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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Eric L. Flicker, PE



As I reflect on the last two years of my service to the Club as your President, I can clearly see both accomplishments and challenges.

Our clear goal continues to be “coalescing” of the engineering profession and community. Several years ago, when I was your Engineer of the Year, I talked of setting a standard for the country, like our founding fathers did in 1776 right here in Philadelphia. The fragmentation of engineering exists at all levels. Our Club predated most of the current technical and professional societies, and provides an ideal platform for our local efforts.

Let me start by thanking all of our members for their support and also our volunteers for their dedicated efforts. We are here to serve our members and the profession and do so through the efforts of many, who make contributions at wide-ranging levels.

On the accomplishment side, we have expanded our membership through our Corporate Member program. This has increased our financial support and outreach to expanded individual involvement. We have also created working committees that have included an increasing number of individuals who serve the Club and profession.

Our major near term challenges are clearly financial. Through the hard-work and dedicated efforts of “full time” volunteers over a number of years, like our Treasurer, Dick Mulford, we were able to amass a financial reserve to support our current expanded efforts. We are spending down these reserves as an investment in our future and need to find a sustainable financial balance going forward, leaving significant reserves unspent.

As I pass the leadership torch to Bob Wright, I encourage all of us to “persevere.” Nobody said it would be easy, but it is certainly worth the effort. By working together in a collegial spirit, we will have many more successes and will turn the corner to fiscal stability. Engineering will benefit and so will each of us individually as will the professional organizations, where we are involved.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to supporting the next leadership team.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Susan L. Best, PE



FY 2010 has been a year of transitions. The most obvious of these transitions is from one Executive Director to another. I was pleased to be given the opportunity to serve the Club as the Interim Executive Director, starting at the end of September. Having worked as a traffic engineering consultant for 30 years, with technical society work as an extracurricular activity, it was exciting to work from the other side, so to speak. So in addition to the transition in leadership at the Club, I needed to transition from being a volunteer to being staff that supports volunteers.

In March, the Board voted to remove the “interim” from my title, and I look forward to many years of helping the Club grow and truly become the Engineering and Technical Center of the Delaware Valley.

During the “interim” period, the Strategic Planning Committee reviewed and updated the Club’s Strategic Plan for 2010-2012. This provided an opportunity to see how the Club had progressed over the previous two years, determine what had worked and what hadn’t worked as well as anticipated, and develop a plan for the next two years.

A new set of bylaws were approved in September. One of the resulting changes was new fiscal and administrative years. Previously, the Club operated on a calendar fiscal year but a May to April administrative year. The Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council had operated on a June to May fiscal year and an April to March administrative year. With the new bylaws, the fiscal and administrative years were aligned at July to June. This has resulted in some adjustments to the election process, the date of the Annual Meeting, and the financial reporting.

As noted in the Finance Committee report, we are transitioning from a primarily manual bookkeeping system to a computerized system using QuickBooks.

Another transition from primarily manual / paper records to computer has been with our mailing list. While this required an extensive effort to review and update, we now have a good base for communicating with our members and affiliated societies.

We have set email as our default communication method. This was communicated to our members in the 2010 dues bill, and every member was given the opportunity to request hard-copy mailings of specific types of communication. Of course, if we have no email address, hard copies are mailed, when feasible. We work to provide reasonably frequent communication with our members, the leadership of the affiliated societies, and other interested parties to keep them informed, but not so frequent as to be perceived as spam.

As we move forward into FY 2011, we will keep the momentum going on these transitions and continue to streamline Club operations. I invite you to join these efforts through any of the committees that match your interests and capabilities. Together we can grow the Club’s membership and be the Engineering and Technical Center of the Delaware Valley



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FY 2010 Board of Directors and Staff

Eric L. Flicker, PE - PRESIDENT
Pennonni Associates, Inc.

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Urban Engineers, Inc.

Michael J. McAtee, PE – VICE PRESIDENT
Urban Engineers, Inc.

Allan R. Ritchie, PE - SECRETARY
Ritchie Engineers, Inc.

Richard A. Mulford, PE - TREASURER
Engineers' Club of Philadelphia

Dianne Dorland, Ph.D., PE – DIRECTOR
(Class of 2010)
Rowan University

Christopher J. Menna, PE -DIRECTOR
(Class of 2010)
Philadelphia Department of Streets

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(Class of 2010)

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(Class of 2011)
Pennonni Associates, Inc.

Carol C. Martsof, PE – DIRECTOR
(Class of 2011)
Urban Engineers, Inc.

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(Class of 2011)
Jacoby Donner, PC

Susan L. Best, PE - DIRECTOR
(Class of 2012, resigned effective 3/19)

Michael V. Griffin, PE - DIRECTOR
(Class of 2012, as of 5/18)
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E. Mitchell Swann, PE - DIRECTOR
(Class of 2012)
MDC Systems Corporation, LLC

Megan Syrnick - DIRECTOR
(Class of 2012)
Hill International, Inc

**Judson F. Vogdes III, PE – 3rd PAST
PRESIDENT**

**Joseph R. Syrnick, PE, PLS – 2nd PAST
PRESIDENT**
Schuylkill River Development Corporation

Ruben D. David, PE - 1st PAST PRESIDENT
City of Philadelphia
Department of Public Property

ENGINEERS' CLUB STAFF

Diane Conway, PhD - Executive Director
(July – Sept)

Susan L. Best, PE – Executive Director
(October – June)

Jocelyn Craighead – Administrative Assistant

It is with regret that we note the loss of a Board member and Past President when **Judson F. Vogdes, III, PE**, passed away on November 17. Jud had been President of the Club for 2002 through 2004 and had been on the Board continuously from 1996 until his death.

