



The New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc.

The Founding Society of the National Society of Professional Engineers

RE: NYSSPE/PEC Minutes of Meeting,

Date: Sunday, November 9, 2014

Location: El Dorado West Diner, Tarrytown, NY

Attendance: "Kaitlin Sajduk" ksajduk@brookerengineering.com, "Dr. James J. Yarmus" drjamesyarmus@yarmusconsulting.com, "Rudi Sherbansky" rshebansky@aspagroup.com, "Ryan Zoppa" RZoppa@brookerengineering.com, "Nestor Celiz" NCeliz@brookerengineering.com, "Peter Ranieri" pranieri@brookerengineering.com, "Dr. Kaspal Thumma" kthumma@yahoo.com, "Megan Busch" MBusch@brookerengineering.com, "Rick Miller" rick@mresengineering.com, "Hadi Djohan" Djohan@brookerengineering.com

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM.
2. Mentorship Program:
 - a. We have yet to submit a program however we discussed ideas of: 10 hours of lectures, seminars, webinars where engineers could share some wisdom to engineering students on what it's like to be an engineer in a practical way from career experience.
 - b. The board has decided to make the mentorship program a part of the curriculum so that better participation could be expected from students.
3. Engineer's Week and Engineering Expo:
 - a. Summary of meeting with Engineering Expo Team and review of future progress: The Engineering Expo Team was split on the decision to hold a smaller version of engineering expo during engineer's week in Brooklyn. It was decided that they had no objection if PEC chose to run a second expo but they could not assist as they felt it would dilute their efforts for the engineering expo in March.
 - b. It was brought to our attention that with NYU Poly there would now be 2 competitions. The board discussed that there may be difficulty in have 2 competitions with the same entries and that a consolation prize may be introduced to avoid repeat winners.
 - c. Another concern mentioned was that the student exhibition portion of the engineering expo may conflict with our engineer's week if the dates were too close together, and there wouldn't be sufficient time for the students to have diverse projects. It was considered that a format more closely aligned with a Job Fair for the engineer's week event would be a better option.
 - d. It was discussed that PDH's would be offered to the engineers who attend.

4. Bylaws:
 - a. We discussed section 9 which pertains to our desire for our own website: "Interest Group activities shall be devoted to matters of professional interest, such as professional development, recognition and status, conditions of employment and mutual welfare. Interest Groups shall not engage in any of the following business activities except as specifically authorized by this Charter or as directed by this board; namely finance, membership, organization and publication. State Headquarters shall provide the office services required for operation of the Interest Groups."
 - b. Therefore it was determined that we cannot have our own website without state approval and we decided to not explore this option further at this time.
5. PEC Project of the Year Award:
 - a. It was brought up that we should send out an email blast to invite other engineering companies to submit project of the year awards in order to pool the opinions of a larger engineering audience. In order to execute this it was mentioned that we could advertise on the website and use survey monkey to collect the data.
 - b. The board discussed that 432 Park Ave in NYC could be a candidate.
 - c. Kaspal also had an idea for project of the year and he said he would bring in more information at the next meeting.
6. New Business:
 - a. Jim was featured in the December Issue of NSPE (Nation Publication) with regard to Engineers without Borders.
 - b. When Jim goes to FL it was agreed that he could Skype in for the meeting.
7. SUMMARY/AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:
 - Discuss with NYU Poly to confirm use of facility for engineer's week

The meeting ended at 10:30 AM. Our next PEC meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2014. Kate will confirm the date via email to the board set to take place at the El Dorado West Diner, Tarrytown, NY.

Submitted by Kate Sajduk, reviewed and approved by all of the attentive members listed above.