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Valley Engineer Newsletter

November 2025-December 2025

Upcoming Activities:

Blue Mountain Ski, Snow Making Facilities Tour – January 22, 2026, 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071. Time: 2pm – 4pm

Mathcounts – February 21, 2026. Location, Southern Lehigh Middle School, 3715 Preston Ln, Center Valley, PA 18034. Snow date, February 22, 2026. Time: 8am – 3pm

Engineers Week Banquet – February 27, 2026, Iacocca Conference Center, Lehigh University, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Time: 6pm-9pm

Tentative Activities:

Weyerbacher Brewery Tour – March 2026. Date and Time: TBD.

PPL Substation Tour – April 2026. Date and Time: TBD.

Scholarship Awards Dinner – May 2026. Date and Time: TBD.

Upper Macungie Township (UMT) Community Center Tour – Spring 2026. Date and Time: TBD.



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LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER
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CARBON, LEHIGH, MONROE, & NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES

President's Message!

Jonathan Kiechel, P.E., President

And just like that, we've moved through another holiday season, starting with Thanksgiving. As we head into the New Year, there's a great deal to be thankful for, beginning with each of us individually as we continue our own journeys, discover our paths, and define who we are. We can also appreciate those who surround us, family, friends, co-workers, and others who enrich our lives, along with the many gatherings and foods shared from near and far. Who we are, and who we surround ourselves with, is just a starting point in shaping our future.

This time of year, also brings the cold and a mix of winter weather from freezing rain to sleet, to snow, which makes it a perfect opportunity to settle in and read through our newsletters. As encouraged by our past president, Alexa Rooney Lehmann, E.I.T. in a recent edition, staying engaged through these updates keeps us all connected. And yes, I said **SNOW**. I'm sure some of you enjoy the colder, snowy months, while others, like myself, would prefer warm summertime temperatures. Regardless of the season, our Chapter continues to pursue activities that bring us together and strengthen our network of professionals who share similar interests and experiences.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we have plenty to look forward to. We will kick things off with a tour of the snow-making facilities at Blue Mountain Ski Resort on January 22, 2026, at 2 p.m. Although additional dates are still being finalized, please check our website at **lvpspe.org** for the latest updates on upcoming events. Following this tour, the year continues with Mathcounts on Saturday, February 21, 2026, with a snow date of Sunday, February 22, 2026, hosted at Southern

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Introducing VCONET: THE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS VIRTUAL NETWORK

Robert Peruzzi, PhD., P.E.

Lehigh Middle School. One week later, we will gather for the Engineers Week Banquet on Friday, February 27, 2026, at the Iacocca Conference Center at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. Additional tours are also being planned, including a visit to Weyerbacher Brewery with a Happy Hour in Easton, PA, a tour of the PPL Substation in Alburtis, PA, a follow-up tour of the Upper Macungie Township (UMT) Community Center prior to completion in Allentown, PA, and, of course, our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, date to be announced and location to be determined.

As you can see, the remainder of our year is full of exciting events you won't want to miss. As mentioned in our September–October 2025 newsletter, I continue to encourage all members, friends of the Chapter, and even non-members to get involved. These events are excellent opportunities to network, share ideas, and build lasting relationships with fellow licensed professionals and those working toward licensure. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at one, if not all of these events.

A few reminders and updates:

- **Newsletters:** Will continue to be issued on a bi-monthly basis (September through May) at the end of October, December, February, and May. Please take time to read through each edition — they are full of valuable updates and insights.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month from 6:00–7:00 PM in hybrid format to allow for broader participation.

Details pertaining to our meetings, activities, and bi-monthly newsletters can be found at <https://www.lvpspe.org/>.

Finally, I encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved with LVPSPE to reach out. We currently have an opening for our **Fundraising Chair** and are always looking for members who want to grow their involvement with the Chapter and the engineering community.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of the Chapter, we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Many independent Professional Engineers don't live near an active Consultants Network (CN) chapter, which often means missing out on the professional support, peer interaction, and shared expertise that local networks provide. To bridge that gap, LVPSPE board member Robert Peruzzi, PhD., P.E. (Robert) has organized a new initiative: The Engineering Consultants Virtual Network (VCONET).

