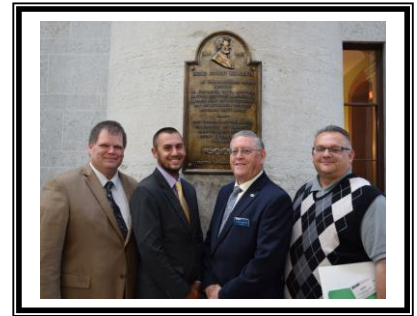


Message from the President By: Richard Martinko

Welcome to a new year at TSPE. This year is shaping up to be a good one. Our monthly meeting speakers have already included Ohio State Senator Randy Gardner and Toledo Mayor Kapszukiewicz. Future speakers will include John Greenhalge, executive director, Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Surveyors, who will speak on “Engineering Ethics,” Dean Monske and the Executive Leadership Team for Regional Growth Partnership (“Investment in the Northwest Ohio Region”), a representative of Autodesk (“Technology in the AEC Industry”), and Tom Brady, founder of PTI (“Innovation in Engineering”). Additionally, TSPE will hold the annual financial outlook meeting in January and the TSPE Golf Outing in the spring. Please plan to attend our golf outing so TSPE can continue to support engineering students in the form of scholarships. Engineers Week activities are currently being scheduled for the week of February 17-23, 2019. If you are interested in helping with Engineers Week, please let me know via the email address below or at an upcoming monthly meeting.

PE License Ceremony Held in Columbus By: Chris Iott

The Ohio Society of Professional Engineers hosted the Ohio Engineering Certificate Ceremony on September 23. TSPE members were present at the Statehouse in Columbus to congratulate and welcome the newly licensed engineers receiving their certificates. EFO President-Elect and TSPE member Chett Siefring was part of the receiving line for the newly licensed engineers. *Pictured at the Lincoln column in the Statehouse are (left to right) TSPE Members Chett Siefring and Justin Fleming with OSPE President L. Steve Day and State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Surveyors Executive Director John Greenhalge.*



Ohio State Senator Randy Gardner Visits TSPE By: Richard Martinko

In late September, TSPE welcomed Senator Randy Gardner of Ohio Senate District 2 to the University of Toledo Brady Engineering Innovation Center for the Society’s yearly legislative update meeting. Senator Gardner discussed a broad range of legislative issues, including a focus on Lake Erie and clean water initiatives. Senator Gardner provided an informative presentation with an active question and answer session that addressed the numerous bills and significant topics that impact engineers and the engineering community.



Toledo Mayor Discusses Regional Water Commission with TSPE By: Chris Iott

On October 30, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz shared part of his birthday with TSPE at the Toledo Club. During the Society’s luncheon, Mayor Kapszukiewicz discussed the need for a regional water commission – a topic which was approved by voters one week later via the November 6 general election ballot. Designated Issue 15, this popular amendment to the City of Toledo Charter establishes the Regional Water Commission to recommend water rates and provide decisions regarding capital improvements to the City of Toledo water treatment plant and distribution system. The Commission will include two seats for City representatives and one seat for each suburb that receives water from the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant. The seats are reserved for technical water experts. Differing from a previous, ill-received proposal for a Toledo area water authority, the City will retain ownership of the water treatment plant separate from the Regional Water Commission. Toledo City Council will have 45 days to respond to modifications prescribed by the Commission.



Legislative Update

As we go to press, Ohio Senate Bill 255 is going through hearings in the House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee. The legislation, which was passed by the Ohio Senate last spring, threatens the closure of Ohio’s licensing boards if they are not renewed by an Ohio General Assembly standing committee that would oversee each board’s “sunset” review. Supported by the American Legislative Exchange Council, Senate Bill 255 also applauds the “least restrictive” ways in which one could enter an occupation and nearly demonizes licensure by ranking it the most restrictive. A priority for Senate leadership, the bill simply lumps together all occupations (regardless of their impact on health, safety or welfare) into “one size fits all” language. Furthermore, proponents of Senate Bill 255 assume that many currently-licensed occupations would be better judged by the public through open market competition. In the Ohio House’s “lame duck” session, the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers is working on an amendment proposal and the Society will also present opposition testimony regarding Senate Bill 255, as written.

Upcoming TSPE Events (More information at www.tspeohio.com/upcoming events)

- November 28, 2018: Dan Buelow of Willis Towers Watson presents areas of liability to which engineers are exposed and contract structure to avoid those exposures. Luncheon at UT Brady Innovation Center.
- December 17, 2018: John Greenhalge of Ohio State Board of Registration for Engineers & Surveyors discusses engineering ethics.
- January 30, 2019: Dean Monske and Executive Leadership Team for Regional Growth Partnership discuss investment in the NW Ohio Region.
- February 17-23, 2019: National Engineers Week
- March 2019: Technology in the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industry program from representative of Autodesk.
- May 2019: Tom Brady of Plastic Technologies Inc. (PTI) discusses innovation in engineering.
- **June 6-8, 2019: All Ohio Engineering Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Toledo-Perrysburg. Watch for details!**

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