

Chapter Report
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Chapter
for
Spring 2007 Transit
(Activity from December 15, 2005 to Dec. 15, 2006)

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute initiated eighteen new members in the Spring of 2006. New inductees include: **Jeffrey Dziarcak, Katherine Gifford, Lawrence King Chi Kwan, Chad Lindberg, Kathleen Lytle, Justin Mailloux, Heather Martin, Luke Mauro, Ian Metcalf, John Montgomery, Giana Morini, Michael Moses, Holly O'Donohue, Catherine Plante, Jason Pollard, Brendan Sarsfield, Keith Sawicz, Karel Schnebele, Shaun St. Hilaire, Anthony Tessari, Dustin Winn and Christopher Ziemba.** The newly elected officers are **Keith Sawicz**, president, **Katherine Gifford**, vice president, **Kathleen Lytle**, treasurer/secretary, and **Karel Schnebele**, associate editor. Outgoing officers are **Pedro Canalda**, president, **Kyle Settle**, vice president, **Joanna Levett**, treasurer/secretary, and **Julie Welte**, associate editor.

Chapter activities during the Spring 2006 semester included organization of a technical tour of a precast concrete plant for the *Introduction to Concrete Design* class, participation in an undergraduate engineering discovery fair to help undeclared engineering majors decide on a branch of engineering, and organization of FE exam review sessions. During the Fall 2006 semester, the chapter organized an FE Exam Registration Day where students were provided with FE registration forms and access to a notary and photographer. This event was successful in that it increased on-campus awareness of the early deadline for the exam and resulted in sixty-six students registering for the exam.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. George Morschauer, Operations Manager, and Mr. Keith Sibley, Senior Manager, both from Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation, for serving as the guest speakers at the Spring 2006 initiation ceremony.

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Chapter Report
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College Chapter
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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College initiated seventeen new members in the Spring of 2005. New inductees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute include: **Jennifer Barnes, Katherine Baratta, Pedro Canalda, Anthony Czuchnicki, Michael Figgs, Amy Giacheri, Jeffrey Hodgson, Zhi Yi Huang, Joanna Levett, Theresa Phillips, Elisa Prange, Kyle Settle, Yuenchi Sung, Julie Welte,** and **Michael Worhunsky**. New inductees from Union College include: **Aimee Bajorek** and **Charles May**. The newly elected officers are **Pedro Canalda**, president, **Kyle Settle**, vice president, **Joanna Levett**, treasurer/secretary, and **Julie Welte**, associate editor. Outgoing officers include **Frank Arcuri**, president, **Kenneth O’Kelly-Lynch**, vice president, **Hilary Guernsey**, treasurer/secretary, and **Ian McFarlane**, associate editor.

The chapter continued its activities and started additional projects during the 2005-2006 academic year. New initiatives included the creation of the Rensselaer chapter website, <http://chiepsilon.rpi.edu>, as well as the organization of several construction site visits with local civil engineering firms. Continued activities include the distribution of resume packets at the Rensselaer Career Fair and the organization of review sessions for the FE Exam. Members of Chi Epsilon were also active in Rensselaer’s ASCE student chapter, participating in the regional 2005 Steel Bridge competition (placed fourth) and the concrete canoe competition (won multiple individual races), both held at Clarkson University.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. David T. Biggs, Principal of Ryan-Biggs Associates, for serving as the guest speaker at the Spring 2005 initiation ceremony.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College initiated twenty-two new members in the Spring of 2004. New inductees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute include: **Mark Andrews, Melissa Barbor, Richard Barker, Briana Brookes, Joaquin Denoya, Denise Doran, Elizabeth Farmer, Laura Feeney, Gregory Latreille, Brett Legnard, Ian McFarlane, Kenneth O'Kelly-Lynch, John Poisson, Jason Watzka, and Matthew Welch.** New inductees from Union College include: **Frank Arcuri, Christina Burns, Jacob Dafni, Julia Davis, Matthew Graham, Hilary Guernsey, and Gillian Hinchliff.** The newly elected officers are **Frank Arcuri**, president, **Kenneth O'Kelly-Lynch**, vice president, **Hilary Guernsey**, treasurer/secretary, and **Ian McFarlane**, associate editor. Outgoing officers include **Paul Nelson**, president, **Mark Swenson**, vice president, **James Sweeney**, treasurer/secretary, and **Elizabeth Schweih**, associate editor.