VCONET is designed for consultants who want the benefits of a professional community without geographic constraints. The network is open to consultants within and beyond the Lehigh Valley region. It hosts online presentations, discussions, and peer-to-peer exchanges on topics central to running and growing a consulting practice, including:

- Choosing the right business structure (Sole Proprietorship, LLC, S-Corp, C-Corp)
- Legal considerations and finding an attorney
- Professional and general liability insurance
- Accounting and working with a CPA
- Tax issues unique to consultants
- Client development, networking, and working with agencies

Meetings typically include a short presentation followed by open discussion where members share experiences, insights, and "war stories" that help everyone improve their practice.

As Robert notes, every consulting engagement ultimately comes down to four key steps:

1. Find a client
2. Secure a signed agreement
3. Do excellent work
4. Get paid

Engineers rarely need help with Step 3. VCONET exists to help members strengthen Steps 1, 2, and 4.

To date, VCONET has held two membership meetings and one presentation on tax considerations for self-employed consultants. An upcoming presentation on finding consulting

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clients is planned for early 2026. Whether you're a new consultant or a seasoned expert, VCONET aims to provide a community where engineers can learn from one another and strengthen their practices.

Engineers interested in joining VCONET are invited to reach out and get involved. For more information, please contact Robert Peruzzi, Peruzzi@RPeruzzi.com

HOLIDAY DINNER 2025, BETHLEHEM, PA

Jonathan Kiechel, P.E.

Members and guests of our Chapter celebrated the Holiday Season on December 11th, at Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar, located at 3833 Freemansburg Avenue, Bethlehem, PA. The decorations, the staff, and the general atmosphere of Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar during the Holiday Season contributed to the general good spirit of the occasion.



Members/Families of LVPSPE – Holiday Dinner at Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar.



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And of course we can't forget about the speaker of the evening, Nico Sutmoller, from Aerix Industries, who gave a presentation on Low-Density Cellular Concrete (LDCC) its growing use in geotechnical and civil engineering applications.

LDCC is a cementitious, lightweight fill material produced by combining cement, water, and a pre-formed foam that creates uniformly distributed air voids throughout the mixture. Unlike conventional concrete, LDCC contains no coarse aggregate, resulting in a highly flowable, self-leveling material with controllable engineering properties. Unit weights typically range from approximately 20 to 120 pounds per cubic foot, allowing designers to tailor density and compressive strength to meet specific project requirements.

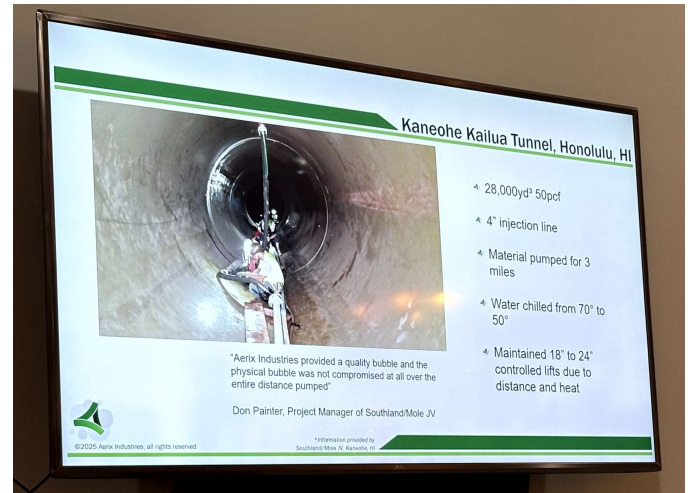
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"When we lead by example with what we do and what we say, our influence is multiplied." – Zig Ziglar

"Logic will not change an emotion, but action will. Do it, and you will feel like doing it." – Zig Ziglar

Mr. Sutmoller highlighted several common applications for LDCC, including lightweight fill over weak or compressible soil, backfill for retaining walls and utility trenches, bridge approach fills, void filling, and floor slab support. Because LDCC does not require mechanical compaction, it can be placed efficiently in confined or urban sites while reducing construction time and the risk of post-construction settlement.

Key benefits of using LDCC include readily available, easy to deliver, self-consolidating, strong and durable, quick opening to traffic, does not settle, accelerate schedules, improves worker safety, and can be excavated. When appropriately designed and implemented, LDCC can serve as a practical alternative to traditional earthwork methods or deep foundation solutions.



