



Annual Meeting Minutes
Professional Engineers in Construction [PEC]
Annual NYSSPE Meeting
Hilton Hotel, Pearl River, NY
June 6, 2009
New York State Society of Professional Engineers

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
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Re: Meeting Minutes, PEC Annual Meeting, June 6, 2009

Meeting Attendees:

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1. Existing Business:

The PEC Committee deemed the outcome of the PEC Annual Awards Ceremony program to be a success with 160 people in attendance at the “sold out” NYSSPE Annual Awards & Installation Ceremony Diner. Sufficient interest and exposure was generated, evidenced by a waiting list, as result of PEC’s efforts to promote the awards ceremony. Kelly Norris thanked PEC for their contribution to sell out the awards dinner at the annual conference on June 5th 2009, and implored upon PEC to assist the society in finding ways to recruit more members of the +20,000 existing non-member professional engineers in the State of New York.

2. Existing Business:

The PEC Committee deemed the outcome of PEC's 3-month, Public Relations Pilot Program to be a success. The PR program, which was approved by NYSSPE Executive Committee, involved retaining Madden PR to promote PEC activities by preparing a series of articles pertaining to PEC's awards program and the PEC's forums. An article by Jim Yarmus regarding PE's in Construction was published in the Buffalo News and the NSPE e-newsletter. The PEC's Awards article generated interest and comments from numerous engineering firms and agencies, as well as assisting to sell out the Awards Ceremony Dinner.

3. Existing Business:

The attached copy of the NYSSPE invoice for expenses incurred by PEC in providing the Awards Ceremony Program, dated 5/20/09, in the amount \$739.65 is approved. PEC generated \$1500 in sponsorship amount as result of the conference activities.

4. New Business:

PEC discussed the concept of organizing one day, 8-10 PDH seminars for all PE's and Architects on the topic of the New Construction Codes of the City of new York. New Code Consultants [Kaspal Thumma] will be the seminar lecturer. Location of the seminars and the fee arrangement among the participating chapters and organizations are not yet determined.

5. New Business:

PEC Committee discussed the concept of creating a student volunteer program that would recruit engineering college students to participate in PEC activities, assist in organizing activities as well as become 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 in the program and there would be an award program and ceremony at end of their assignment. Students would also be invited to participate in the President's advisory committee program at the State level. Rudi agreed to develop a program outline to begin discussion by the next meeting.

6. Meeting adjourned: 9:55 AM

Submitted By:



Rudi O. Sherbansky
Incoming Chair

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