At its May 18, 2010 meeting, the Board elected **Michael V. Griffin, PE** to fill the **Director, Class of 2012** position vacated by Susan Best, PE when she became Executive Director.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ECP Operating Account

	FY 2008	2009 (12 months)		FY 2009	FY 2010	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual To Date
INCOME						
Total Dues	28,700	50,000	32,843	25,025	50,870	41,127
Total Contributions	3,830	5,000	2,800	1,105	3,100	3,145
Meetings (Net)	(6,204)	-	(4,589)	(2,959)	(1,130)	(1,725)
Education (Net)	15,781	40,000	7,333	8,653	8,380	3,300
Young Engineers' Forum (Net)	1,011	1,000	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	25,310	18,000	31,687	21,536	28,750	19,076
Engineering Tours (Net)	634	-	250	250	-	75
Other	78	-	-	-	-	50
Affiliate Services	171	12,500	8,289	7,809	12,480	10,540
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 69,312	\$ 126,500	\$ 78,613	\$ 61,419	\$ 102,450	\$ 75,588
EXPENSES						
Rent	11,280	12,700	11,772	5,886	12,660	12,662
Office Expenses	22,503	17,500	20,674	12,452	17,690	17,471
Staff	118,079	145,000	127,517	66,905	102,600	103,369
Technology	6,676	1,500	4,904	2,970	4,300	5,426
Furniture & Appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-
Who' Who Printing	-	-	-	-	500	-
Business Insurance	1,417	1,500	1,453	-	1,460	1,453
Consultants	-	500	-	-	1,520	5,922
Other	6,504	2,500	2,119	1,458	420	766
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 166,458	\$ 181,200	\$ 168,439	\$ 89,672	\$ 141,150	\$ 147,069
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	\$ (97,147)	\$ (54,700)	\$ (89,825)	\$ (28,253)	\$ (38,700)	\$ (71,481)

Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee

	FY 2008	FY 2009			FY 2010	
	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual to Date
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 62,288	\$ 63,500	\$ 48,831		\$ 75,000	\$ 60,676
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,921	\$ 76,500	\$ 66,043		\$ 84,350	\$ 64,989
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	\$ 16,367	\$ (13,000)	\$ (17,212)		\$ (9,350)	\$ (4,313)
Fiscal Year Range	June 1, 2007- May 31, 2008	June 1, 2008- May 31, 2009		NA	June 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	

NOTES:

The Engineers Club and the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council (DVEWC) traditionally had different fiscal years, which were different from their respective administrative years. With the approval of the new Club bylaws in September 2009, the fiscal and administrative years for both have been aligned to be July 1 through June 30, beginning July 1, 2009.

FY 2009 for the Club's accounts was six-months from January through June. Data is presented for both a 12-month calendar 2009 as well as the 6-month FY 2009

As the DVEWC funds are restricted to celebration of Engineers Week and were traditionally on a different fiscal year than the Club, they are shown separately from the other Club accounts for this report. Due to the timing of the change in fiscal years, this report shows a 13-month FY 2010 fiscal year for DVEWC. The months covered by each fiscal year are noted.

BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Engineers Week Council	-	4,866	(4,866)	-100%
DVEW/ECP Checking	47,152	50,758	(3,606)	-7%
ECP Checking	13,204	34,978	(21,774)	-62%
Vanguard Accounts	395,318	417,990	(22,672)	-5%
Total Checking/Savings	455,673	508,592	(52,918)	-10%
Accounts Receivable				
Undeposited Funds	665	200	465	233%
Total Accounts Receivable	665	200	465	233%
Other Current Assets				
House Acc't-Other Reimb	388		388	100%
Undeposited Funds		30		
Total Other Current Assets	388	30	358	1,194%
Total Current Assets	456,726	508,822	(52,095)	-10%
TOTAL ASSETS	456,726	508,822	(52,095)	-10%
LIABILITIES				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	1,625	-	1,625	100%
Total Accounts Payable	1,625	-	1,625	100%
Total Current Liabilities	1,625	-	1,625	100%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,625	-	1,625	100%
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	455,102	508,822	(53,720)	-11%



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	As of July 1, 2009	As of July 1, 2010
Individual Members	224	176
Individual/Corporate Members	129	195
Life Members	45	39
Student Members	13	2
Total Members	411	412
Corporate Members	8	12

Corporate Members

Gold	Pennoni Associates, Inc. Urban Engineers, Inc.
Silver	STV, Inc. The Burns Group
Bronze	Adcon Consultants, Inc Arora Engineers, Inc. Drexel University GAI Consultants, Inc. Hill International, Inc. McCormick Taylor, Inc. MDC Systems, Inc. TriState Building Integrators, Inc.

Student Chapters

Temple University
Widener University



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A YEAR IN REVIEW

The various leadership and committee reports provide some details as to the events of this past year. This report will provide a brief overview of the year.

The first event of the year was a presentation by President Eric L. Flicker, PE at the August IEEE Conference on the History of Technical Societies, which was also a celebration of the 125th anniversary of IEEE. Past president Joe Krulikowski provided extensive historical research and support in the development of the presentation, with additional assistance from Bob Wright and Mike McAtee.

Later in August, Diane Conway, PhD submitted her resignation as the Club's Executive Director, effective October 2, 2009. Diane had decided to return to working in the area of developmental disabilities, where she had worked for many years, and to a position that did not require the significant commute that she had been making.

The Board met on September 3 and appointed Susan L. Best, PE as the Interim Executive Director, effective September 28, 2009, allowing for a one-week overlap with Diane.



At its September 16 meeting, the Club Board adopted new bylaws, replacing the bylaws that had been in effect since the early 1990's. This revision included a minor revision to the Board composition, changed the requirements for certain activities from a specific number of members to percentage of members, specifically allowed for the delegation of duties to Club staff, removed procedural items that are best incorporated into a procedures document, and provided for email notices and email votes by the Board.

The most significant change in the bylaws was in the fiscal and administrative years. Previously, these were different, with the fiscal year being a calendar year and the administrative year was May to April. The former Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council, now a committee of the Club, had also operated on different administrative and fiscal years, which were both different from the Club's. With the new bylaws, all administrative and fiscal years will be July through June. This has required some adjustments as we transitioned to the new fiscal year. As a result, fiscal year 2009 was a short year, from January to June 2009, and the administrative year was lengthened to include May and June of 2010.

The Club held its program year kick-off meeting on September 23 as a breakfast meeting at the Racquet Club. Joseph R. Synchron, PE, CEO of the Schuylkill River Development Corporation (and past president of the Club), provided a slide show update of the many activities and improvements along Schuylkill Banks, the area of the Schuylkill River from the Fairmount Waterworks to the Delaware River. At this meeting, Diane Conway was thanked for her two years of service to the Club and Susan Best was introduced as the Interim Executive Director.