Application of LDCC.

As development increasingly occurs on marginal sites or within existing infrastructure, materials like LDCC provide engineers with flexible, performance-based solutions. Mr. Sutmoller's presentation underscored how LDCC can often serve as an effective alternative to more traditional approaches such as over-excavation and replacement, aggregate piers, or deep foundations—particularly when schedule, access, or cost constraints are present.

The LVPSPE thanks Mr. Nico Sutmoller and Aerix Industries for an informative presentation highlighting how Low-Density Cellular Concrete continues to expand the engineer's toolbox for addressing challenging site conditions.

On behalf of the LVPSPE board of directors, we want to wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy, successful New Year.



Application of LDCC.



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SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

A great way to be involved in the LVPSPE Chapter is to contribute to the **LVPSPE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. Please Contact the Valley Engineer Editor to sponsor scholarships for the remainder of the calendar year.

If you would like to contribute any amount –please send your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation to PA ENGINEERING FUND. Donations should be mailed to:

**PA Engineering Foundation LVPSPE
P.O. Box 195
Northampton, PA 18067**

Please note "LVPSPE Scholarship Fund" on the comment line.

Or, you may also contribute via the LVPSPE website <http://lvpspe.org/Donations/>.

Scholarship application is at <http://lvpspe.org/awards-scholarships>. Any questions regarding scholarships can be directed to

Jeff Kutz, E.I.T.
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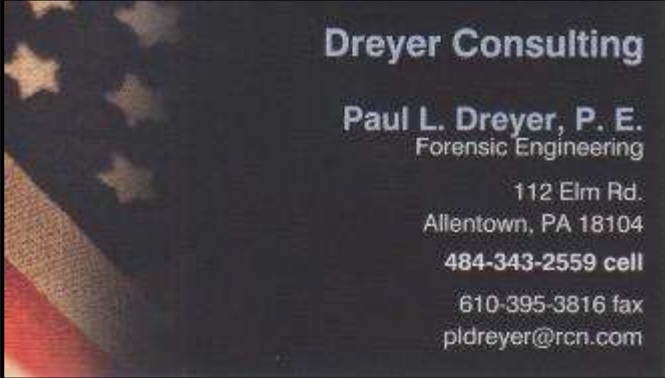
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Board of Direction Meetings

The monthly Board of Direction meetings are 6:00 PM on the second (2nd) Monday of each month. Open to all members.

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Lehigh Valley Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by President Jonathan Kiechel.

MOTION: To start the meeting.

Moved by: Mike Basta | **Seconded by:** Shane Chalupa | **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Attendance

Present:

- Jonathan Kiechel, President
- Shane Chalupa, Vice President
- Mike Basta, State Director (via speakerphone with Jeff Kutz)
- Alexa Lehmann, Past President
- Cody Callahan, Secretary
- Ray Szczucki, Treasurer
- Jeff Kutz
- Frank Walsh
- Robert Peruzzi
- Michael Waldron

Mathcounts

Mathcounts Report (Alexa Lehmann)

- Date and location have changed for the 2026 competition
- New date: Saturday, February 21, 2026
- Snow date: Sunday, February 22, 2026
- Location: Southern Lehigh Middle School, Center Valley
- Setup date: Friday February 20, 2026 @ 4PM
- Venue has only 30 tables available; 100 tables needed
- Approximately 70 tables must be rented, representing an additional cost not incurred in the last two years
- Secured \$500 sponsorship for food, check to be made out to PSPE and allocated specifically for MathCounts
- Working to minimize costs through donations: pretzels donated by Wawa, pursuing bagel donations and pizza discounts
- Jeff Kutz working with high schools on awards to reduce costs

MathCounts Volunteer Positions

- Cody Callahan coordinating volunteer positions
- Plan: BIA volunteers who previously held positions will return and be shadowed by PSPE members
- Major positions need PSPE representatives
- Many other positions can be filled by general volunteers
- Alexa meeting with SWE to discuss volunteer needs
- Cody to send out emails to past volunteers

MathCounts Budget

- Previous year's total approximately \$3,000
- Goal to reduce costs through award cost reduction (Jeff Kutz coordinating with high schools) and food donations
- Additional table rental cost to be determined; Alexa researching vendors and seeking non-profit discounts
- Alexa will provide updated budget for board review

