

NYSSPE – PEs in Construction Practice Division BOARD MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – April 19, 2009

Present- Jim Yarmus, Kaspal Thumma (telecom.), Rudi Sherbansky, Simon Sauberman and Ron Delo.

The following items are the highlights of the meeting (approved motions ONLY have been reported):

1. PEC plans to award Certificates of Excellence to notable construction engineers, construction officials and construction projects across the 5 regions of the State formerly designated (August meeting), starting with Rockland and NYC. PEC voted to award David Burney, R.A., and Commissioner of NYC DDC, a plaque for his contribution and management of engineering design and construction projects within the last 10 years. Simon Sauberman will discuss this with the Commissioner to confirm his willingness to accept the award and attend the awards ceremony at the annual conference in June 5th, 2009.
2. PEC voted to award engineering intern N'nana Oti a certificate of excellence for his volunteer work and support of the PE's in Construction Division within the last year. Jim and Rudi will develop an email notifying N'nana of the Award and requesting that N'nana's employer [Wyeth] representative attend the awards ceremony at the annual conference in June 5th, 2009.
3. PEC's PR consultant begins work on 4/20. Madden PR's proposal was reviewed and approved by the NYSSPE Executive Committee and executive director over the last three weeks. See Minutes of the last PEC meeting in March 2009, to review a description of the PR program.
4. Reimbursement Policy – No change.
5. PEC Board again discussed the concept of creating a student volunteer forum that would attract engineering college students to participate in PEC activities, assist in organizing activities as well as joining NYSSPE and becoming members of various other committees in NYSSPE. PEC would contact Deans of Engineering schools by email and solicit for student volunteers. Students would receive Credit for participating and there would be an award program and ceremony at end of their assignments. Students would also be invited to participate in the President's advisory committee program at the State level. Rudi agreed to develop an outline to begin discussion by the next meeting.
6. Rudi will contact HQ for database of National PEC members within NYS.
7. The Board agreed at Jim's request, that Louise Doyle be copied on all PEC minutes. Jim will ask that the other practice divisions do the same for Louise and him.
8. Ron will search for a venue where PEC can hold PDH seminars and expo style events.
9. Jim distributed his draft of a division letterhead, award and Email to N'nana. Comments were incorporated and distributed immediately after the meeting and Rudi will finalize and distribute the documents, except that the Email will be sent only to N'nana.

Submitted by Jim Yarmus