The Third Affiliated Society Leadership Summit was held September 29, 2009. Forty-three people, representing 23 societies, attended. The key discussions included the affiliate membership program (basic and premium memberships), the revamped events for Delaware



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Valley Engineers Week, introduction of the Club's Student Outreach committee, and updates on continuing education requirements. The representatives provided input on the types of services the Club could consider offering.

Approximately 80 golfers and wanna-bes (probably more of the latter, given the robust sales of "mulligans"!) showed up at Island Green Country Club on October 1 for the 10th Annual golf outing, and from all indications, a good time was had by all.

This outing helps to support Delaware Valley Engineers Week.

For the first time, Richard Mulford was able to present the Mulford Prism, which had been so named to honor Dick's many years of service, to the winning team.



The Club was saddened to learn that Club member and past President, Judson F. Vogdes, III, PE, passed away on November 17. Jud had been President of the Club for 2002 through 2004 and had been on the Board continuously from 1996 until his death



On November 17, Temple and Drexel engineering students were treated to a special introduction, exciting tour, and meeting at the new CBS-3 Station, the first high-definition (HD) and first tapeless HD television station in North America. The tour was made possible by Rich Paleski, a Club member and Director of Broadcast Operations & Engineering CBS-3 / CW-57. Rich pointed out to the students the different technical aspects and explained how they all tie

in to make the plant work.

In November and December, the Club hosted a series of meetings with the key contacts of each of our Corporate Members. Eric Flicker and Susan Best reviewed the Club's accomplishments and anticipated endeavors and solicited feedback from the Corporate Members as to how they perceive the benefits of corporate membership and what the Club could do to enhance those benefits.

Also in November, the Strategic Planning Committee met to begin the process of reviewing and updating the Club's Strategic Plan. The plan had been prepared and adopted in early 2008, as part of the then new Executive Director's efforts to review where the Club was and where it wanted to go. The change in executive directors provided a good opportunity to review the progress made, determine what worked and didn't work (and why), and update the plan for the current circumstances. The results of that effort were approved by the Board on April 1, 2010 and a summary is included in the Annual Report and on the Club's website.



The Club held its Annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 10, when LeRoy Alaways, PhD, medical engineering professor at Villanova University, provided an interesting look into the history and aerodynamics of the curveball from Isaac Newton by way of Igor Sikorsky to



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present day research. The Life and Look magazine debates of the 1940's and other trivia and rhubarb were presented in addition to a little mechanical sports engineering.

In January, St. Christopher School, Philadelphia, won the Club's Special Award at the Future City Competition.



The next event for the Club was the hosting of Delaware Valley Engineers Week on behalf of the engineering and technical societies.



The events were revamped this year, based on surveys conducted in the summer of 2009; details of these changes are in the DVEW Committee report. Selçuk Güçeri, PhD was honored as the Engineer of the Year and Mike Witkowski, PE, LEED AP was honored as the Young Engineer of the Year. The Awards and Proclamation Luncheon was held on Friday, February 12, just two days after a major snowstorm shutdown the region. While it made it interesting working out the final logistics for the meeting, there were only a few people who were unable to make it due to

the weather. The inaugural Young Engineers Social on Monday, February 15 also had some weather concerns, with a light snowfall that night, but again, it only kept a few people away.

Fortunately, we had wonderful weather for the Celebration of Engineering Gala at the Chemical Heritage Foundation on Saturday, February 20.



On March 2, the Club joined with the Math-Science Coalition of the Philadelphia Education Fund, Pennoni Associates, Ewing Cole, Drexel University College of Engineering in an Explore STEM Philly event at Citizens Bank Park. Attended by 60 students from three Philadelphia high schools, this event included a tour of the stadium as part of a program designed to highlight the vast and exciting career opportunities in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) disciplines.

The Engineers' Club once again presented awards at the Delaware Valley Science Fairs. This year, three awards were presented in three different age groupings. Caroline Boschetto received the award for 6th through 8th grade, Billy Ransom for 9th and 10th grade, and James Swieson for 11th and 12th grade.



Unfortunately, our next event, scheduled for April 22, had to be cancelled due to illness by the speaker. Fortunately, Fred Kulhawy, PhD, has agreed to re-schedule the event, which will be held November 4, 2010, co-sponsored by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

The Fourth Affiliated Society Leadership Summit was held May 4, 2010. Thirty-two people, representing 22 societies, attended. As in previous summits, the attendees enjoyed the



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opportunity to find out what the Club has to offer and ways the societies can network and help each other.

The Engineers' Club joined the four Pennsylvania Sections of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE), and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA) for the fourth annual Legislative Day on May 24. Over 80 attendees from around the state participated and visited over 100 legislators to discuss the 2010 ASCE Infrastructure Report Card for Pennsylvania and transportation funding needs. Attendees were briefed by State Senator John Rafferty before going off to their appointments with legislators.



The Spring Tour program included four tours:

- May 12, Chester Soccer Stadium (PPL Park) – co-sponsored with the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS).
- May 17, Conshohocken Trash to Steam Plant
- May 22, Jenkins Arboretum
- June 10, Schuylkill River Boat Tour

The Club held its Annual Membership Meeting on June 25 at Drexel University, with a very nice continental breakfast. The events of the year were reviewed, including presentation of the financial and membership reports. The contributions of outgoing Board members, Secretary Allan R.



Ritchie, PE and Director Dianne Dorland, PE, PhD, were acknowledged and the newly elected officers were sworn in. Robert M. Wright, PE, the incoming president, provided some challenges for all of us for the new Club year.



Two semesters, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010, of educational courses were offered. Over the past several years, attendance at these courses has been declining, and this year the trend continued. We are constantly looking for new courses to offer or new delivery methods or locations for the existing courses, to help improve attendance.

Throughout the year, the Club communicated to its members, the engineering and technical societies, and the general engineering community through the website, a series of electronic newsletters (the E-News), other email blasts, and six issues of the Bulletin. The Club's committees continue to increase their level of effort in running the Club's affairs.



