



Minutes of PEPP Annual Meeting
Renaissance Hotel, Syracuse, New York
November 8, 2008, 8:30 AM
New York State Society of Professional Engineers

Date: November 9, 2008

To: Members of Professional Engineers in Private Practice, NYSSPE
John Przepiora, PE, President NYSSPE, 2008 -2009
Kelly Norris, Executive Director, NYSSPE
Pat Markes, NYSSPE Staff
Marc Kriss, Esq., NYSSPE Counsel

Re: Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2008
Professional Engineers in Private Practice Committee
NYS Society of Professional Engineers

Attendees:

- Randolph W. Rakoczynski, PE, NSPE PEPP NE Regional Vice-Chair, Erie-Niagra Chapter, RRakoczynski@gza.com
- Robert Stelianou, PE, Past President, Erie Niagra, RStelianou@trautmanassoc.com
- Joel A. Miele, Sr., PE, Past President, JMiele@nyc.rr.com
- Theresa Heneveld, PE, Nassau Chapter, THeneveld@LKBINC.com
- John Pascucci, PE., JJP@CameronEngineering.com
- Brad C Leverley, PE, BCLeverley@mjseng.com
- Elliot J. Shapiro, PE, Past President, EJShapiro@worldnet.att.net
- Andy Haimes, PE, Past President, ASHaimes@optonline.net
- Paul B. Wood, PE, Past President, PBWood618@aol.com
- Tom Szekely, PE, TSzekely@earthlink.net
- Alfred H. Brand, PE, ABrand@mrce.com
- Chris Petallides, PE, PetallidesPE@aol.com
- Brian Flynn, PE, BEFlynn@aol.com (late arrival)
- George Tavolulareas, PE, GLTPE@msn.com (late arrival)
- Marc A. Chiffert, PE, New York City, Marc@AECEngineeringDesign.com (late arrival)
- Tom Petracca, PE, PEPP Chair, TPetracca@TomPetracca.com



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1. Call to Order completed by Chair.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from last meeting June 2008 read and motioned by Miele to accept. Seconded by Haimes. Motion passed.
3. Report of Funds: (Chair obtained fund information after meeting and provided below):

		This Year		Prior Year	
		Jul '08 to Sep '08		Jul '07 to Sep '07	
i.	PEPP Income from Dues	\$	120	\$	180
ii.	PEPP Expenses:	\$	0	\$	1,110
iii.	PEPP Prior Balance:	\$	38,803	\$	39,844
iv.	PEPP Balance	\$	39,003	\$	38,914

4. Past Actions List Status:
 - a. Concerns regarding Special Inspection requirements of NYC BC: R. Stelianou to put together a synopsis of this issue (relative to the building code requiring that Special Inspections be performed by, or under the direct supervision of, a Registered Design Professional) and forward same to the Chair for distribution and comment by the committee membership and subsequent delivery of the results of this synopsis and review, to the NSPE PEPP Committee by Randolph W. Rakoczynski, PE, NSPE PEPP NE Regional Vice-Chair, PEPP action to support a revision to. No action to date.
 - b. Concerns regarding "Home Energy Raters" hereafter referred to as HERs: Energy Star Program being adopted by local municipalities as law. This program requires "Home Energy Raters" to review RDP drawings prior to submittal and, if they pass the Energy Star program, certify them as such. The same HERs person then inspects the construction after completion and inspects to determine if the installed system is per design. Of note is that the HERs raters may only be a non-educated person with HERs training and is acting to certify an RDP set of documents. Miele stated that we should be pursuing "grandfathering" of all PE's and that this should be directed to the legislative body that enacted this program. Further research is required. Petracca will review and issue docs of Energy Star for literary comparison with the Education law. A. Haimes to take training and return with summary as to whether this violates the Education law.
5. Discussion and Motions:



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- a. Tom Szekely and Elliot Shapiro to review requirements by NYC for “licensed mechanical engineers,” and report back to committee as to potential proposed corrections.
- b. Joel Miele presented concern that entire NYS Building Code should be reviewed for inconsistencies with NYS Education Law. Solicitation from the committee as a whole for feedback and participation in such a review will be requested.
- c. Motion passed: Randy Rakoczynski motioned to donate \$5,000 to the Voluntary Legal Fund in support of the suit against NYC to force NYC (provided we have min. \$10,000 in our PEPP account) to divest the engineering functions and responsibility from the Building’s Commissioner.
- d. Randy Rakoczynski discussed the development of Engineers Joint Contracts Documents Committee process.
- e. Per Randy the CD on young engineers in public office is now available on CD for presentations at local meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J Petracca, PE
Chair, NYSSPE PEPP

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