



NYSSPE – PE's in Construction Practice Division monthly meeting:

Professional Engineers in Construction [PEC]

Location: El Dorado West

Terrytown, NY - September 27, 2009

New York State Society of Professional Engineers

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To: Members of Committee, Professional Engineers in Construction, NYSSPE  
NYSSPE President James Yarmus, PE, PhD  
Kelly Norris, Executive Director, NYSSPE  
Marc Kriss, Esq., NYSSPE Counsel  
Pat Markes, NYSSPE Staff  
Jen Miller, NYSSPE Staff

Re: Minutes of PEC monthly meeting, September 27, 2009

Meeting Attendees:

Present: Jim Yarmus, Jeff Lamond, Jeremy Reiss, Kaspal Thumma, Hadi Djohan, udi Sherbansky, Peter Helseth, Shardul Patel.

The following Items were discussed in the meeting:

1. Mentorship Pilot – Peter discussed an effort by the Rockland chapter to assist engineering students with licensure applications. The student forum is tentatively scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Adler Room in the Palisade Mall. PEC will assist the Rockland chapter is email blast and RSVP invitations to the event. Peter will email invitation details to Rudi. PEC future mentorship initiative needs to be career based and organized in a website format. In addition, PEC discussed combining the mentorship initiative with the PDH continuing education seminar programs.
2. PDH Continuing Education Program – PEC established tentative schedule for once a month PDH lecture series at McLaren Engineering, West Nyack, NY. The 1<sup>st</sup> lecture is scheduled for October 13, Structural Masonry By Keith Lashway P.E. Additional locations throughout the State are sought, beginning with the Capital Region [Jim Kuhn, President of the Albany Chapter] and Nassau County [Laura Pellizze, Long Island Regional VP]. Jeff Lamond will assist in setting up a spreadsheet with the dates and locations of the lecture series.
3. Silent Auction – PEC will conduct a silent auction at PDH seminars to increase

revenues and cover program expenses. PEC will need volunteers for implementation. Djohan will assist in PEC's first silent auction event.

4. Jeremy will assist in preparing an article about PEC members and its activities to be published by Madden PR. The article will discuss the outreach initiatives and forums offered by PEC to NYS engineers.

5. PEC Committee unanimously voted and agreed to maintain its expense and reimbursement policy the same as in prior years by its prior leadership, as follows; In fiscal 2009 – 2010 PEC officers will be reimbursed for their travel, lodging and meal expenses incurred in National, State and local events, conferences, forums, and meetings, except for the portion that is or will be reimbursed by NYSSPE, NSPE, local chapters or other sponsorship reimbursements. If a PEC officer volunteers and/or performs the obligations and duties of a second position in the society with another committee or as a State officer, a PEC officer will be reimbursed as described above, except for the portion reimbursed by the policy of NSPE, NYSSPE headquarters or such other committee or body.

PEC noted that, NSPE's traditional practice of shared expenses with State societies related to volunteer activities of its leadership, in which NSPE is covering all transportation-related costs and the State Society being asked to cover local expenses, such as, registration and lodging, is reasonable and commensurate with prior leadership practices [see Memo from Samuel Grossman, P.E., NSPE President to State Society Presidents and Executive Directors, dated September 28, 2009].

6. PEC's 2010 Annual Awards Solicitation - PEC members agreed to fine tuning the criteria of the Construction Project of the Year, so that it is more distinguished and does not conflict with the NYSSPE's Engineering Achievement award. The criteria of all other awards remain the same. Additionally, the award candidate background form must be tailored toward each of our 3 awards. The criteria for the Construction Project of the year is hereby re-stated as follows:

**Construction Project of the Year Award:** The nomination criteria include significant national, state or urban infrastructure construction projects, carried forward by successful private firms, national or State public agencies involved in our infrastructure design and construction. Additionally, the criteria includes construction projects that implement significant professional engineering efforts in developing creative solutions for maintaining infrastructure as well as in the development of new technologies in the construction of future infrastructure projects.

Submitted by Rudi O. Sherbansky, with review and/or comments by the meeting attendees.