The activities of the chapter increased considerably during the 2004-2005 academic year. New initiatives included the distribution of resume packets at the Rensselaer Career Fair, organization and hosting of a graduate school information session, and organization of review sessions for the FE Exam.

Congratulations to Rensselaer students **John Poisson**, who received the Moles Scholarship, **Aaron Mattoon**, who received the MacDonald Prize, and **Ian McFarlane**, who received the U.W. Marx Prize. Outgoing president, **Paul Nelson**, attended the 2004 Chi Epsilon National Conclave in March at Purdue University.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Michael F. Miller, P.E., Water Resources Manager at Clough, Harbour and Associates of Albany, NY, for serving as a guest speaker at the initiation ceremony. Also, thanks to Union College for hosting the ceremony.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College initiated twenty-seven new members in the Spring of 2003. New inductees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute include: **Michael Bongiorno, Athene Borrero, Tracy Coughlin, David Dutil, Stuart Egnal, William Fensterer, Adam Friedberg, Derrick Gardner, Stephen Gault, Aaron Mattoon, Norazah Mohd Taibi, Elizabeth Neild, Paul Nelson, William Piliero, Matthew Sausville, Cris Schrader, James Sweeney, and Benjamin Werner.** New members from Union College include: **Christopher Cornwell, Matthew DiStefano, William Freehart, Melissa Lesmeister, Mark Ottariano, Elizabeth Schweihs, Laura Schwert, Mark Swenson and Matthew Vasilow.** The newly elected officers are **Paul Nelson**, president, **Mark Swenson**, vice president, **James Sweeney**, treasurer/secretary, and **Elizabeth Schweihs**, associate editor. Outgoing officers include **Andrea Hudak**, president, **Benjamin Fell**, vice president, **Dan DeLaughter**, treasurer/secretary, and **Margaret Tomeo**, associate editor.

Congratulations to **Victoria Bennett**, who received the Moles Scholarship, and also to **Melissa Lesmeister** and **Elizabeth Neild** who were recognized as CE News Star Students. The Rensselaer ASCE Chapter hosted the regional 2003 Steel Bridge competition in April, at which they placed third. They went on to place 21st at Nationals in San Diego, CA.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Professor Lester Gerhardt, of Rensselaer, for serving as a guest speaker at the initiation ceremony. Also, thanks to Rensselaer for hosting the ceremony.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College initiated fourteen new members in the Spring of 2002. New inductees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute included: **Rebecca Brown, Rachel Farnum, Benjamin Fell, Susan Gonyea, Chris Marchand, Emily Moshier, Lucas Thompson, Margaret Tomeo, Mike Winnick and Jeff Wojtowicz.** New members from Union included: **Dan DeLaughter, Caitlin Driscoll, Andrea Hudak and Jenny Moon.** The elected officers from this class are: **Andrea Hudak**, president, **Benjamin Fell**, vice president, **Dan DeLaughter**, treasurer/secretary, and **Margaret Tomeo**, associate editor.

Outgoing officers in attendance at the induction ceremony included **Michael Beattie** and **Heidi Wills.** Heidi Wills also attended the 37th National Conclave at the University of Maryland on March 7-9, 2002, where she was able to learn from nationally recognized professionals in order to improve our chapter.

Congratulations to **Benjamin Fell**, who received the Moles Scholarship and was also recognized in the student featured publication *CE News*.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Joseph Vapovani, a Union College graduate, for guest speaking at the ceremony. Also, thanks to Union College for hosting the ceremony. The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College Chapter of Chi Epsilon are looking forward to another great year, filled with involvement in the Capital Region.

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