Our Vision

Establish the Club as the Engineering and Technical Center of the Delaware Valley

Our Mission

The ECP is dedicated to the advancement of the engineering field including its various disciplines, the professional development of its members and networking among technical professionals.

Goal 1:

Leverage the unique advantage of ECP as the network of engineering professionals in the region

Objectives:

1. Provide centralized association management services to the technical/professional societies in the region.
2. Be a resource of information about engineering and engineering programs for the public, media, government officials, educators, parents, and students.
3. Be a place for engineers to be involved in multi-disciplinary activities.
4. Promote the engineering profession.

Goal 2:

Promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education in the K-20 system

Objectives:

1. Provide a connection between educators and engineers in promoting math and science in K-12 education.
2. Support undergraduate and graduate engineering students.
3. Promote other programs supporting STEM education.

Goal 3:

Be a source of professional development information and provide programs for the Engineering Community

Objectives:

1. Provide meaningful and timely professional development offerings that engage club members and create customer demand.
2. Provide information on Professional Engineering licensure, training, and continuing education.
3. Provide updates on legislative matters that affect the Engineering Community.

Goal 4

Increase and broaden membership base by providing increased membership options and enhanced benefits.

Objectives:

1. Provide increased membership options and benefits.
2. Provide social and networking opportunities.



COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Committees are an important element of the Engineers' Club. Through involvement in committees, members can further their professional development and provide service to their profession. There are many different types of opportunities to fit the different experiences and desires of the members.

Any member in good standing may become a committee member. When the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the Club, it may waive the requirement that committee members be members of the Club.

Committee members and a Chair will be appointed by the President. To provide effective liaison with the Board of Directors, if the Chair of a committee is not a Director or Officer, a Director will be appointed as the Board contact. The committee Chair may develop additional sub-committees or task forces as needed.

The President is an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The Executive Director will provide or assign staff support to each of the committees.

Administrative

Purpose: Assist the Club with its internal operations to effectively and efficiently use Club resources to advance its mission.

Duties:

- Monitor that the Club maintains proper administrative procedures.
- Monitor that the Club operates in accordance with the Club's Bylaws and propose amendments as needed.
- Develop and monitor conformance with Club procedures.
- Assist the Club in procuring and using information technology (including website hosting and association management software) that enables it to serve the members and the Club's mission.
- Monitor that the Club adheres to proper labor laws.
- Monitor the employee benefits program.

Affiliate Affairs

Purpose: Establish and maintain liaison with other technical and professional societies in the greater Philadelphia area.

Duties:

- Develop opportunities for the Club to act as a conduit for the coalescence of the greater Philadelphia engineering community.
- Cultivate partnerships with other technical and professional societies around common areas of interest.
- Advance services offered by the Club that will assist other technical and professional societies in the greater Philadelphia area.



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Delaware Valley Engineers Week

Purpose: Determine and develop programs and meetings of exceptional interest to all sectors of the engineering community in the celebration of Engineers Week.

Membership: Any member of an affiliate society may become a member of this committee.

Duties: Plan and execute the activities of Engineers Week for the Club

Executive

Purpose: Conduct the business of the corporation in the absence of the Board.

Membership: The Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the President of the Board of Directors. In accordance with the bylaws, the Executive Committee consists of the President, President Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and Treasurer. The Executive Director also attends the Executive Committee meetings.

Duties: Make decisions and conduct the business of the corporation in the absence of the entire Board.

Finance

Purpose: Monitor the finances of the Club.

Membership: In accordance with the bylaws, the Treasurer of the Club shall be the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Duties:

- Compile and distribute to the Board of Directors monthly financial reports of the Club.
- Monitor the budget and, with the Executive Director, propose adjustments as needed throughout the year.
- Assist the Club with the development of and presentation to the Board of Directors of the Club's annual operating budget
- Supervise the assets and investments of the Club

Member and Partner Relations

Purpose: Increase individual and corporate membership in the Club. Promote partnerships with organizations for which membership may not be an option.

Duties:

- Promote activities that increase both corporate and individual membership of the Club
- Determine both individual and corporate membership benefits
- Advance diversity within Club membership both with respect to engineering discipline and other demographics
- Develop and maintain partnerships with associated organizations for mutual benefit.

Nominating

Purpose: Monitor the annual election process of the Board of Directors.

Membership: In accordance with the bylaws, four Members in good standing shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. In accordance with Board procedure, the Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors shall be the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Duties:

- Produce an annual slate of candidates for the Officers and Directors of the Board
- Supervise the annual election for the Board



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- Develop interest within the membership to become involved with the Board and Committees to ensure strong succession practices
- Make recommendation to the Board for revisions to the election process.

Professional Development

Purpose: Advance the professional development of the technical and engineering community in the greater Philadelphia area through the various educational services offered by the Club.

Duties:

- Advance the course offerings through the Club's Education program to enhance the knowledge of technical and engineering professionals in the greater Philadelphia area.
- Promote seminars throughout the year to engineers and technical professionals in all disciplines to upgrade their skills.
- Monitor mandatory continuing education requirements in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- Develop opportunities to tour facilities of technical and engineering interest to enrich the talent of those in attendance.
- Develop and promote joint technical meetings.
- Develop other educational venues offered by the Club to assist technical and engineering professionals to increase their skills and knowledge of best practices.

Public Relations

Purpose: Promote awareness of the Engineers' Club and issues of importance to the engineering community to the Club members, general public and government officials.

Duties:

- Promote activities that increase the awareness of the Club.
- Foster relationships with local media.
- Develop and assist in the implementation of a Communication Plan
- Develop and assist in the implementation of a Public Relations Plan
- Monitor the Club's website to keep it current and effective in meeting the needs of the members.
- Develop and maintain the Club's branding in written communications.

Student Outreach

Purpose: Promote engineering as a career to K-12 students and provide support to college level engineering students

Membership: Any member of an affiliate society may become a member of this committee.

Duties:

- Help Kindergarten through college level youth with engineering based events and programs.
- Provide support to on-going activities of the Club and/or its affiliated societies related to students at all levels.
- Affiliate with outside organizations as necessary to make the most of existing programs.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative (Chair: Carol Martsof, PE)



Building upon the previous year, the Administrative Committee continued the effort of enhancing Club operations to better serve the members.

