



The Philadelphia Engineer

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2019 NATIONAL ENGINEERS' WEEK BANQUET

Hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter of PSPE

Keynote Address

"from STEM to STEAM"

'why appreciation of art is necessary to be a good engineer'

Bill Marrazzo

President & Chief Executive Officer of WHYY
formerly President & CEO of Weston Solutions
formerly Commissioner of Philadelphia Water Department

Saturday - February 23, 2019

5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Chart House Restaurant

555 S Christopher Columbus Blvd

Philadelphia, PA 19147

215-625-8383 - Free Parking

Recognize, Promote and Celebrate the Role
Engineers fill in the Greater Philadelphia Area

**90 Minute Reception before dinner is served
(with Hot Butlered Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar)
then a Full Course Dinner
and an after dinner Dessert Reception**

Price per person is \$70.00 - Student Rate is \$35.00

Outstanding Engineering Achievement Program

Top regional projects judged by
Presidents of regional chapters
Winners for 2018:

Outstanding: Urban Engineers

[The Rail Park](#)

Notable: Maida Engineering

[Replacement of St Louis Arch Tram MG Sets](#)

Honorable: Pennoni Associates

[West Deptford 625000sf Amazon "Sort" Facility](#)



2018-19 Chapter Program The Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Philadelphia Chapter

Monthly Dinner Meeting and Courses March 7, 2019

To be held at Pennoni Associates

1900 Market St - Suite 300

Philadelphia, PA 19103

attendees should enter at the 19th and Market entrance

Registration & Pizza: 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Course & Presentation: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Intellectual Property For Engineers

by Edward J. Howard, Esq.

Howard IP Law Group, PC, Fort Washington, PA

How to Better Grow Marijuana

by John Pisklak

Keller Equipment Sales, Inc., York, PA

Board Meeting open to all Members immediately following

[Click here for reservations](#)

February Happenings

FEB 2 was MathCounts at Temple U

Students from Sixth Seventh and Eighth grades competed to show excellence at MATH. The top school and top individual continues to the State round, and possibly to the Nationals.

FEB 7 was our Legislative Roundtable

About a dozen members chatted with our State lobbyist John Wanner and President of the Board of Engineers Frank Stanton on issues facing Professional Engineers and our mission to protect the Public Health Safety Property and Welfare. Our opinions will be shared with Legislators.

To Donate to Mathcounts:

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this is a three year position completing in May 2019	
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Members interested in joining our Board should contact President Erik Hoet at President@PSPE-Philly.org

PSPE Philadelphia is proud to announce

Joseph F. Maida, PE,
named PSPE 2018 Engineer of the Year

Joe Maida has been a strong PSPE advocate since joining NSPE and PSPE in 1976. Mr. Maida knows first hand the training and leadership regimen found in PSPE. He served as a Board Member and Chapter President in two PSPE chapters, Valley Forge and Philadelphia. Mr. Maida has encouraged his employees to not only join NSPE and PSPE but also to be active in these organizations. Maida Engineering has sponsored four PSPE chapter presidents, PSPE board members, a PSPE state president, an NSPE board member and an NSPE president with his support and encouragement.

Mr. Maida has made presentations at PSPE annual conferences and continuing education events. In addition, he is active in NYSSPE Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE) and regularly reviews presentations to assess if they qualify for PDH credit for engineers licensed in New York. He has been instrumental in the success of the PSPE Education Committee. Mr. Maida is a member of the Philadelphia Section of the IEEE and has presented many programs at local meetings on a variety of professional and technical topics. Mr. Maida is also a member of the Engineers Club of Philadelphia, and served on its board for several years.

Philadelphia Chapter Program 2018-2019

Our program for 2018-19 is provided below. We continue to look to our Members for suggestions and to volunteer to share knowledge with your peers. Please contact our leadership at President@PSPE-Philly.org.

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Philadelphia Chapter 2018-2019 Program	
Date	Event - Click Event for Details
Sep. 6, 2018	Mussel Hatchery Tour
Sep. 13-14, 2018	PSPE State Conference in Johnstown
Oct. 4, 2018	Ductless HVAC Cooling Tower Collapse
Nov. 1, 2018	Philadelphia Floodplain Development Ethics taught by Frank Stanton, PE
Dec. 4, 2018 11:30am - 2pm Multi-Society	Annual Multi-Society Meeting (Organized by the Engineers' Club) DoubleTree Philadelphia Hotel 237 South Broad at Locust Street
Dec. 6, 2018 SE Regional Event	Delaware Valley Region Outstanding Engineering Achievement Presentations
Jan. 3, 2019	Philadelphia Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant Course/Tour
Feb. 7, 2019	Legislative Round Table - ChartHouse
Feb 9, 2019 MathCounts	Phila Chapter MathCounts Competition at Temple University
Feb 14, 2019 ECP Dinner	Dinner Event by Engineers' Club DoubleTree Philadelphia Hotel
Feb 19, 2019 ECP Young Eng	Young Engineers Social by ECP Ladder 15 at 1528 Sansom Street at 6pm
Feb 23, 2019 NSPE Engineers' Week Banquet	Greater Philadelphia and Delaware Valley Regional National Engineers' Week Banquet
Mar 7, 2019	Patent Application and Process Growing Marijuana
Apr 4, 2019	Compressors for Fire Suppression Replacing of MG Sets for St. Louis Arch
May 2, 2019	Annual Meeting & Officers Installed
May 19-21, 2019	PSPE 24 PDH Boot Camp Central
May 22, 2019 STEM Awards	STEM Awards Night at CBS3 MathCounts, Future City, Sea Perch, HighSchoolScholarships, BestTeachers
Jun 16-18, 2019	PSPE 24 PDH Boot Camp West
Sep 19-20, 2019	PSPE State Conference in Bethlehem

