



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

Professional Engineers in Construction [PEC]

Location: El Dorado West
Terrytown, NY - June 14, 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: Minutes of PEC monthly meeting, June 14, 2009.

Meeting Attendees:

Jim Yarmus, P.E., yarmus@yahoo.com
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A. Existing business:

Jim will remain actively involved with PEC and will steer this group.

The minutes of the last PEC meeting on June 6, 2009 were read and approved.

RCC one day seminar is a pilot program to help reach-out to Builders, Architects and building officials as a learning session for professionals in Rockland County and beyond. Jim will be the Project Manager of this seminar. Details and structure to be determined. Tentative cost is \$100 per person to include breakfast and lunch.

Similar 1 day seminar was also recommended for NYC to be conducted by Kaspal's company, New Code Consultants, on the topic of the City's new construction code. NYSSPE members will enjoy a reduced admission fee. Terms are not finalized.

Town Hall meetings:

Description memo distributed by Jim. These sessions are intended to act as listening and Strategic Planning sessions. Simon, proposed that another PEC member attend in addition to Jim.

Jim, indicated that the NYSSPE website can be used by Engineering students to publish articles as well. These are web based methods to raise the level of public awareness of NYSSPE and its Practice Divisions.

On August 6, 2009, Jim will conduct a Practice Divisions Forum to discuss, among other issues, cost sharing of Public Relations services to be provided by Madden PR Consulting.

New Business:

An unpublished, trial website has been created by Rudi on Facebook as a forum for communication exclusively among PEC committee members. The website is not open to the public and is by invitation only. All PEC Committee members are encouraged to log on and try to use this site for sharing ideas.

PEC discussed the membership and participation of engineers in training [EIT] in NYSSPE. Peter proposed the concept that PDHs should count towards EIT experience hours required to qualify to take the PE exam for licensure. Jim believes that there is a possibility that colleges might adopt the concept in existing Masters programs by counting 39 PDH approved by PIE as the equivalent of an elective course.

PEC plans to assist Engineers Without Borders [EWB] in funding their humanitarian efforts to design and construct sanitary latrines and smoke chimneys to impoverished villages in Honduras. Additional information regarding project specifics will be obtained from representatives of EWB by the next PEC meeting. A motion to approve PEC sponsorship of \$180 to EWB was approved unanimously.

All attendees agreed that monthly meetings will held on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Next meeting is scheduled at this same location on July 12th, 2009, at 9:15 am.

Meeting was adjourned: 10:45AM

Prepared by N'nana with review and comments [if any] by all committee members present at the meeting.