The new website had become active in early 2009 and after some period of use, a need for some modifications was identified. In the fall, there was a thorough review of the website contents and specific guidelines for improvements were developed. Throughout the winter, Club staff coordinated with the website developer to implement these improvements. As the website is a key item for communication and needs to be coordinated with the overall communication and branding program for the Club, future efforts on behalf of the website have been transferred to the Public Relations Committee.

The effort to improve the quality of the data in Avectora, our database and association management software continued throughout this past year. We have conducted a thorough review of this database and have eliminated many outdated records. The membership records have been carefully reviewed and compared to the manually maintained records so that they accurately reflect the Club's membership. We continually work with the affiliated societies so that we have the current leadership information in our records. While work on databases is never truly done, we have a good base at this point upon which to build.

From a review of the Club's telephone system, it was determined that moving telephone service from Verizon to an internet provider was the best way to provide service not only for the Club but also to our Premium Affiliate Society Members. With this system, voice messages result in an email with a text transcription and mp3 file sent to the designated person(s), facilitating retrieval of such messages. The package comes with two dedicated conference call numbers.

The Administrative Committee thanks the IT department from Pennoni Associates for the extensive efforts this past year in keeping the Club's computers operational and in implementing the new phone service.

Affiliate Affairs (Chair: Jim Markham, PE)

The affiliate affairs committee has been meeting regularly with the goal of achieving new means of helping all of the engineering societies work together on those things that we have in common. We have conducted four summits of leaders from the various technical and professional societies from around the Delaware Valley in order to better identify our commonalities. Our goals are:

- Develop opportunities for the Club to act as a conduit for the coalescence of the greater Philadelphia engineering community.





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- Cultivate partnerships with other technical and professional societies around common areas of interest.
- Advance services offered by the Club that will assist other technical and professional societies in the greater Philadelphia area.

We have been focused on facilitating joint meetings – largely through the use of the web-based calendar on our website, and joint promotion of scholarships – also largely through the club webpage. In December of 2010, we have asked our affiliate societies to consider joining together for one large joint meeting.

Looking forward, we intend to further identify needs of the technical and professional societies that the Club is in a position to help address. We will be working closely with other committees within the club, specifically Outreach and Public Relations, to help build opportunities for our community to come together with one voice.

Delaware Valley Engineers Week (Chair: Susan Best, PE)

The Engineers Week celebration for 2010 was a mixture of the traditional and the new. A strawman proposal was prepared for some changes and a survey conducted to gauge the opinions of the engineering committee regarding this proposal and other options. Based on the results of the survey, some changes were made:



- The awards presentations were moved from the Saturday banquet to a re-named Awards and Proclamation Luncheon the Friday before Engineers Week.
- The Awards and Proclamation Luncheon included a poster display for the Student Paper Award recipients, as well as poster boards for all the award recipients during an extended reception.
- A Young Engineers Social at a local brewery was instituted to replace the Young Engineer of the Year dinner.
- The Saturday Banquet was changed to a Celebration of Engineering Gala, which featured high-level appetizer and carving stations and plenty of opportunity for networking.

All the revamped events were well received. Attendance at the luncheon and young engineers' event were higher than for the comparable event in previous years. Attendance at the gala was not as high as desired but was enjoyed by those who were there.

Despite the poor economy, corporate fundraising exceeded expectations, although personal and technical society contributions were less than anticipated. As in recent, there was a substantial Engineers Week Supplement to the Philadelphia Business Journal.

The committee has begun planning for next year's events. Another survey is being conducted (closing as of July 3), to get additional ideas and thoughts. A new fundraising approach is underway, integrating the sponsorship requests for the Engineers Week Golf Outing and Engineers Week itself, as well as Club Corporate Membership.



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Finance (Chair: Dick Mulford, PE)



As the Club moves forward into expanded endeavors, it was important to transition the financial accounting to a more robust accounting system. While maintaining the Club records in the traditional manner, a parallel accounting was done in QuickBooks. This allowed the staff to develop an appropriate Chart of Accounts for Club operations, become familiar with QuickBooks and accrual accounting, and determine appropriate reports going forward.

The Club is looking to revitalize the Philadelphia Engineering Foundation, which has always been connected to the Club. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charity, whereas the Club is a 501(c) 6 trade association. Having a related 501(c) 3 charity will allow us flexibility in accepting donations or contributions from certain groups for appropriate activities. The details of this structure are still under review.

Member and Partner Relations (Chair: Ruben David, PE)

The committee has changed names this year, from strictly Membership Committee to Member and Partner Relations Committee. This name change reflects the recognition that there are organizations with which we need to partner, such as the American Institute of Architects, for whom membership is not appropriate.



With the help of the Board, the committee continues to recruit individual (including student) and corporate members (at three levels - Gold, Silver and Bronze). Over this past year, we have added four corporate members, and one corporate member moved from the Bronze to Silver level.

The annual individual membership fee of \$100 is still a low fee compared to other technical societies. The Club Office and the Board are actively and jointly promoting and recruiting members. All members are encouraged to do same.

The committee continues to look at ways to increase the benefits of both individual and corporate membership, and suggestions are always welcome.

Professional Development (Chair: Bob Wright, PE)



The Club's Professional Development Committee is charged with the advancement of professional development of the technical and engineering community in the Greater Philadelphia area through the various educational services and site visits offered by the Club. The primary duties of the Committee are:

- Course offerings through the Club's Education Program, which are designed to enhance the knowledge of technical and engineering professionals
- Seminars offered throughout the year to engineers and technical professionals which allow them to develop and sharpen their skills
- Tours of facilities for hands-on and site-specific learning opportunities



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- Collaboration with other providers to offer additional educational opportunities to Club members
- Evaluation of current programs and course offerings for quality, applicability and effectiveness

The Committee accomplished these goals with the following activities in fiscal 2010:

- Ongoing coursework offered in various areas and topics. Over 20 students participated in 6 courses.
- Continued exploration of partnership opportunities with other providers, which will allow the Club to expand our program and serve other groups and individuals. Contacts have been made with local firms which have their own in-house training programs as well as the Community College of Philadelphia, Montgomery County Community College and the American Institute of Architects.
- Meetings with new providers to allow expansion of both current course offerings and topics.
- A tour program that included 5 site visits with 55 participants.
- Ongoing monitoring of professional development requirements for professional licensure in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In each of these states, legislation for continued professional development (CPD) was enacted in 2010. In New Jersey, regulations on this effort will be effective in early 2011. In Pennsylvania, the program is effective as of mid-May and will be retroactive to October 1, 2009 for professional development hours (PDH) to be counted for the requirement to have 24 PDH's for renewals effective October 1, 2011.

