President’s Message
By Benjamin Brown, P.E.
– FCC President

As we complete the 2018-2019 calendar year schedule, OSPE is sponsoring the 2019 ALL Ohio Engineering Conference, June 6-8 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Toledo Perrysburg, Ohio. Packages are available for accompanying family members as professional engineers attend the seminars, earning up-to 12.5 professional development hours (PDHs). This should be another great opportunity to meet PE requirements, network with other engineers, and provide entertainment for you and your family.

I would like to thank Jason McLean, from the Ohio Professional Engineers / Professional Surveyors board, for providing an overview of the key ethics rules affecting professional engineers under Ohio Law. We appreciated Jason presenting examples of the procedures when engineers are faced with disciplinary action.

This presentation and others like this are now required for professional development, and we will continue to offer PDHs for professional ethics relevant to the practices of engineering in the future. Our next luncheon will be for our Officer Installation as we just completed the election of officers.

We are always looking for new members, volunteers, and leaders as we continue to offer PDHs through our luncheons and pay it forward to our young professionals and students; starting with the Imagine Engineering Contest for 2nd graders to College students through the OSPE OSU Student Chapter.

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Finally, I would like to thank everyone for another great year and look forward to working with our newly elected officers in the 2019-2020 calendar year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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Officer Installation and Awards

The Ohio Society of Professional Engineer’s Franklin County Chapter (FCC) would like to invite you to the Officers and Trustees Installation Dinner Meeting. Please join us for an Italian family style dinner and desert.

This event will be held at La Scala, located at 4199 W Dublin Granville Rd, Dublin, Ohio 43017 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm on Thursday, May 16. All FCC-OSPE members are welcome to attend, and you can bring a plus one! The dinner event is free for all attendees; although there will be a cash bar. Please RSVP to Dustin Doherty at ddoherty@cecinc.com by Thursday, May 2.

Dinner will include Chicken Parmesan, Cavatelli Alfredo, Lasagna (ground beef), Garlic Smashed Potatoes, and Mixed Italian Veggies. This family-style dinner includes Italian salad, ciabatta bread, iced tea, and coffee. Desert will be Tiramisu. If you have any dietary restrictions, and/or need to request a substitute, please let Dustin know in your RSVP.

This is the official event for the installation of the officers and trustees of the FCC-OSPE for the 2019-2020 year. Each officer and trustee will be asked to recite the Engineer’s Creed, and then they will be officially recognized for their position starting in July. Additionally, as part of the evening, we will be handing out several awards to FCC members who have proven excellence in a particular engineering field. Lastly, there will be some light entertainment, as Johnny Philips will be performing a comedy act.

Again, please join us for dinner, installation, awards, and fun!

If you have any questions, please contact Dustin Doherty at ddoherty@cecinc.com.
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The Society of Professional Engineers at OSU is continuing to take a mix of steps in becoming a more established organization. As the semester comes to a close we had our last general meeting. It was a social event where we watched a movie, worked on homework together, and ate pizza. We had around 20 students show up. We are going to continue contact with the organization throughout the summer. We have over 200 people on our emailing list. If you have potential volunteer or job opportunities for the students, or general announcements, please send them and we will forward them on. You can email mclaughlin.429@osu.edu if you would like to contact her. We had officers run for new positions within the organization. Below is the newly elected executive board for our organization.

President: Marley McLaughlin
Major: Chemical Engineering (Right)

Vice President: Liz Schneider
Major: Industrial Systems Engineering (Below)

Treasurer: Alex Frank
Major: Chemical Engineering (Right)

Membership: Matthew Clement
Major: Chemical Engineer (Left)

Secretary: Vish Anand
Major: Computer Science Engineering (Right)
Local Student Competing at National MATHCOUNTS by Tina Sutermeister

The Ohio state-level MATHCOUNTS competition was held on Saturday, March 9th, at Columbus State Community College. The top 4 students of the written round competition comprise the team of 4 that will be representing Ohio at the 2019 Raytheon National Competition on May 12th at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista. One of our Franklin County Chapter students made the Ohio team this year. Riddhi Gupta, an eighth-grade female student from Jones Middle School, will be competing with 223 students from 50 U.S. States and U.S. Territories, the State Department schools and the Department of Defense schools.

Two of the other three students on the Ohio team are from the Southwest Chapter and the other student is from the Canton Chapter:

- Eddie Kong (8th grade male student) from Mason Middle School
- Michael Zuo (8th grade male student) from Mason Middle School
- Tantshq Pauskar (7th grade male student) from Jackson Memorial Middle School

Court Rules in Favor of ‘Tire Engineer’ Company

A US Court of Appeals reversed a lower court decision in a case involving a company that believes its rights were violated by a Mississippi law prohibiting the use of the title “engineer” by businesses that aren’t licensed to practice engineering.

The appeals court ruled that the district court erred in its ruling in favor of the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and rendered a judgment in favor of Express Oil Change on February 19.

When Express Oil Change LLC changed the name of its tire sale and service center to Tire Engineers in 2015, the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors notified the company of the violation of state law, which prohibits use of the term “engineer” in a commercial identification, title, or name, unless the individual or company is licensed to perform engineering services. The licensing board believes that the company’s use of the term is also misleading to the public.

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EOC filed a lawsuit claiming that the licensing board misinterpreted its governing statutes and infringed upon the company’s First Amendment rights. A federal district court upheld the state actions against EOC. EOC filed an appeal in May 2018.

NSPE signed onto a “friend-of-the-court” brief that argues that the use of the term “tire engineer” to describe auto service mechanics is misleading, and that “tire engineer” has a well-established meaning: a professional engineer with specialized knowledge and experience working with tires.

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