



# Broome Chapter

## The New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc.

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### September 2012 Newsletter

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#### Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Please welcome Sallie Valentine, P.E. as the new newsletter editor. Sallie has been a member of the Broome Area Chapter since 1987 and is employed by Delta Engineers. It is our hope to communicate with you at least four times per year about current issues affecting our chapter members.

I would also like to thank Tim Hanna, P.E. for his work on our website (broomepe.org). Along with the newsletter, the website is a great way to get our message out.

As chapter president for a number of years and proud member for many years before that, I am concerned about the participation of members in the administration of our chapter. I have been a member of other organizations where I have just let others run the organization. I didn't realize how people get burned out without others participating. We have a core of people that is involved in all of our activities: Mathcounts, Continuing Education Symposium, Engineers Week Dinner, scholarships and Board of Directors. We cannot sustain this effort forever with our current numbers. Several directors

are retired, and we appreciate their continued support, but we know it can't last forever.

Our immediate need is to fill the vacancies on the board and to assign someone to chair (co-chair) the 2013 Symposium. Please let me know if you are interested in being on the board, and please let me know if you want to get involved in this year's symposium so that you can co-chair next year. I can give you more information if you would contact me at [froma@aol.com](mailto:froma@aol.com).

With those challenges, and others, I am hopeful that we can continue to serve our members and our community. Please let me know if you have ideas to make us a better organization.

Lastly, please keep your calendar open for our symposium on October 16, in Binghamton.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Roma, P.E.



## Newsletter Editor's Message

Sallie Valentine, PE

Several months back Frank Roma contacted me about being Newsletter Editor for the Broome Area Chapter. Being a member of NYSSPE for 25 years, I wanted to contribute in some way to our local chapter. To give a brief background, I am a Senior Engineer at Delta Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, a resident of Endwell and an alumnus of Penn State and Cornell. With three children, one in college, high school and middle school, I know how busy we all can be.

One of the goals for the Newsletter is to provide information about what is happening locally in our chapter, as well as at the State and National level. I encourage members and nonmembers as well to contact me with any news or opportunities to include in the Newsletter. I look at the newsletter as a work in progress and welcome your suggestions. With your input we can go a long way to providing a quality newsletter that reaches out to all of its members and the community.

## Chapter News

Several of our members contributed to our NYSSPE 2012 Scholarship Fund this year. I would like to recognize the following members and thank them for their generous support

- Paul De Andrea, PE
- Dr. Richard F. Schwartz, PE
- Rafael A. De Echeandia, PE
- James D. Catella, PE
- Paul P. McCabe, PE
- Joseph McDonald, PE
- Frank P. Roma, PE

## Upcoming Events

### Engineering Symposium and Professional Development

**Seminar:** (Go to [www.broomepe.org](http://www.broomepe.org) to register)

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2012  
 Location: Binghamton Holiday Inn Arena  
 Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm  
 6 PDH's

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