Programs

Activities Report (Shane Chalupa)

- No program scheduled for November due to time constraints and Thanksgiving
- Weyerbacher and Blue Mountain responded to tour requests
- Blue Mountain offered snowmaking facilities tour at \$10 per person for 45 minutes, tentatively scheduled for January or March
- Victaulic tour discussions ongoing; scheduling challenges with their preference for tours before 12 noon Monday-Thursday
- Al Grunke suggested PPL Alburtis substation tour (5 miles from Macungie), tentatively for April when weather improves
- Working on planning tours for January, March, and April 2026

Holiday Dinner Update (Jonathan Kiechel & Shane Chalupa)

- Aerix Industries confirmed to present on low cellular density concrete at the dinner
- Venue secured at Kingfish

- Menu selection in progress; targeting similar offerings to May event (braised short ribs)
- Dessert table included in menu
- Pricing target: \$60 per person (consistent with previous year)
- Board agreed not to include appetizers due to event format (short networking, buffet, presentation)
- Considering \$10-15 additional charge for PDH certificate for Pennsylvania license holders
- Event not yet posted to website; Emily to be contacted about adding registration with PayPal integration

Professional Development Hours (Alexa Lehmann)

- Outstanding PDH certificates need to be issued for recent events including UMT tour
- Alexa will coordinate with Emily to process PDH certificates and establish template for future events

Newsletter Report (Jonathan Kiechel)

- September-October newsletter submitted
- Informal agreement established at last meeting for two-year term limit for newsletter editors
- Shane Chalupa volunteered to assist with newsletters going forward
- Plans to revise format to potentially attract more outside engagement while maintaining back-end content (sponsors, etc.)

Lehigh Valley EOY/YEOY & Scholarships (Frank Walsh & Cody Callahan)

- First fundraising mailer to be sent this week
- Previous EOY candidate (Paul from Rettew Associates, Inc.) may be resubmitted as strong candidate.

Treasurer Report (Ray Szczucki, P.E.)

- Account balances as of October 31, 2025:
 - Checking: \$804.27
 - Savings: \$7,172.70

State Director Report (Mike Basta, P.E., N-NSPE)

- September state report will not be approved until February 2026
- PSPE Pennsylvania membership decreased less than 6% between October 2024 and October 2025
- State organization formed task force to develop strategy for membership recruitment and retention
- Mike contacted 15 former members; three confirmed retirement as reason for not renewing

Old Business/New Business

Social Media (Jeff Kutz)

- Will create a post discussing holiday dinner information once website event listing is live

- Will create a post regarding the Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year awards

Nominating Organization Status

- Motion previously passed to become a nominating organization for the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) (one vote not in favour)
- Cody Callahan to contact Kevin Frederick, LCCD, about next steps

Banner Replacement

- Shane Chalupa engaging three vendors for design and production quotes
- Seeking recommendations for print shops and graphic design services
- Suggestions received: PostNet (within Jeff's building), Fast Signs Allentown
- Ray will research vendor used for previous banner

Virtual Consultants Network Report (Robert Peruzzi)

- Free webinar scheduled for November 11, 2025, at noon featuring Bradford Tax Institute
- Topic: Tax strategies for consultants and small business owners
- PSPE state board reviewed program favourably at September meeting and encouraged continuation
- Will provide article for November-December newsletter (deadline: end of December)

December 8th Meeting

- Special meeting scheduled for December 8, 2025, at 6pm
- Agenda: MathCounts preparations and PSPE scholarship discussion
- Holiday dinner scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Action Items & Responsibilities

Action Item	Owner	Deadline
Send volunteer positions list to Alexa	Cody Callahan	Before Alexa's meeting with SWE
Research table rental vendors and costs	Alexa Lehmann	Ongoing
Finalize holiday dinner menu and pricing with Kingfish	Shane Chalupa	This week
Contact Emily about holiday dinner registration and PayPal setup	Jonathan Kiechel (copying Alexa)	End of November
Follow up with Emily on PayPal integration	Alexa Lehmann	End of November
Process outstanding PDH certificates and create template	Alexa Lehmann	End of November
Send first fundraising mailing	Cody Callahan	This week
Contact LCCD about nominating organization next steps	Cody Callahan	TBD
Obtain banner vendor quotes	Shane Chalupa	Ongoing
Research previous banner vendor	Ray Szczucki	TBD
Write newsletter article on Virtual Consultants Network	Robert Peruzzi	End of December 2025
Coordinate tours for January, March, and April 2026	Shane Chalupa, Cody Callahan, Alexa Lehmann	End of Year