Public Relations (Chair: Patti Gibson)



Many new members have been recruited to the Public Relations Committee, and with a renewed energy, expectations are high. Our goals remain the same: to promote awareness of the Engineers' Club and to focus attention of issues important to its members and the engineering community as a whole.

Much has been done in the past year to improve the branding of the Club. A new logo and a more modern website have been adopted...and this is just the beginning.

At our kick-off meeting this past winter, we addressed some immediate and long-term action items for the Committee. These include:

- Establish CHAMPIONS for each of the key focus areas – writers, editors, designers, planners.
- Create or revise templates and forms that are user-friendly and consistent with branding.
- Improve communications materials.
- Engage in cross-sectional content development.
- Establish and maintain one, consistent, authoritative, and credible voice to deliver messages effectively.
- Website – it's alive!
- Establish and maintain graphics standards.
- Improve newsletter.



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- Establish calculated eBlast policy.
- Assist in event planning, such as the Annual Golf Outing and Engineers' Week activities.

Given the depth and diversity of the Committee's collective strengths, we hope to divide and conquer the workload, and solidify the identity of the Club across the board.

Student Outreach (Co-Chairs: Vanessa Vardon / Joanne Ferroni)



In August 2009 the Student Outreach Committee of the Engineers Club of Philadelphia came under the co-direction of Joanne Ferroni, Sr. Director of Strategic Development for Drexel University's College of Engineering, and Vanessa Vardon, Graduate and Research Manager also for the College of Engineering at Drexel.



The committee convened on December 14, 2009 to determine the goals of the group as well as major tasks to accomplish. Invaluable feedback was obtained at the Affiliated Societies meeting in May 2010 and new members for the committee were identified. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled for the month of July.

One main strategy of the Committee in its infancy is to develop a database of currently available outreach opportunities in the region in an effort to both help secure volunteers but also to provide a comprehensive picture of the student outreach activities taking place in the region. A development goal from this exercise will be to facilitate the combination

The Student Outreach Committee has two major components: K-12 Outreach (led by Joanne Ferroni) and 12 and Beyond Outreach (led by Vanessa Vardon).

K-12 efforts:

- To help match K-12 outreach efforts with qualified and excited volunteers.
- To help groups wishing to develop K-12 outreach to connect with appropriate resources.
- To pursue strategic alliances with organizations to provide programming for K-12 youth utilizing ECP contacts, members, and volunteers.

12 and Beyond:

- To work with student chapters at local universities to increase ECP presence and student membership.
- To identify and develop outreach opportunities for student members with the K-12 sector.
- To provide networking opportunities for student members with ECP members.



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REPORT OF NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

In February, a slate of candidates for the vacant positions on the Board of Directors was published to the members, both in the February Bulletin and in a separate mailing / emailing to Club members. March 15 was set as the deadline for petition candidates for any of the positions. As no petitions have been received, the slate as published is deemed elected and will take office on July 1.

These positions are:

President: Robert M. Wright, PE

President-Elect: Michael J. McAtee, PE

Vice President: E. Mitchell Swann, PE, LEED AP

Secretary: Michael A. Porter, PE

Treasurer: Richard A. Mulford, PE

Director, Class of 2013: Lydia Kokolskyj

Director, Class of 2013: Peter Silverberg, PE (Re-elected)

Director, Class of 2013: Christopher J. Menna, PE (Re-elected)

At its March 16, 2010 meeting, the Board elected **Jeannette Quirus, PE, PTOE** to fill the **Director, Class of 2012** vacancy created by Mitchell Swann's election to Vice President.

Two members of the FY 2010 Board will not be continuing their service to the Club:

Secretary: Allan R. Ritchie, PE

Director: Dianne Dorland, PE, PhD

We thank them for their service and wish them well.



INCOMING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President

Robert M. Wright, PE

**Vice President, Director of Municipal/Streetscape
Urban Engineers, Inc.**



Bob Wright is Vice President and Director of the Municipal/Streetscape Practice at Urban Engineers at its headquarters in Center City Philadelphia. He has been in this position for the past three years following a 27-year career with the City of Philadelphia Department of Streets.

At Streets, Bob rose through the ranks in the Engineering Division/Bureau of Surveys and Design from an entry-level Graduate Engineer to the Manager of the Transportation Engineering and Planning Section in 1993. He became Chief Engineer and Surveyor, the Bureau's head, in 2005. During his career at Streets he was involved in numerous major highway and transportation design projects for the City and managed over 60 efforts worth over \$130 million through design and into construction. He was the City's liaison for significant PennDOT projects on I-95, I-76 and I-676 during this time as well.

Bob graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Urban Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in four states. He has been active in the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, where he served as Section President in 1993-94, and the Delaware Valley Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers, where he currently serves as a Director. He is also a member of the American Public Works Association, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Women's Transportation Seminar, and the University of Pennsylvania's Transportation Systems Engineering Alumni Club.

Bob was born and raised in Philadelphia. When he is not working or editing newsletters, he enjoys exploring the history of the city and its transportation network (mostly through reading), gardening, minor home improvements, walking, attempting to golf, and following the City's major sports teams. He remains a fan of Big Five college basketball, something he has closely followed since he was a young child.

