



NEW YORK SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Minutes of  
Professional Engineers in Government  
Held June 7, 2003

At Canandaigua Inn  
Canandaigua, N.Y.  
Paul Bowers, PE Presiding

**Attendees:**

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1. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
2. **Minutes** of November 15, 2002 as amended were approved
3. **Budget** was discussed. Currently PEG has \$3,800 on account.
4. **Communications**: No update
5. **Chairman's Report**:
  - **PEG Strategic Plan**- Paul provided input to promoting licensing and ethics in government
    - Federal Engineer of Year should be changed to Government Engineer of the Year
    - Advocate interest through networking and partnering with government entities
    - Retain membership- ways to keep and to increase government members
  - **NICET Issues with the Fire Protection System Engineers (FPSE)**- Paul discussed that Greg Gallagher has been actively involved with this and the following was discussed:
    - NICET required to be FPSE
    - Proposing a two step process for NYS Building Code requirements
      - State Education Dept will accept a PE or architect to design fire protection systems

- PE/Arch approval required on all FP shop drawings prior to installation
- There is a white paper on the use of NICET technicians versus PE/Arch
  - Layout work by NICET
  - A stamp on shop drawings submitted by NICET
  - Need to define Certified Engineer Technician
  - Design delegation is acceptable for operation and maintenance
- There is a need to put NICET certification of FPSE under State Department of Education versus Department of State
- There is an approved curriculum being offered at City College and other educational institutes being approached
- **NYSERDA RFP 778**
  - Recent RFP sent out for engineering services but no mention of PE requirement. Paul has sent out a letter to NYSERDA to remind them of State Education Law and if they do not consider this could be a violation of Section 145.
  - Paul further requested that all RFP's issued should have an addendum sent out to address the need for a PE requirement

6. **Old Business:**

- **2003 Government Engineer Award**-being presented to Keith Lashway, PE. Will be presented at the Friday evening dinner.
- **QBS**- the efforts continue. Paul suggested that financial support is being sought to continue this effort. Paul proposed that this is such a needed service in the government sector that PEG should donate to this effort. A motion to donate \$250 to this effort was made, seconded by Louise. All in favor. Passed.
  - Jim mentioned that during lobbying efforts in May, Assemblywomen Little indicated that NYSSPE effort to mandate QBS was not attractive to her. She felt that educating government is the way to go of which she would support. Therefore QBS facilitator is the route NYSSPE needs to continue to pursue.
- **Civil Service**- Jim G. indicated that a meeting was to take place so PEG could continue to participate in the revisions of job descriptions that may require a license if it suggest the practice of engineering. No meeting has been set. Civil service needs to be contacted to see if PEG may be of any further service in reviewing and commenting on job descriptions being rewritten.
- **Charter Revisions**- No update



- **PEG Auxiliary Website-** Future endeavor

7. **New Business:**

- **2003 NYS Government Engineer Award-** Paul indicated that nominations for 2003 should be forwarded for consideration.
- **NYSSPE Resolutions-** There are three to be considered and none are controversial. Some discussion was held resolution #3- Establishment of Young Engineers Advisory Committee. It was agreed that encouragement for “new blood” or young engineers is a good step and in general we support this. The other resolutions were housekeeping items.
- **CPC status-** Paul indicated that this is moving forward and a separate meeting is planned to address NYSSPE role and encouraged all to attend.
- **PAC-** Paul indicated that efforts are ongoing to increase the monies of NYSSPE PAC. Since this benefits all of NYSSPE, Paul proposed that PEG allocate a donation of \$50. The motion was made by Wally and seconded by Sal. All in favor. Passed.
- **2003/2004 Nominations-** Paul announced that the new officers of PEG for next year are as follows: Jim Galarneau Chair, Louise Doyle Vice-Chair and Larry O’Connor Secretary. Paul thanked everyone and has been honored to serve as Chair. Paul now moves on to National of which all wished him their best. Paul indicated that he would be available to Jim for continuity in the near future.
- **Other-**none

**Next Board Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for Fall 2003

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Galarneau, PE

Cc: Headquarters (emailed)  
Attendees (emailed)  
PEG members (emailed)