve Robbins.

Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or comments.

In the meantime, if you wish to volunteer your time in helping to plan and run this wonderful event for please contact me at jacaggiano@optonline.net.

To view photographs from EXPO 2012 click on the link below:

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Thank You to Our Individual Annual Sponsors!

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James Vanoli, P.E.

Calendar of Events

Wed, November 14, 2012   PDH – GIS, Pleasantville Country Club
Sat, February 2, 2013     MathCounts, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY
Fri, February 22, 2013    E-Week Dinner & Awards Ceremony
Sunday, April 7, 2013     EXPO – White Plains High School
WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM CHAPTER ANNUAL ENGINEERING AWARDS

The Westchester/Putnam Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers is pleased to announce its Annual Engineering Awards. These awards are designed to recognize local members of the engineering profession for their contribution. Nominees for all awards must either live or work in Westchester/Putnam Counties.

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<td>The Chapter’s highest award. The award is presented to a professional engineer who is judged to have contributed substantially to the engineering profession.</td>
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<td><strong>Outstanding Service to the Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Presented to the Chapter member who has devoted countless hours of time to improve the Chapter’s standing in the community and in the profession.</td>
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<td>Presented to the outstanding professional engineer employed by the State, Local or Federal government or agency who has contributed substantially to the engineering profession.</td>
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<td>Presented to the outstanding young professional who has contributed substantially to the engineering profession. Nominees for this award must be 35 years of age or younger.</td>
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<td>Awarded to the outstanding construction project in the current calendar year. Construction must be substantially complete in the current calendar year. The project must be located in either Westchester or Putnam County or designed by a consulting engineering firm located in Westchester or Putnam County. Full color documentation in power point format must be provided for Engineer’s Week.</td>
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All nominations must be received prior to 5:00 PM on November 30, 2012. If additional information is required, please call Mr. Garry Lynch, P.E., at (914) 741-1290, ext 13. All nominations should be submitted to NYSSPE-Westchester/Putnam Chapter, P. O. Box 253, Pleasantville, NY 10570; or to westputpe@live.com.

Nomination forms may also be obtained online at www.westputpe.org.

Award recipients must be approved by the Board of Directors. Recipients must agree to accept the award in person at the awards ceremony. The selection committee may nominate alternates for consideration by the Board of Directors for each award. The Chapter is not obligated to issue awards for all categories in any given year. Awards will be presented at the Engineer’s Week Dinner Dance, details to follow.
Engineering Award Nomination Form

(Nominations are due November 30, 2012)

Mail to: NYSSPE-Westchester/Putnam Chapter, P. O. Box 253, Pleasantville, NY 10570
Or  westputpe@live.com

Name of Candidate: ____________________________ Age (Young Engineer only): ________

Title: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

NYSSPE Westchester/Putnam Member (yes or no): _________________________________

Award(s) Category ____________________________________________________________

Academic Degree(s) __________________________________________________________

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Nominated by ________________________________________________________________

Achievements: In 200 words or less, support the candidate's nomination.

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BENEFITS TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF PROFESSION ENGINEERS, INC.

The New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. – NYSSPE- is the premier organization of professional engineers that promotes and defends the lawful and ethical practice of engineering. Our legislative program ensures that the laws in New York State provide the best possible working environment for PE’s. Overall, our goal is to protect and promote professional engineers in all disciplines and areas of practice.

Why Join? NYSSPE delivers 3 memberships for the price of 1. With a single NSPE membership, you’re automatically enrolled not only in the national organization but in your state society and local chapter.

- National – NYSSPE keeps its members in touch with the latest in their field through respected publications and information resources, opportunities for mentoring and continuing education.
- State - NYSSPE members on the state level can build leadership skills and earn professional recognition through volunteer opportunities. In addition, members enjoy discounts and special offers unique to their state organization.
- Local – Westchester/Putnam Chapter offers engineers the chance to network and gain professional referrals through contacts with colleagues in their communities.

Member Benefits – NYSSPE membership gives engineers the tools and services they need to be better informed and better connected within their professional community:
1. NYSSPE opens the door for networking opportunities
2. Promotes PE’s in a positive image
3. Offers guidance on professional issues
4. Provides contact with legislative bodies and issues targeting engineering licensure, professional liability and tort reform
5. Professional recognition
6. Opportunity to be of service
7. Continuing Education - Keep abreast of events that affect engineering practice
8. Assistance with transitioning in jobs
9. Leadership and acknowledgement opportunities

Who is Eligible to Join?
- Licensed as a Professional Engineer (PE)
- An engineering intern (EI or EIT)
- A graduate of an ABET – accredited engineering program
- A student in the ABET - accredited engineering program

Personal Benefits – NYSSPE membership can save you valuable time and money. Some of the personal benefits that accompany membership include:
- News Benefits – The (NYPE) is designed to keep our members and the general public informed of important issues.
- Continuing Education Benefits: Free online courses with CEDengineering.com, an online provider of continuing education for professional engineers. 15 PDH Offerings Included with Membership NSPE members have access to 15 professional development hours at no extra charge, among other benefits.
- NYSSPE is a member of New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON) which allows all state and chapter officers access to training as well as discounts. Some of which include UPS, insurance and financial services, car rentals, review courses and software products.

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