President-Elect

Michael J. McAtee, PE

**Practice Leader
Urban Engineers, Inc.**

Mike McAtee was recently appointed Practice Leader for Urban Engineers, Inc.'s NJ office Bridge Practice. Prior to that, he was a Senior Project Manager in the Philadelphia Bridge Practice. He has extensive experience in all phases of civil engineering and bridge design. His duties have included design of composite steel girder and prestressed concrete box beam and I-beam bridges, sign structures, fire protection utilities, drainage and rehabilitation of culverts,





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bridge inspection, three-dimensional modeling, construction inspection of bridge erection, paving, concrete placement, demolition, and earthwork. Some of his current projects include Project Manager for the bearing replacement for the Burlington-Bristol Bridge and the rehabilitation of the three-span Riverside-Delanco Bridge, both projects for the Burlington County Bridge Commission. Previously, he was the lead bridge project engineer responsible for the preliminary and final design of four bridge structures, two culverts and 11 retaining walls for the SR 6202, Section 721 Parkway in Bucks County for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 6-0.

Mike has also prepared numerous three-dimensional models to assist with the visualization of various types of projects including bridges, highways, marine structures, sign structures, culverts, and airports. These renderings have been presented to community groups, clients, elected officials and contractors.

Mike has a bachelor of Civil Engineering from Villanova University in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Drexel University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in four states and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Highway Engineers, and the American Institute of Steel Construction. He is a past president of the Younger Members Form of the Philadelphia Section of ASCE. In 2004, he was the Club's Young Engineer of the Year.

Vice President

E. Mitchell Swann, PE, LEED AP

Consulting Engineer and Partner
MDC Systems, Inc.



Mitchell Swann is a licensed professional engineer in several states including PA. Mitchell has over 20 years of extensive experience on both domestic and international projects in the areas of management consulting and problem solving, engineering design, project and construction management, forensic engineering and construction claims analysis. Mitchell's career includes the analysis, evaluation, and design of complex systems across a wide range of industries and buildings types including commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities, hospitals laboratories, pharmaceutical manufacturing, microelectronic operations, and data centers.

Mitchell has chaired technical committee within national and international organizations and been a contributing author and editor for a number of technical publications and journals. He is a frequent speaker both nationally and internationally and is a listed member of the speakers' bureau in the Distinguished Lecturer program of ASHRAE. He has recently presented on Green Building issues in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Delhi, Detroit, Chicago, Seattle, New York City, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Virginia, and Delaware. He is a contributing author to the ASHRAE "Green Guide – The Design, Construction and Operation of Sustainable Buildings" and co-author of the ASHRAE Survival Guide to Design/Build Project Execution.

Mitchell is also involved in many other professional and technical societies, including American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air



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Conditioning Engineers, International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineering, International Society of Automation, International Code Council, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Enterprise Heights Community Development Corp, National Association of Asian American Professionals, and National Society of Black Engineers.

Secretary

Michael A. Porter, PE

Manager

TriState Building Integrators, Inc.

Mike Porter is a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania and has over 15 years of experience in the engineering and construction industry. Having graduated from Drexel University as a mechanical engineer, Mike began his career as a junior designer in a professional engineering firm. Mike worked his way from junior designer to Senior Project Manager. In the past four years, Mike became a Senior Manager for a leading Building Systems Integrator in the Philadelphia area.

Mike's engineering expertise consists of variety building systems for markets including higher education, health care, K-12 education, and pharmaceutical. This expertise includes energy modeling and detailed engineering design of innovative and efficient energy using systems. In addition, Mike has been involved in the implementation of energy monitoring and measuring systems that help end users minimize energy use and maximize annual energy cost savings.

Treasurer

Richard A. Mulford, PE

Treasurer

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia



Dick Mulford received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in June, 1952. Following graduation he commenced a nearly 39 year career with the Philadelphia Electric Company. Beginning as a Junior Engineer, he advanced through various positions to become Project Manager for two massive power projects - the Keystone Project, an 1800 Megawatt coal fired power plant combined with an over 600 mile long 500,000 volt transmission line system; and Limerick Generating Station, a 2500 Megawatt nuclear power plant located near Pottstown, PA.

While with PECO, Dick received a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Pennsylvania and became a Registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania. He also joined a number of professional and technical organizations including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Instrument Society of America, the American Nuclear Society, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, the Delaware Valley Science Council, and the Engineering Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania. He assumed active roles in each of these organizations and today still serves as Treasurer of a number of them. Additionally, he is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, the Franklin Institute, and the National Constitution Center.



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Following retirement from the Philadelphia Electric Company, Dick began an ambitious career of volunteer service, first at the University of Pennsylvania, then Paoli Hospital, and, in June 1991, at the Engineers Club of Philadelphia. At the Club he served concurrently as Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. He held these posts for a period of sixteen years, when in August 2007, he relinquished the posts of Secretary and Executive Director, but still continues as Treasurer.

Director, Class of 2012

Michael V. Griffin, PE

Senior Vice President

Hill International, Inc.



Mike Griffin performs, directs and oversees the management of construction programs and projects and performs, directs and oversees the analysis of claims at Hill International. Previous positions at Hill include Vice President, Project Director, Managing Consultant, and Consultant.

He is a registered professional engineer in four states, with a bachelors and masters degree in Civil Engineering from Villanova University. He also earned a MBA from LaSalle University.

He was Resident Engineer on the commuter rail tunnel project, and project manager for several transportation related projects while at the Department of Public Property, City of Philadelphia. Also as a Transportation Engineer for Philadelphia '76, Inc., he developed preliminary plans for Bicentennial projects including transportation services and parking facilities.

Mike is a member of the National Board of Directors for the Construction Management Association of America and is a Certified Mediator with the American Arbitration Association. He is also a member of the American Public Transportation Association and American Society of Civil Engineers.

He was named the 2003 Philadelphia Civil Engineer of the Year by the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was Chapter President of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

Director, Class of 2012

Jeannette Quirus, PE, PTOE

Associate, Senior Traffic Engineer

McCormick Taylor, Inc.

Jeannette Quirus is responsible for managing McCormick Taylor's Philadelphia traffic team and for projects with a variety of traffic engineering activities ranging from operations and planning to final design. Her past experience includes transportation planning, traffic impact studies, analysis of transportation systems including signalized corridors and networks, and alternatives development on a variety of public transportation projects for clients





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such as Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Delaware River Port Authority, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Delaware Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Jeannette has over 15 years of experience in the traffic engineering field/Transportation Engineering Industry.

