



NEW YORK SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Minutes of
Professional Engineers in Government
Held June 12, 2004

Buffalo/Niagara Marriott
Amherst, N.Y.
James Galarneau, PE Presiding

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1. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
2. **Minutes** of November 01, 2003 as amended were approved
3. **Escrow Account** was discussed. Currently PEG has \$3,885.30 on account. Have about 50 members. Just received February/March transactions. Need to improve to receive quicker to acknowledge new PEG members.
4. **Communications:** Need to update email addresses as PEG emails have 8-10 bouncing back.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1. **NICET Issues with the Fire Protection System Engineers (FPSE)-**
 - SFPE supports NSPE qualifications of NICET and Codes of NYS Reference Standards required in the present editions for "Inspection, Testing and Maintenance". They will also be required for layout of PE designed fire protection systems in their next 2002 editions to be implemented in NYS on January 1, 2005. If NYSSPE does not define
 - **ACTION:** Get NYSSPE representatives on Code committees to present with SFPE the above concept. Jim reported that we have attempted to get NYSSPE members on Code committees. Tom Szekely has been asked to be on one committee. There are PE's on some of the other committees even though not NYSSPE members.

2. There is a need to put NICET certification of FPE under State Department of Education vs. Department of State as Certified Engineering Technicians, so other non-engineers do not define engineering practice through engineering technician licensures.
 - **ACTION: Educate NYSSPE and members to support SFPE's efforts which are consistent with NYSSPE protecting the public's life, safety and general welfare through eventual licensure. Paul Bowers incoming President is planning on creating an ad hoc government relations committee to address this.**

5.2. Civil Service- Jim G. indicated that a meeting was to take place so PEG could continue to participate in the revisions of job descriptions that may require a license if it suggest the practice of engineering. No meeting has been set. Civil service needs to be contacted to see if PEG may be of any further service in reviewing and commenting on job descriptions current being rewritten.

- **ACTION: Jim Galarneau will contact Civil service to introduce self and offer PEG and NYSSPE to assist offer assistance as they may need.**

5.3. PEG Auxiliary Website- Future endeavor

5.4. CPC requirements in government- there have been some desire to remove the exemption. On the other hand, I have had some NYSSPE members in Management Confidential positions (non-union) express concern that they should also be made exempt. Apparently not all government engineers feel an exemption should be removed.

- **ACTION:** Further action tabled at this time.

5.5. "Put Brakes on Fatalities Day"-2003-2004- did not have a PEG rep interested this year

5.6. NYS Government Engineer of the Year award- Louise and I announced this year's winner had been selected. Also it was recommended that the distribution of this award be added to the NYSSPE issued awards packet. Louise agreed to take on next year's responsibility to administer PEG award.

- **ACTION:** Jim will give Louise all the award information he has and assist in get next year's award efforts underway with Louise. Louise may solicit assistance for the evaluation process.

6. New Business:

6.1. "Engineering Your Way to Success" book-

- **ACTION: Jim will see if State HQ has copy to review.**



6.2. NYSSPE PEG Charter Update- Not Discussed possible updating

6.3. Resolution 1-06-2004 NICET- Greg Gallagher discussed the need to support the resolution as it will provide for NYSSPE to take a position on using NICET technicians by City, State and Federal agencies properly. NYC chapters have developed this resolution and Greg feels basically it is okay but may want to suggest some word changes in the areas of NOT associating NICET with the Illegal Practice of PE.

- **ACTION:** Recommends PEG support its basic concept but perhaps some wordsmithing can be made during the director's consideration.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for Fall 2004.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Galarneau, PE

*And as revised by per comments at November 13, 2004
meeting – L. J. O'Connor, PE, LS
November 23, 2004*

cc:Headquarters (emailed)
Attendees (emailed)
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