



PEC Practice Division's Minutes of Meeting on 10/31/2010.

Location: El Dorado Diner, Route 9, Terrytown, NY.

1. The meeting was called to order by Rudi at 9:20. Attendees were Djohan, Rudi Sherbansky, Kate Sadjuk, Kaspal Thumma, Jeff Lamond and Jim Yarmus.
2. The Agenda topics included; NSPE Mentorship Program; Industrial Exemption; PEC Cont. Ed State-wide Schedule,; and PEC's Nov. 9th joint presentation with NYSSPE Bronx Chapter.
3. Jim discussed the Industrial Exemption issue and the mentoring task force in NSPE. The best antidote to membership attrition is new members, more value programs are needed. Joe Pasaturo is helping with input about the Industrial Exemption problems. Young Engineers have no PE supervisors to qualify for the PE exam, even if they wish to get their license.
4. Opinions were raised regarding the Industrial Exemption, which may create instances of a conflict of interest or ethical issues among professional engineers, Industrial conglomerates and municipal agencies. Employees of industrial conglomerates involved, among others, in design & construction projects, do not need to obtain PE designation [under the Industrial Exemption] and do not need to or seldom file for project approvals with municipal agencies and as result do not have the same duty of care and ethical cannons that a typical professional engineer involved in construction projects has towards municipal agencies and the public alike. This apparent conflict may be also perpetuated or manifested or condoned by the reluctance of industrial conglomerates to hiring professional engineers.
5. Rudi and Djohan reviewed the state wide approach to delivering PDH lectures. The joint cooperation with IMI [International Masonry Institute] coordinated by PEC Board member Keith Lashway is helping. PEC is scheduling 2011 cont ed events in State-wide locations and will publish the schedule of cont ed forums by the next PEC meeting.

6. The Manhattan College Affinity opportunity is being evaluated by Gee Eng [VP] and Jack Kleinfeld [Pres] of the Bronx Chapter. Kaspal will follow up during his PEC lecture there. The Bronx Chapter is trying to coordinate and propose that Manhattan College form the same Affinity contract that exists between NY Poly and NYSSPE , in which, among others, NYSSPE members get a discount in tuition and NYSSPE gets a minor royalty as well.
7. PEC's joint presentation with the Bronx Chapter can be viewed here:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N7WLF8P> PEC will receive Royalties from the Bronx chapter in the amount of \$10 per member and \$25 per Non-member attending the lecture. PEC's standing offer to sponsor new NYSSPE members for free admission to their first PEC event, is applicable to this presentation.
8. Jim will lecture at CCNY on ethics and practice on 11/4. The context of mentorship is key to his delivery. Rudi will prepare a handout on behalf of PEC and Jim will attempt to find a volunteer to either form a chapter or work with us under the other societies available with his fellow Professors.
9. Meeting ended at 10:35