Jeannette is a registered Professional Engineer in four states and also has a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer certificate. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1994 and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering in 1995 from the University of Pittsburgh.

Jeannette is the 2010 President for the Institute of Transportation Engineers Mid-Colonial District, comprised of over 1,400 members in Pennsylvania, Delaware, southern New Jersey, West Virginia Maryland, Washington DC, and northern Virginia. She is also the Program Chair for this year's Transportation Engineering and Safety Conference held at Penn State University on December 8-10, 2010.

Jeannette and her husband John (also a civil engineer) and their three daughters, Jillian, Anna and Kate currently reside in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Director, Class of 2013

Lydia Kokolskyj

Senior Assistant Vice President Drexel University



Lydia Kokolskyj has been with Drexel University for ten years and is a senior advancement officer at the university. Her primary responsibilities include oversight for all development activities and external relations for College of Engineering, Drexel's largest academic unit. She also is a principal liaison for the college between other academic and institutional units within Drexel and works as a key point of contact for fraternity engagement and alumni relations.

A graduate of Upsala College, Lydia has developed an extensive career working in the field of individual and corporate development, marketing, communications, and non-profit management. Her background includes positions held with Villanova University, the American Cancer Society as well as the Reagan and Bush Administrations.

Lydia's local volunteer activities include serving as an advisor for several student organizations at Drexel, board membership with the Manayunk Development Corporation and Holy Trinity Regional School. Nationally and internationally she has held several positions with Ukrainian Congress Committee, the National Federation of Republican Women, and the Engineering Development Forum.

A native of New York City, Lydia currently resides in New Jersey with her two sons, the oldest entering Drexel's Business and Engineering program as a freshman in September.

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FY 2011 BUDGET**ECP Operating Account**

	FY 2010 BUDGET	FY 2010 ACTUAL	FY 2011 BUDGET
INCOME			
Dues	50,870	41,175	60,000
Contributions	3,100	3,145	3,000
Education Program	13,200	11,900	25,000
Mbr Meetings and Tours	8,140	4,234	7,000
Affiliate Affairs	12,480	10,490	25,000
Interest and Dividends	28,750	19,076	25,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 116,540	\$ 90,020	\$ 145,000
EXPENSE			
Admin	36,410	36,252	37,000
Staff	102,600	103,947	95,000
Professional Services	1,520	6,320	1,500
Affiliate Affairs	1,020	1,007	1,000
Education Program	4,820	8,800	12,000
Member and Partner Relations	100	89	500
Mbr Mtgs and Tours	8,270	4,156	7,000
Public Relations	500	372	1,500
Student Outreach	-	200	1,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 155,240	\$ 161,143	\$ 157,000
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	\$ (38,700)	\$ (71,122)	\$ (12,000)

Education /Prof Devel (Net-Cash)	8,380	3,100	13,000
Member Meetings (Net-Cash)	(130)	78	-

Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee (Restricted to celebration of Engineers Week)

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,676	\$ 72,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 84,350	\$ 64,989	\$ 72,900
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	\$ (9,350)	\$ (4,313)	\$ -



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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert M. Wright, PE

Thanks for making me the next guy. Current President Eric Flicker has started to refer to himself as the "Past President Elect", and this puts some pressure on me, I guess.

If you voted for me for President, I appreciate your support. As you may recall, "Almost" President Elect Mike McAtee asked me to swap with him so he could devote a little more time to other pressing matters which might detract from his service as President. I'm not sure I have any more free or open time (just in case my bosses are reading this!), but I'm happy to help, and I assured Mike I'd do my best to keep things going so he could be President in two years. I will also commit to remaining around as Mike needs me when he takes over.



If you're wondering about the photo, no, it's not photo-shopped, and no, there hasn't been a shake-up in the Phillies organization. I'll fully admit that, if I was being asked to step in to help the Phils, things must indeed be desperate (but the photo had you at least wondering, didn't it?). Since I'm a much bigger hockey fan than one of baseball, I'm hopeful that, as you're reading this, Philadelphia will have just recovered from a Stanley Cup parade. As this is being written, we're at least in the Finals, but...

We live in interesting times for engineers. The BP problems in the Gulf of Mexico have once again put engineers in the forefront. A friend tells me that engineers are always in the background until disaster strikes, and then we spring into action. He wonders what we do between disasters. He's not alone – too many people are not sure what we do, but they enjoy the fruits of our labors, and apparently don't think too much about who makes these things reality. We need to change that thinking.

In late May, a collaboration of engineering societies statewide sponsored the annual Legislative Day visit in Harrisburg. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released its second Infrastructure Report Card in conjunction with Legislative Day, and there was a Philadelphia event to unveil the Report Card as well. Each of these was well-attended and supported. In the Capitol, we visited over 100 of our 253 state representatives and conveyed a message focusing on transportation.

It's nice to know that our elected officials are listening – transportation has become a hot topic, and they're taking notice – but we're not getting any promises for windfalls of money. We're at least getting almost as much acknowledgement as puppy mills (the number one issue that legislators hear about from constituents, from what we've been told). One possible solution is a higher gas tax, but, with this being an election year, none of our representatives is rallying behind that.

If you haven't seen the Report Card, you might want to take a look (<http://www.pareportcard.org>). I'll warn you – and this should come as no surprise - this is not a good report (the overall grade is D+) and is certainly one that you'd want your dog to eat instead



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of showing it to Mom. And, as is often the case, natural forces don't help us – we see what happened to our roads and bridges after this past brutal winter finally ended.

It's a good thing to see that, after a long period of inertia, Pennsylvania has acted to require PE's to obtain continuing professional development with the passage of Act 25 in May. New Jersey actually beat us to the punch, enacting its law in January, but its program doesn't start until next January. Delaware is waiting and watching, with a survey on the topic sent with the license renewal due at the end of June.

The Club is emerging from a difficult time and we could use your help to keep it on the upswing. New blood and new ideas, a new Executive Director – all needed to keep pushing your incoming President up the hill and toward progress. I certainly appreciate the continued help and support and will attempt to continue what Eric and those preceding him set in motion. Please feel free to help keep me on this course, and I promise that Ruben Amaro and Charlie Manuel will get no challenges from me.

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