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President’s Message
Vincent P. Cannizzaro, P.E.

As the newly elected President, I, along with the Board of Directors, would like to wish everyone a Holiday Season filled with health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

We invite all our members to join us on Thurs, Jan. 17, 2013 to our Post Holiday Party. This is an opportune time to speak with the Chairperson of each of our programs to learn more about what you, as a chapter member, can do to help us. We have outlined the programs and events for the coming year in this Newsletter.

The Chapter is also grateful to our many sponsors in continuing to support our events. Your support helps to fund our many programs and activities. As these economic times are challenging, your participation in these programs would also be appreciated.

I know that these last few months have been difficult between the devastation of Hurricane Sandy that changed so many people’s lives and the tragic deaths of so many innocent children and teachers in Newtown, CT. Let’s take this time to be thankful for the blessings we have and give our thoughts and prayers to all those who are struggling right now.

I look forward to a successful New Year serving as your Chapter President.

Thank you.

Vincent P. Cannizzaro, P.E

For more information on Chapter Events please visit us at http://westputpe.org/
**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.

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, please contact me at jacaggiano@optonline.net. Next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at 6 pm at McLaren Engineering in West Nyack, Rockland County.

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

[Click Here to See Photos of Expo 2012](#)

**PDH**  
Rob Aiello, P.E.

**GIS - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems** held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the Pleasantville Country Club. This seminar was presented by William Maier, Northeast United States Regional Manager for Tensar International Road Products Division.

**Post-Holiday Party**  
Lucy Caggiano – Chapter Administrator

Each year your Chapter subsidizes this "after the holidays" get-together for its members for an informal night of fun, networking and conversation. Our annual Post-Holiday Party will feature a 3-hour cocktail party with food stations, beer, wine and soda. A cash bar will also be available.

Join your colleagues on Thursday - January 17, 2013  
At Casa Rina Restaurant  
886 Commerce Street, Thornwood, NY  
Hors d'oeuvres, Beer, Wine and Soda Included  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Cash Bar  
Reservations Required!)

**E-Week**  
Garry R. Lynch, P.E.

Each year your Chapter celebrates National Engineers Week by honoring our local engineers at our Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony. Join us as we celebrate their achievements.  
Friday, Feb 22, 2013 - Annual Engineers Week Awards Dinner & Dance will be held at Westchester Manor, 140 Saw Mill River Road, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY  
Cocktails - 6:00pm, Awards and Dinner 7:00pm  
Reservations Required!
**MathCounts**  
Diego Villereale, P.E.

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. MATHCOUNTS challenges students' math skills, develops their self-confidence, motivates and rewards them for their achievements. Competitions are held locally, plus on the state and national levels. In recent surveys, 80% of state competition alumni reported scoring 1400 or higher on their SATs! Feel free to go to [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org) at your convenience for more information on the national program. This year it will be held on Sat, Feb 2, 2013 at Pace University. Snow date is Sun, Feb 3, 2013.

**Legislative**  
Chris Mele, P.E.

For many who are involved with transportation work at the state level the Design Build Option has become the Topic of Conversation. Below is an excerpt from a document written by Mark C. Kriss, Esq. who is the NYSSPE Legislative Council regarding the NYSSPE’s stand on the issue.

**Design Build**  
A key cornerstone of the December 2011 Budget was legislation authorizing the use of design build for design and construction projects undertaken by a number of state agencies and authorities. Specifically, the legislation applies to projects under the aegis of the New York State Thruway Authority, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Bridge Authority costing in excess of 1.2 million dollars.

The legislation had an immediate effective date and is subject to a three-year sunset provision. Legislation, without a sunset provision, to permit design build and other alternative project delivery methodologies, such as construction manager at risk, for most state and local projects, is expected to generated a great deal of interest in 2013. (See Senate Bill 3035-A Senator Lavalle.) NYSSPE favors broad adoption of alternative procurement methodologies on the state and local level, provided authorizing legislation includes all of the Quality Assurance Safeguards viewed as essential by NYSSPE, as well provisions which insure that liability risks are not unfairly shifted to design professionals.

**Sponsorship**  
Robert Aiello, P.E.

Our Chapter’s Annual Sponsor Program makes it possible for us to continue to support the Chapter’s many student events and programs, which include:

- **Math Counts**—A free regional school competition at Pace University for Middle School “Mathletes” to compete against other teams and individuals in an effort to continue onto the State and County-Wide Math Counts Competitions.
- **Engineering EXPO**—A one day fair where students interested in the engineering profession are given a free opportunity to ask questions of engineers and engineering firms engaged in all types of disciplines and practices in the private and public sector.

Your support will be recognized at all our Chapter Events, on our website at [http://westputpe.org/sponsors.php](http://westputpe.org/sponsors.php), and in our Quarterly Newsletter.

Visit our website at [http://westputpe.org/sponsors.php](http://westputpe.org/sponsors.php) to become either a:

- Corporate Sponsorship - $250 Annually
- Individual Sponsorship - $25 Annually

Thank you for your support.
Membership
Steven Robbins, P.E., LEED AP

As we wrap up activities for 2012 and look toward 2013, membership remains a priority concern for our Chapter leadership. Our numbers have fallen over the past few years as new members haven’t joined in sufficient numbers to replace those members who have cut back on professional society memberships or who are retiring from the profession. We are thankful for our members who have stuck with us and who continue to provide (and receive!) a significant amount of value to the Chapter, our membership, and the profession.

As we look toward 2013, we are continuing to try new approaches to attract new members. We hope that you will encourage the developing leaders and young engineers in your organization to join our ranks. If you have ideas for how we might make membership more attractive to new members, please do not hesitate to contact me at (914) 448-2266 or srobbins@woodardcurran.com.

Best wishes this holiday season!
Thank You to Our Individual Annual Sponsors!

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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?**

a. Licensed as a Professional Engineer (PE)  
   b. An engineering intern (EI or EIT)  
   c. A graduate of an ABET – accredited engineering program  
   d. 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:

i. News Benefits – The (NYPE) is designed to keep our members and the general public informed of important issues.  
   ii. 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.  
   iii. 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.

Visit our website at [www.nysspe.org](http://www.nysspe.org) for complete information.
Become an Annual Westchester / Putnam Chapter, NYSSPE Sponsor!

☐ Corporate Sponsor - $250 Minimum
All corporate sponsors’ business cards will be prominently displayed on our Chapter’s Website (www.westputpe.org) and at each of our Chapter events. Corporate Sponsor’s Business Cards will also be included in the Chapter’s Quarterly Newsletter which will be included in the next Construction Industry Council’s monthly newsletter, CIC News, which has a subscriber list of over 9,000 people! The Sponsorship will be in effect for one year from the date of initiation.

☐ Individual Sponsor - $25 Minimum
All individual sponsors will be listed in the Chapter’s event programs and listed on our Chapter’s Website (www.westputpe.org) for one year from the date of sponsorship.

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