

NYSSPE – PEs in Construction Practice Division COMMITTEE MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 1, 2009

Present- Jim Yarmus, Kaspal Thumma, Rudi Sherbansky, Simon Sauberman and N' nana Oti

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

1. Award Certifications – The PEC committee approved disbursements from the PEC account of up to \$150.00 towards expenses for purchasing and furnishing of Award Certificates. The certificates will be awarded during NYSSPE or PEC seminars and conferences to engineers, students and the public in recognition of their outstanding efforts or achievements. Rudi will develop the verbiage of the Presidential Citations with Jim and Kelly to keep everyone in the loop.
2. PEC Board discussed the concept of creating an Outreach Program through press releases and public relations [PR] aimed at highlighting current events, current notable members, current activities and programs. To accomplish these goals, PEC will seek the services of a PR company which will eventually be retained through a bidding process. PEC may open-up talks with other interest groups for cost sharing. Subsequent to the meeting, PEC Committee voted and approved disbursements from the PEC account of \$400 per month or up to a maximum of \$1200 to fund the Outreach Program described above. After interview with three firms the PR firm of Madden PR, was selected. Bill Madden's firm represents several professional firms, including McLaren Engineering and the Engineering Expo.
3. PEC Board discussed the concept of creating an Out-of-job/distressed PEs program - this program is intended to help out of work PE's in networking and attending NYSSPE or PEC conferences and seminars at reduced or at no charge. PEC will attempt to recruit sponsors to cover expenses of a table or two for out-of-job PE's attending at conferences, including dinners and events.
4. PDH Seminar - PEC approved offering a 1.5 pdh Seminar in Construction Management Automation to be presented in PEC's five main regions of NYS, the first one being scheduled in Westchester on Engineering Expo day, March 29, 2009 [see www.beanengineer.org]. PEC is to coordinate and assist the speaker [Kevin Koenig] with generating the course slide presentation, topics and syllabus of the course so that PEC may review and approve the program with PIE for a 1.5 PDH course. After a PDH course number has been issued, Rudi is to email Jenifer to request an email blast to all members regarding this seminar and the engineering expo. – The Expo organizers will share registration fees with PEC [approximately 15%] and PEC will attempt to find other event sponsors. Details of charges are not worked out yet.

5. PEC Board discussed the concept of creating a student volunteer program that would recruit engineering 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 Project Management Credit or award certificates for participating in the program and there would be a local award program and ceremony at end of year NYSSPE conference. Students would also be invited to participate at a future President's advisory committee program at the State level (currently being conceptualized by Jim).

Submitted by N'nana Oti with revisions and concurrence by all of above PEC officers.