Next Meeting

- Date: December 8, 2025 at 6pm
- Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
- Primary Topics: MathCounts preparation, PSPE scholarships

Holiday Dinner: Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Kingfish

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 PM following a motion by Frank Walsh, seconded by Jeff Kutz. The motion passed unanimously.

Lehigh Valley Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025
6:04 PM – 6:59 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 PM by President Jonathan Kiechel. **MOTION:**
To start the meeting.

Moved by: Angelika | **Seconded by:** Frank **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Attendance

Present:

- Jonathan Kiechel, President
- Shane Chalupa, Vice President
- Mike Basta, State Director
- Alexa Lehmann, Past President
- Cody Callahan, Secretary, Scholarships/Fundraising
- Angelika Forndran
- Mary Rooney
- Frank Walsh, Scholarships/Fundraising
- Al Gruenke
- Michael Waldron

Reports

State Director Report (Mike Basta)

- Strategic Planning Meeting held on November 18, 2025; PSPE has hired a consultant
- Next strategic planning meeting scheduled for February 2026; a full report will be available at that time

- Minutes from the September 2025 state meeting in Allentown expected to be approved in January 2026
- Current LVPSPE membership stands at approximately 75 active members according to PSPE Harrisburg records

Programs Report (Shane Chalupa)

- Holiday Dinner confirmed for Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Kingfish with approximately 20 attendees registered
- Blue Mountain Snowmaking Tour scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 4:00 PM; \$10 per person. **TOUR UPDATED AFTER MEETING TO 2 PM TO BETTER SUPPORT BLUE MOUNTAIN OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE.**
- 50% deposit required to secure the date; Shane to coordinate with Ray
- Event to be posted on website; Mary Rooney to announce at Lehigh Valley Engineering Council meeting
- Weyerbacher Brewery Tour tentatively planned for March 2026
- Horst and Alexa working on tour for April 2026

MathCounts Report (Alexa Lehmann)

- Competition date: Saturday, February 21, 2026 (snow date: February 22, 2026)
- Location: Southern Lehigh High School
- Newsletter correction needed: Previous newsletter listed incorrect date of February 28
- 70 additional six-foot tables needed; school has 30 available; Shane Chalupa to lead table rental effort
- Jonathan Kiechel to create AutoCAD gymnasium layout for testing room table placement
- Simple 8.5x11 inch printed signs with bold lettering and arrows needed for directions throughout the building
- Volunteers to park in the back; front parking reserved for schools and students
- Cody Callahan to create parking map/aerial markup closer to event date
- Insurance form submitted; no response received, assumed acceptable
- Tests ordered through dashboard; coach newsletters sent to registered schools

- Critical need: Two judges for countdown round (math professors or qualified engineers preferred)
- Ned to be contacted as potential judge; previous judge Larry Musolino unavailable this year

Professional Development Hours (Alexa Lehmann)

- PDH certificates prepared but need to be customized for each individual
- Emily (website administrator) cannot see who paid for PDHs
- Alexa to coordinate with Ray to obtain PayPal payment list
- Cody Callahan offered to send screenshot of PayPal payments for recent events

Scholarships/Fundraising Report (Frank Walsh & Cody Callahan)

- First wave of emails sent to past and potential new donors
- Two \$500 pledges received so far
- Follow-up emails planned for mid to late December
- Frank Walsh suggested applying to Air Products through their online application process; deadline January 15, 2026

Communications/Website Report

- Discussion regarding members not receiving chapter communications despite being PSPE members
- Current website only sends notifications to those registered through the website contact form
- Mike Basta has list of 75 current members from PSPE Harrisburg to forward to Cody
- Mary Rooney located contact list from Tracy Torres (March 2023) with 472 entries; will forward to Cody
- Cody to work with Emily (Zap website administrator) to merge membership lists into website email system
- Audrey Wood (past Young Engineer of the Year winner) reported not receiving chapter emails despite membership since February

