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## Minutes of Meeting of the NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS **Professional Engineers in Government**

Practice Division held on **June 4, 2005 - 9:00 A.M.** at the Montauk Yacht Club – Montauk, NY

Attendees:			
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PEG Chair Louise Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

- 1. The December 1, 2004 draft of the minutes of the November 13, 2004 meeting was discussed. Rich Lenz moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Pellizzi and carried.
- 2. PEG has \$3,885.30 in Escrow Account. Annual income is about \$400. There is still \$1,000 available for creation & maintenance of a web page.
- 3. Communications: Email addresses need continual maintenance, some bounce back.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - **a.** The \$1,000 authorized for the website at the November 13, 2004 has not be employed yet. The website shall as a minimum display the minutes of PEG meetings and the announcement/application for Government Engineer of the Year.
  - **b.** Greg Gallagher discussed advances that the ASCET is making in NYS. There are presently 3 chapters with another coming soon. There will eventually be 7 chapters. ASCET will be holding a convention this fall in Albany.
  - **c.** Memorandum of Understanding with ASCET is still in process. Greg hopes to have this to the Executive Committee before their next meeting.
  - **d.** Jim Galarneau mentioned "Put a Brake on Fatalities Day" and reminded that NYSSPE could take it on as a project. NSPE, ASCE and ACEC and AGC are some of the organizations supporting the effort.



- e. The Government Engineer of the Year award goes to Rich Lenz for 2005. Our nominee for the first Professional Engineer in Government for the United States (PEGASUS) Award Joe Englot, PE has been named the first recipient. Congratulations to Joe!
- **f.** The Government Engineer of the Year State Award will be included in the material for other State awards next year. The form still needs some work. Members should send comments to Louise.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:
  - **a.** The 1994 policy on the use of engineers in NYS government must be updated. A letter and package to should be made available to send to municipalities whenever they need to be reminded or educated about State Education law governing the profession. Louise plans to have a new White Book available for action in the Fall.
  - **b.** Louise is concerned about the specifications for Junior Engineer. She has been interviewing and may be forced to hire an Electrical Engineering grad to work in a position that should be filled by a Civil/Environmental.
  - **c.** Jim Manoussoff offered some perspective on the current technician issues at OGS from his work with NYSDOT in the seventies. DOT had to deal with the same issues years ago and developed some good policies.
  - **d.** Paul Bowers raised a concern that NYSDOT work permit standard wording may constitute an improper delegation of responsibilities that should be performed by a PE. Chris Dominick is requiring the wording in an attachment to the Highway Work Permit (PERM 36 R6 –2/04).
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:
  - **a.** NYSSPE/FEE/PIE need to formalize the relationship proposed in a resolution offered for consideration at tomorrow's board meeting. There is some concern that the resolution has no practical effect and that a plan to implement must be developed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the PEG Board will be held at the NYSSPE Fall meeting to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> in Albany.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business Paul Bowers made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Laura Pellizzi. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence J. O'Connor, P.E., L.S. PEG Secretary

cc: Headquarters, Attendees, PEG members