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# Monroe Professional Engineers Society

*A Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers*

657 East Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607

*Dedicated to Professionalism in Engineering in the Interest of Public Safety and Welfare*

**2017-18 Officers:** President **David Roberts, PE**, President-elect **Chris Kamar, PE**, Vice-President **Arthur Reardon, PE**, Secretary **Martin Gordon, PE**, Treasurer **Michael Ritchie, P.E.**, Membership Chair **Arthur Reardon, PE**

## *Officers & Board of Directors for 2017-2018 Operating Year*

July 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of the 2017-2018 operating year for MPES. This includes some changes to the officers and board of directors for the engineering society. The 2017-2018 board consists of the following:

*Officers serving 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their two-year term:* David C. Roberts, P.E. (president), Christopher V. Kamar, P.E. (president-elect), Dr. Arthur C. Reardon, P.E. (vice president)

*Officers elected to the 2017-2018 term:* Martin E. Gordon, P.E. (secretary), Michael O. Ritchie, P.E. (treasurer)

*Directors serving 2<sup>nd</sup> year of two-year term:* Christopher R. Devries, P.E. (immediate past president), Joseph Dombrowski, P.E. (past president), Ann Louise Ziki, P.E. (director #4), James Drago, P.E. (director #5). Director #6 position was vacated by Michael Ritchie when elected to the treasurer position. Neal J. Illenberg, P.E. (former treasurer) has offered to fill this position, with his appointment to be voted on by the board in September.

*Directors elected to the 2017-2019 term:* Barry J. Dumbauld, P.E. (director #1), Robert K. Winans, P.E. (director #2), Timothy Webber, P.E. (director #3). Tim Webber has indicated that he will not be able to accept the appointment as director #3. Tim has been on the board of directors for over 10 years, serving in a number of roles, including president from 2012 – 2013. The board wishes to express their sincere appreciation for Tim's years of service to the engineering society. With this director spot vacated, we will be actively seeking a member to fill this role. The requirements for potential candidates are membership in NSPE and licensure as a professional engineer in good standing. Anyone interested can contact MPES as noted below.

## *MPES Secretary Featured in Recent Issue of PE Magazine*

The recent issue of PE Magazine featured comments from MPES secretary Martin E. Gordon, P.E., as it dealt with PE law and forensic engineering. President-elect of the National Academy of Forensic Engineers (NAFE) and professor & MMET Undergraduate Program Director from Rochester Institute of Technology, Martin reflected on past cases where he consulted to the legal profession and acted as an expert witness in courts of law. Those who attended the recent Engineering Symposium in Rochester will recall that Professor Gordon was the keynote speaker, with his program *Forensic Engineering: Engineering Applied to the Law*.

## *STeAM Camp Held at FLCC, Victor, NY*

Working in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) opened up their campus to 20 middle school students to participate in hands-on STeAM events. The event was held from July 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Based on the concept of STEM education, STeAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, architecture/arts and Math. Several FLCC instructors provided 12 hands-on learning sessions to introduce students to a variety of topics related to STeAM. MPES president, Dave Roberts, presented one of the sessions which focused on structural machines. In this session, students gained exposure to concepts such as moment of inertia, beam deflection, and machine design, culminating in building a robotic arm to move a specified load.

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*As always, we encourage active membership in the Monroe Professional Engineers Society. We are constantly striving to improve your membership but we always need more help. If you are interested in becoming an active member or have any questions, please email me at [dcrobertspe@gmail.com](mailto:dcrobertspe@gmail.com) or contact MPES through our website at [www.monroepes.org/contactus/](http://www.monroepes.org/contactus/).*

**David C. Roberts, P.E., President, MPES**