

## **MINUTES**

### **QCESC MEETING, 30 JAN 08**

1. Participants: Chris Hebel ; Jeff Melvin ; Pat Barnes ; Anne Werner ; John Johnson ; MAJ Craig Gehrels ; Scott Bullock ; Richard Dale ; Steve Juhasz; Mary Daniels ; Tom Richmond

2. Putnam Museum Workshops:

A. Bridge. The Battle of the Bridges is widely regarded as a success. About 23 teams composed of a total of 80 participants built bridges. There were families, high school teams, a college team, and various other combinations. Many of the bridges will be displayed at the E-Week banquet on 21 Feb at the Putnam. Lessons learned: Some materials were not furnished in sufficient quantities and additional weights (barbell type) were needed. Many photos were taken and will be displayed on our website. Rebecca Whitaker of the U. of Iowa attended and is investigating the possibility of offering some scholarships based on bridge building accomplishments. She also provided some prizes for the event. NOTE: The bridge building initiative may become an annual event - if so, we should pick a date soon for next year.

B. Invention Convention. A boost to this event will be held at the Putnam Museum on Feb 2. Inventors can display their inventions at the museum. Only three applications have been received as of 30 Jan.

C. Catapult. The Catapult Contest will take place on Feb 16. Family teams are welcome. MAJ Craig Gehrels, Catapult Chair, is seeking volunteers and needs names of anyone willing to help. Hours are noon to 5:00 PM.

3. E-Week Banquet.

A. Speaker. Mary Daniels has lined up a speaker who will speak on nanotechnology.

B. Assistance Required. Volunteers are needed to process people in at the registration desk and to conduct a 50-50 raffle. Please notify Pat Barnes if you can help.

4. Scholarship Committee. Seventeen applications have been received as of 30 Jan. Review of applications and selection of scholarship winners will be conducted at 5:00 PM on Wed., 6 Feb, at Trissel, Graham and Toole (Mary Daniels workplace), 220 Emerson Place, Davenport (just behind Front St. Brewery). Parking is available in the lot immediately east of Front Street after 5:00 PM. Several minutes before 5:00 PM will probably not result in prison time.

5. Awards. Applications will be accepted thru 9 Feb. A new award is the lifetime achievement award.

6. Letters of Appreciation. Specialist Jeff Hook is deserving of such a letter.

7. Society Update.

A. The local chapter of ASABE will celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the society at John Deere HQ in March.

B. IEE will host a trivia night on 1 Feb at St. Ambrose U. Proceeds will go to the Boy Scouts for the Engineering merit badge.

C. On 23 Jan, Pat Barnes presented an overview of the QCESC at the ASCE meeting.

D. The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) will hold its annual banquet on Feb 15.

8. Tax Free Status. Scott Bullock asked the status of the Council retaining its tax free status. Effort is underway to jump through the necessary hoops.

9. Next Meeting. It will be held on 13 Feb at 5:00 PM and will be telephonic. Details will be provided.