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QCESC MEETING, 17 DEC '08

Minutes

1. Attendees: Brad Palmer	SAME	Bradley.H.Palmer@usace.mil
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2. Discussion: (a) Pat Barnes provided copies of a handout which contained a listing of anticipated attendees, meeting agenda, minutes from the last meeting, a draft flyer for the e-week banquet, a revised nomination for the Society of the Year Award, Project Lead The Way's open house flyer, and a schedule of events.

(b) Update on Plans for Society Meetings. Future QCESC meetings will be held at Augustana College's Emmy Carlsson Evald Hall, Room 120, 3601 7th Ave. Rock Island. (Evald Hall is the first building immediately west of Centennial Hall on 7th Ave.)

(c) Secretary's Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without change.

(d) Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Chris Hebel advised that the Society's renewal petition for tax exempt status has been returned by the IRS and that they want a resubmission. In their inimitable style, they want financial information over the last four years. Chris will attempt to satisfy their request. Through the efforts of Jeff Melvin and Chris Hebel, Exelon Corp has donated \$3,000 to the QCESC. Kudos to Jeff and Chris.

(e) Support Letter to Societies. The letter will be both informative and soliciting. It will include information on awards, scholarships, E-Week Banquet, and a request for support to STEM type activities.

(f) National Engineers' Week Banquet. Pat Barnes has issued a draft banquet flyer to all member societies via e-mail. Societies are requested to review and provide comments regarding accuracy, punctuation, and/or any other necessary changes. Adult fee is \$40; student fee is \$20. Payment must be made in advance. The Council will work with the Putnam to arrange credit card payment. The Council will have 20 minutes for its presentation of awards and scholarships.

(g) Awards. Jeff Melvin revised the nomination form for Society of the Year and has improved it, particularly in terms of promoting participation by member societies. The Council approved Jeff's revision. More kudos to Jeff! Also, nominations for both Jr. and Sr. Engineer of the Year

awards will automatically include previous year candidates who were strong but were not selected.

(h) Scholarships. Chris Hebel has visited about 8-10 schools to date and has mailed application forms to the rest. Review of scholarship application forms and selection of awardees will be conducted on Feb. 4 after the Council's special board meeting. The nomination process is currently done by hard copy, not on line.

(i) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Activities. Some Council members participated in a teleconference on Tuesday, Dec 16, which addressed two major points: the Climate Change workshop scheduled for Jan 30 - May 10 at the Putnam Museum, and a planned PLTW summer camp in Davenport. The conference included Rebecca Whitaker, outreach Education Coordinator K-12 at the U. of Iowa, who provided practical recommendations on both topics. The Project Lead The Way advocates are hoping to host a STEM related camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in Davenport during the 2009 summer. The camp is contemplated to be a one week session for about 20 students with a morning classroom discussion and an afternoon field trip related to the morning discussion. The camp's purposes are to create interest in STEM in the campers and to introduce them to the STEM career pathway. Also, there will be a PLTW open house on January 9 at West High School which will feature engineering design project displays throughout the day.

(j) Putnam Bridge Building Project. This event has been set for 7 Feb 09. Various issues need to be addressed including coordination with the Putnam, recruitment of volunteers, funding for materials, and detailed planning of event particulars.

(k) Society Updates. Pat Barnes' handout included a five-page calendar of events of member societies, STEM type activities, and a schedule of QCESC meetings.

(3) Next Meeting. The QCESC will meet next at the Evald Hall, Room 120, Augustana College, Rock Island, on Jan 14, at 5:00 PM.