



Meeting Minutes

Professional Engineers in Construction [PEC]

Date of Meeting: December 13, 2009

Location: El Dorado West Diner, Tarrytown, NY.

PEC is a Practice Division of the

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
Pat Markes, NYSSPE Staff
Jen Miller, NYSSPE Staff

Re: Meeting Minutes. PEC Meeting of December 13, 2009

Meeting Attendees:

Present- Jim Yarmus, Kaspal Thumma, Rudi Sherbansky, Hadi Djohan and N'nana Oti

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

1. The PEC Committee agreed to concentrate their entire efforts on preparation of a feasibility report to study the viability of NYSSPE's affiliate, PIE becoming a Special Inspection Agency [SIA] Accreditation body. All meeting attendants agreed to contribute to the study and to attend the PIE subcommittee meeting on the subject, scheduled for December 17th, 2009 at the office of Rudi Sherbansky, 380 Lexington Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10168 [Jim by teleconference].
2. The purpose of the feasibility report is to investigate and report on the feasibility of becoming recognized to accredit Special Inspection Agencies [SIA] as required by the NYC Department of Buildings [DOB]. During the December 17th meeting, the members of the committee discussed in broad strokes, the general steps necessary for PIE to become an SIA accreditation body, which are specified in International Standard ISO 17011 publication

by the International Standards Organization [ISO]. Rudi prepared the Agenda and Minutes of the December 17th meeting and submitted same to PIE. A copy of the December 17th Minutes of the meeting is attached herein.

In the opinion of PEC, this SIA service will give a compelling reason for engineers to join the society and this could substantially increase the membership of NYSSPE. Other NYSSPE Ex-Com members, including Kelly, Jim Yarmus and Louis Doyle see the benefits of adopting this program.

3. Prior to the December 17th meeting a survey of NYSSPE members in the downstate counties who perform or are likely to perform special inspections in NYC was conducted by the PEs in Construction Division [PEC] of NYSSPE. The purpose of the survey was to assist PIE in evaluating the option of becoming recognized under ISO/IEC 17011 to be able to accredit IBC Special Inspection Agencies. Our members' answers will help us to determine if there is a need for PIE to develop such a program. The results of the survey will be published by PEC during the last week of December 2009. A summary of the survey, prepared by Rudi and Larry O'Connor [PIE], and compiled by N'nana, is attached herein.

4. PEC's upcoming Continuing Education Seminars include Pre-Cast Concrete design Presentation [2 PDH] in January 5th, 2010, NYC's new Building Code requirements for Special Inspections and materials testing, given by Kaspal and scheduled for February 9th, 2010, and Steel Design Guides presentation by AISC scheduled for March 9th, 2010.

Submitted by Rudi Sherbansky