

## Message from the President

By: Chris Iott

Welcome to a new year with Toledo Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE). Our year started in June when the newly elected board members gathered to discuss chapter business and plan activities for the upcoming year. One item we discussed was resurrection of the *Toledo Engineer* newsletter, which has likely been out of print since the early age of the PDF. Our intent is to publish the newsletter quarterly to provide information to TSPE members regarding upcoming TSPE activities and current legislation

affecting professional engineers, as well as highlight recent activities for members who were and were not able to attend those activities. Feel free to contact any of your TSPE board members with comments, questions or ideas to make the TSPE activities and newsletter more beneficial to you. Our email address is at the bottom of this newsletter. If you would like to contact me directly, I can be reached at [ciott@tlassoc.com](mailto:ciott@tlassoc.com). We look forward to seeing you at luncheons and dinners throughout the year, as well as during Engineers Week in February.

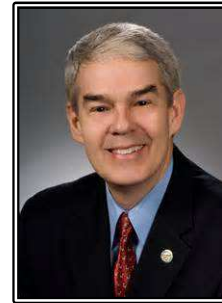
## Meeting with Ohio Legislators

By: Chett Sieftring

TSPE welcomed Senator Randy Gardner and Representative Michael Sheehy to the Toledo Club on September 16, 2016 to provide an update on activities happening in Columbus within the statehouse. Seventeen TSPE members and guests listened to the Senator and Representative discuss legislature that recently passed and upcoming bills that could have an impact on engineers. Additionally, Senator Gardner and Representative Sheehy touched on a broad range of subjects, including insight on funding resources for public projects, impacts of current trends, and the direction each felt Ohio was going.



Representative Sheehy



Senator Gardner

## Legislative Update

Ohio Society of Professional Engineers' Legislative & Government Affairs Committee is currently monitoring 25 bills, 18 of which are active. Of particular note, Ohio House Bill 17 (volunteer immunity for engineers) was made law as of May 17, 2016. This legislation provides civil immunity for engineers (as well as other

professionals and tradespersons) who provide volunteer services during a declared emergency. Additionally, Ohio House Bill 236 (ethics education for engineers) has passed the Ohio House and is now in committee hearings in the Ohio Senate.

## Upcoming TSPE Events

Joint Meeting with Student Chapter of TSPE:

“Being a P.E.; What Does it Mean and Why is it Important” Panel Discussion

October 27, 2016 at University of Toledo Engineering College Brady Innovation Center (adjoining Nitschke Hall)

4:00PM Pizza; 4:30PM Program

Free and Open to all Members of the Engineering Community (Sorry, no PDH for this event)

Registration Deadline: Noon on October 24, 2016 (or when we reach 50 attendees)

Email Chett Sieftring at [csieftring@tlassoc.com](mailto:csieftring@tlassoc.com) if you did not receive the email invitation to attend.

Joint Meeting with ASCE:

Mr. Gary Franks presents “The Survey and Founding of Perrysburg, Ohio”

November 10, 2016 at Toledo Club (235 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Toledo, Ohio)

5:30PM Check-In; 6:00PM Dinner; 6:30PM Program

TSPE/ASCE Member: \$25, Nonmember: \$30

Registration Deadline: Noon on November 2, 2016 (or when we reach 30 attendees)

Email Chett Sieftring at [csieftring@tlassoc.com](mailto:csieftring@tlassoc.com) if you did not receive the email invitation to attend.

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