



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Staff travel – Paul Fritz

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Fritz, Business Manager

DESCRIPTION:

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) 2009 School Design and Construction Conference is being held at the Philadelphia Convention Center May 7th and 8th, 2009.

The conference consists of breakout sessions, along with PDE School Division of Facilities (PlanCon), and industry representatives to provide information relating to school renovation, construction, and design.

(Board Policy 431 requires Operating Committee approval for trip exceeding 400 miles)

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve Paul Fritz, Business Manager, to attend the PSBA School Design & Construction Conference, Philadelphia. PA - May 6-8, 2009

**Erie County Technical School
Request for Travel Authorization**

Date of Request: 2/17/09

Requestor: PAUL FRITZ

Destination: Philadelphia PA (420 miles)

Purpose of Trip: PSBA School Design & Construction Conference

Date(s) of Trip: 5/6 - 5/8/09

Estimated Expenses: Registration \$299 + travel \$462 + hotel \$250 = \$1,011

Signature: Paul Fritz Date: 2/17/09

Supervisor's Approval

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director's Approval

Signature: Alfred J. [Signature] Date: 2/18/2009

Board Approval

Date: _____

PSBA's 2009 SCHOOL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

May 7-8, 2009

**Philadelphia Convention Center,
Philadelphia**

With the current economy tightening budgets in school districts locally and nationally, there is no more important time to understand how to get the best bang for your school renovation and construction dollars. PSBA's 2009 School Design and Construction Conference can help board members and administrators understand the process of school construction while providing helpful insight into best design and construction practices.

Fifteen informative education breakout sessions will allow attendees to customize their conference experience by selecting presentation topics that are most relevant to their individual needs. **Two general education sessions** will provide timely information on the current economy and its impact on school buildings, as well as planning and design as an effective tool for initiating educational change.

More than **40 industry professionals** as well as a representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Division of School Facilities will be on hand to answer questions about any range of questions from PlanCon to plaster. Attendees are encouraged to interact with trade show exhibitors to discuss projects and learn about services offered in the school design and construction process.

A highlight for a second year in a row will be the feature of building designs created and submitted by some of the brightest students from across the state as part of an **architectural design competition**. Student designers themselves will be on site in Friday morning at the design showcase to interact with conference attendees and to compare notes with peer designers.

This conference will help your school entity with its next building project whether it is planning, in the process or completing one. Board members, chief school administrators, facilities directors, building administrators, architects and others involved with school design or construction will not want to miss this conference.

Schedule: Thursday, May 7

- Registration: 8-9:30 a.m.
- Opening Session: 9:30-11 a.m.
- Lunch (Exhibit Time): 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Educational Sessions I: 1-2:15 p.m.
- Exhibit Time: 2:15-3 p.m.
- Educational Sessions II: 3-4:15 p.m.
- Reception in Exhibit Hall: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 8

- Continental Breakfast: 8-9 a.m.
- Student/Adviser Registration: 8-9 a.m.
- Educational Sessions III: 9:15-10:30 a.m.
- Closing Session and Student Design Competition Recognition: 10:45 a.m.-noon

Fees:

(Fee includes Thursday continental breakfast, lunch, reception, Friday continental breakfast, all beverage breaks, pass to exhibit hall and session materials.)

Members: \$299 per person

Nonmembers: call for prices
(800) 932-0588 ext. 3314

NEW! Group pricing: Register up to four people at a group rate of \$849 (a savings of more than \$350).

Thursday only: \$229 per person (no group rate offered)

Friday only: \$99 per person (no group rate offered)

Earn:

9 PSBA points

Hotel Reservations:

For reservations, call
Marriott Philadelphia Downtown at
(800) 228-9290 or (215) 625-2900.



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