- New chapter banner pricing and options gathered; goal to have ready by Engineers Week Banquet (February 27, 2026)
- Cody to look into who is receiving emails from the awards@lvpspe.org email address

Holiday Dinner (December 12, 2025)

- Approximately 20 people registered to attend, including two individuals from Erics Industries
- President Kiechel will arrive approximately 30-60 minutes late due to family event
- Al Gruenke and Mary Rooney noted payment issues with online registration; will bring checks
- Payment can be made via PayPal or credit card through website; checks payable to LVPSPE also accepted at event
- Ray will be present at dinner to handle payment issues

MathCounts Volunteer Positions

- Cody Callahan sent volunteer request to LVPSPE members; will send broader mailer
- Mary Rooney to request volunteers through Lehigh Valley Engineering Council member societies
- Morning session requires more volunteers than afternoon
- Setup help needed on Friday, February 20, 2026
- Angelika noted she served as backup judge previously; emphasized importance of securing judges in advance

Banner Replacement

- Shane Chalupa has pricing and options for new chapter banner
- Goal to have ready by end of January prior to Engineers Week Banquet (February 27, 2026) or MathCounts (February 21, 2026)
- Shane to prepare bid comparison and submit to Ray and Jonathan for approval
- Latest logo from Jeff will be used

New Business

Al Gruenke Recognition and MathCounts Impact

- Al Gruenke thanked the organization for the Engineer of the Year award received in February 2025
- Shared that college senior Evan Simmons (East Stroudsburg University) approached him at the conference
- Evan attended MathCounts approximately 8-9 years ago and was inspired to become an engineer after Al's presentation at the event
- Al emphasized the lasting impact of MathCounts beyond the competition itself

Engineer of the Year & Young Engineer of the Year

- Nomination deadline: December 14, 2025
- Jeff Kutz has carryover nomination from last year (Paul McNamara)
- No current candidates for Engineer of the Year; board members encouraged to identify nominees
- Nominees must be Professional Engineers (PE) working in LVPSPE service area; PSPE membership not required
- Awards email address (awards@lvpspe.org) needs verification; Mary Rooney sent test email
- Discussion to continue at Thursday holiday dinner
- Mary Rooney to announce nomination opportunity at Lehigh Valley Engineering Council meeting

Upper Bucks Chapter Comparison

- Angelika reported attending Upper Bucks chapter meeting at Plumsteadville Inn
- Their regular monthly meeting attracted 40-45 attendees
- Discussed importance of consistent meeting schedules and website promotion for increasing attendance

Action Items & Responsibilities

Action Item	Owner	Deadline
Confirm Blue Mountain tour date and arrange 50% deposit	Shane Chalupa	ASAP
Create website event for Blue Mountain tour	Shane Chalupa / Emily	Before Dec 11
Announce Blue Mountain tour at Engineering Council meeting	Mary Rooney	Dec 11 (Wed)
Secure 70 six-foot table rentals for MathCounts	Shane Chalupa	End of January
Create AutoCAD gymnasium layout for MathCounts	Jonathan Kiechel	Before Feb 20
Obtain PDH payment list from PayPal	Cody Callahan / Ray	ASAP
Create volunteer parking map for MathCounts	Cody Callahan	Before Feb 21
Contact Ned regarding countdown round judge role	Cody Callahan	ASAP
Forward PSPE member list (75 members) to Cody	Mike Basta	Dec 9
Forward Tracy Torres contact list to Cody	Mary Rooney	ASAP
Work with Emily to merge membership lists into website	Cody Callahan	January 2026
Prepare banner bid comparison and submit for approval	Shane Chalupa	End of January
Send follow-up scholarship donor emails	Cody Callahan	Mid-December
Apply to Air Products for scholarship funding	Cody Callahan	Before Jan 15
Verify awards@lvpspe.org email functionality	Cody	Dec 12 (Thurs)
Request MathCounts volunteers through Engineering Council	Mary Rooney	Dec 11 (Wed)
Coordinate tours for January, March, and April 2026	Shane Chalupa, Alexa Lehmann	By next meeting

Next Meeting

- Date: January 12, 2026
- Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Holiday Dinner: Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Kingfish

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:59 PM following a motion by Mike Basta, seconded by Frank. The motion passed unanimously.