

Report Form: National Officer Visit to State Society (also included in Tab F)

*Please complete electronically (if possible) and return to: Lawrence Jacobson, Executive Director, NSPE, 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2794; Fax 703/519-3763; e-mail: ljacobson@nspe.org
The report should be submitted within three weeks of your state society visit.*

NSPE Officer __ Ken Rigsbee, PE _____

State Society Visited: __ Washington SPE _____

Meeting Date/Location __ May 11 – 12, 2007, Lake Chelan, WA _____

Who met with: __ WSPE Board of Directors, Membership, Board of Trustees, WSPE Exec. Com.

COMPLETE THIS BOX ONLY IF you carried out a president-assigned state society visit. You may skip if you did an RVP state outreach visit.

Number of attendees at State Meeting: __guess 30+ _____

Social Events attended: __ Ex. Com., Strategy Session, Standing Committees meetings, Reception, Installation, Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees meeting

- Did state society cover your expenses? YES NO partially
- Did you install officers? YES NO
- Did you address the Board of Directors? YES NO
- Did you attend Executive Committee meeting? YES NO

Please describe the important issues raised by state leaders/members that need to be relayed to the NSPE Board. Note any issues that you feel require the Board's immediate attention. *Please see earlier note RE sync of records with Net Forum in order to produce and publish hard-copy roster of membership. - see page E-4*

Please list any presentations made (e.g., keynote, membership workshop, etc.) and NSPE resources used (e.g., officer talking points, PowerPoint presentations, Membership Toolkit, etc.) *Visited briefly about current matters before NSPE national. Fortunately, none was particularly applicable to WSPE.*

Please list any successful state and chapter programs that you heard about and that you feel would provide a valuable model for other states/chapters.

The WSPE leadership and members are very proud of their involvement with MathCounts. They produced the national champion last year. While their student membership numbers are declining, they intend to enhance those programs and gain additional members. WSPE is heavily involved with a WA coalition called the Association of Engineering Leadership Council (AELC, may not be the proper termination) whereby they are engaged with other engineering societies and others in legislative activities.

Please list the names and phone numbers of members that you met who should be considered for service on national committees and task forces. *Please explain briefly why you are recommending the individual (e.g., He/she developed an outstanding recruitment program that brought in 50 new members. Or He/she showed outstanding leadership qualities and creative ideas at a particular meeting/session.)* Also indicate which committee the individual should serve on.

I was very impressed by a number of younger members who each are heavily involved in the leadership tasks of WSPE. I was also impressed by the return of many senior leaders who continue their involvement in both WSPE and NSPE activities. I have notes in my travel file with respect to the identity of key leaders.

Did you hear of any major issues related to the governance and operations of the state that NSPE should be aware of? If so, please describe.

I noted that the Western & Pacific Region has posed position statements for review of the NSPE HoD, which was surprising, but which the WSPE ultimately approved without debate or discussion. I fear that some of these resolutions may not be consistent with the attitudes and beliefs of WSPE membership. It was noted that the W&P Region had elected to NOT charge their traditional \$5/member dues this year, but the WSPE budgeted for that fee next year.

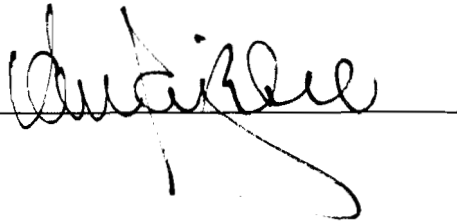
Please indicate any newsworthy or image-enhancing events, programs, projects, or personalities that should be forwarded to the NSPE Publications Department for consideration as a news or feature story.

*There was a lot of attention to a new organization, "**Engineers without Borders**", with whom many WSPE members seemed to identify. There was associated discussion of some mechanism for commodity for licensees of, for example, certain provinces of Canada with either Washington, or Oregon (it was noted that Oregon apparently has some arrangement with the Japanese Society of Professional Engineers, whereby the latter can become licensed, perhaps temporarily, by Oregon in order to practice in this country, albeit on a very brief and abbreviated basis.*

Other comments on your visit: For those who have failed to visit the State of Washington in May, you have missed a legitimate "piece of Paradise" in this US of A. The traditional decision by the leadership of the WSPE to meet in a resort, is marvelous, especially for visitors and guests. During our 4-day visit, we saw 3 days of beautiful sunshine and no wind, which was idyllic. On the 4th day, however, we saw the traditional Washington rain and wind, and were actually snowed upon when crossing the pass back to Seattle.

We were honored and pleased to have been accepted and included in all of the WSPE events, and had the privilege of personally visiting with a large segment of the WSPE leadership.

Signature

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Date:

May 15, 2007

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Support from NSPE

Please indicate any information or support that the state would like from NSPE?
The WaSPE annually publishes a hard-copy of its roster (they have many members for whom this is the only communication. In order to complete same, they are waiting on NSPE to sync with NetForum. I have written staff to inquire when such might be available. Also, the HoD delegate requested better and quicker communication from NSPE leadership on matters upon which the HoD will be conducting deliberation and making decisions upon this summer in Denver. Also, there were requests from chapter and state nominators for a response from the Council of Fellows as to whether their candidates were, indeed, accepted and selected by both the Council and the NSPE Board of Directors.

State Society Program Assessment Guide

(To be filled out by the state)

Prior to an NSPE officer visiting your state, please complete and return this form to the officer who will visit your state society.

Name of Individual Completing Form: Ken Rigsbee

State Society Being Reviewed: Washington SPE

Membership Recruitment

Does the state society have an active member recruitment/retention program in place? YES NO

Is membership Increasing? Declining? Remaining steady?

Licensing

Is there any effort in the state to restrict the practice of engineering with respect to other design professions? YES NO

If so, describe

Is there any effort to tighten the industrial or governmental exemption language in the licensing laws? YES NO

Continuing Professional Competency

Does the state currently have (or will soon have) mandatory continuing professional competency requirements for license renewal? YES NO

Does the society conduct seminars/workshops for engineers? YES NO

Ethics

Are there any ethics cases before the state society or the state licensing board that might have national interest? YES NO

If so, describe and give name of contact person.

Scholarships

Does the state have a scholarship program? YES NO

Student Chapter

Does the society have active student chapters? YES NO

Mentoring

Does the society have a mentoring program for students and/or practicing younger engineers? YES NO

MATHCOUNTS

Are state members involved in the tutoring/coaching program? YES NO
Is the statewide program raising enough money to cover costs? YES NO

Government Relations

What is the most important legislative or regulatory issue in the state? And what action is the state taking?

Apparently, a very modest effort, largely left to the contracted executive director and staff.

Does the state have a PAC? *Undetermined* YES NO

Engineers Week

Does the state society coordinate E-Week activities with other engineering societies and/or corporate sponsors? YES NO

Do members participate in the National Engineers Week Future City Competition? YES NO

Do members participate in Discover“E” or Zoom into Engineering classroom visits? YES NO

Employment Environment

Is there an effort on behalf of state society officers to visit top management of employers of engineers to discuss professional issues or Enterprise Membership? YES NO

Which Practice Divisions are active in state? PEC PEE PEG PEI PEPP
There may be others, but not immediately identified.

Electronic Communication

Does the society have the capability to communicate with its members electronically? YES NO

Does the society have an effective Web site? YES NO

Potential News Stories

Are there any important state and chapter programs, image-enhancing engineering projects or personalities, or newsworthy events that should be forwarded to the NSPE Publications Department for consideration as a news or feature story? *None immediately apparent.*