

NJSPE Educational Foundation Seeks Candidate(s)

The NJSPE Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) affiliate of NJSPE with its own governing body. The Foundation's members are the same as those of NJSPE. Each dues-paying NJSPE member makes a \$10 donation to the Foundation by nature of a stipend from annual dues.

Its Bylaws provide for three At-Large Directors who serve 3-year terms. One At-Large Director is to be elected each year. The Foundation now is seeking individuals who would be willing to make such a commitment for 2021-2024. Please provide your name and credentials no later than March 26 to Lisa Jones (ljones@njpsi.com). All persons, who are deemed qualified by the Foundation's Nominating Committee, will be included in the 2021 ballot distributed by NJSPE. Life Members and Retired Members, neither of whom pay dues, will need to make a \$10 minimum donation to the "NJSPE Educational Foundation" to qualify.

The Foundation over the years has established four programs:

Career Day which provides guidance to high school students about pursuit of an engineering curriculum.

Institute for Professional Leadership which has offered a curriculum by which design professionals (engineers, surveyors, architects, planners) develop keen leadership skills for career advancement.

MATHCOUNTS which encourages enthusiasm among middle school students for math and pursuit of STEM subjects, possibly leading to engineering careers; and

Scholarship which maintains funds by which to aid engineering students.

Each of the four programs also has one Director each on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The Board is rounded out with the immediate NJSPE Past President who is available to serve, the NJSPE President, and the NJSPE President-Elect, and a representative of the Foundation's support staff, viz. Public Strategies Impact, for a total of 11 Directors.

The duties of the Foundation Board of Directors are to maintain fiscal integrity of the organization, oversee each of the four programs' operations, and to generally ensure its viability.

The Foundation's Fiscal and Administrative years are coincident and run from July 1 to the following June 30. The officers elected from the Directors include a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.