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President's Message

By George Tavoulareas, P.E.
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On May 5, 2011 Engineers from our society will be speaking to the engineering students at City College. Our presentation to the students will stress the importance of licensure, ethics and the status of the profession. As I have learned in the past, these students crave our attention, knowledge and experience. The students are yearning for our work experiences and knowledge of the profession. We will be at City College from 12:15pm to 1:45 pm. If you would like to spend some time with us and briefly speak to students, please let me know your availability by e-mail. Giving back some time to the students is truly self fulfilling. I want to thank past President Salvatore Galletta; PE for taking the time and arranging the presentation.

The NYC Dept. of Buildings has issued for review and comment Proposed Amendments to Department of Buildings rule relating to Special Inspectors and Special Inspection Agencies which amends Sections 101-03 and 101-06 of Subchapter A of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York. This proposed rule deals with special inspections and the proposed rule can be read by following the link:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/rules/rule_101-06_proposed.pdf

Please make sure you *delete the text* in brackets when you read the proposed rule.

The previously adopted rule can be read by clicking this link:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/rules/1_RCNY_101-06.pdf

In June 2010, Department of Buildings (DOB) issued a proposed

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rule to amend RCNY 101-06. That proposed rule was not enacted because it was poorly written and the industry was up in arms. Is DOB moving in the right direction? The revised proposed rule is still flawed and certain sections violate the law. The proposed rule still allows tradespeople, ie. plumbers, fire alarm technicians, etc the right to signoff TR-1 inspections. The NY State Education Architectural and Engineering boards last year issued letters to DOB that special inspections constitute the practice of architecture and engineering, respectively. The NYC Fire Department (FDNY) as of Jan. 2, 2011 stopped allowing electricians to self certify FDNY fire alarm Letter of Defects because the FDNY found contractors falsifying repairs that were never done. Why the DOB would allow contractors to certify the work of other contractors is beyond me? Plumbers under this rule would still be able to signoff on standpipes, sprinklers and detention tanks. What do plumbers know about detention tanks anyway? Please read the proposed rule change and adopted rule shown above and send me your comments by e-mail no later than c/o/b on May 5, 2011. We will discuss this proposed rule at our general membership meeting.

Several license design professionals were given Environmental Control Board (ECB) violations for not having "complete design documents". These violations given to license design professionals by the DOB cite the NYC building code, Section 28-104.7.1. This section of the code requires the design professional to provide complete and with sufficient clarity, construction documents. These professionals were able to beat the violations but they had to hire attorneys and spend time fighting them. Hats off to them for fighting these ridiculous and possibly illegal violations. I believe the DOB does not have the authority to issue license design professionals summonses. We're not plumbers, contractors, electricians nor are we homeowners. Our attorneys are looking into this matter and I will update you at the general membership meeting. If you have received one of these summonses please call me to discuss. All matters will be kept highly confidential .

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2011 at 6:00pm in Ft.Totten. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

Next Meeting Notice

John Mazza, P.E. Of Airpath Engineering PC will present "Understanding the HVAC Systems Balancing Process & Interpreting the Certified Testing / Adjusting / Balancing Report" 6:00PM – Thursday, April 28, 2011 – 422 Weaver Ave., Ft. Totten, Bayside, NY

NYC Rules Page

Rules and regulations of the City of New York can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycrules/html/proposed/proposed.shtml>

Do You Trust Engineers?

Web link of the month.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zmjk-IDFa0>



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April 11, 2011

To: Interested Parties
From: Valerie Grey 
Subject: Amendments to Part 68 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of
Education

Attached are proposed amendments to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to the mandatory continuing education requirements for professional engineers and land surveyors. The proposed amendments would expand acceptable continuing education activities to include professional service on a committee or task force that addresses technical and/or regulatory issues relating to the professional practice of engineering and/or land surveying. The proposed amendments would also require that licensees earn at least one continuing education credit during each triennial registration period by participating in an approved continuing education course or educational activity that focuses substantially on ethics relating to professional practice. These amendments would more closely align the New York State requirements for mandatory continuing education with current standards established by the National Council for Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (NCEES) and increase public protection by increasing the design professionals' knowledge of ethical standards for these professions.

It is anticipated that the amendments will be presented to the Board of Regents at their meeting on June 20-21, 2011 for adoption. Prior to that action, we wish to share the amendments with persons who have an interest in this matter.

The amendments were published in the April 6, 2011 issue of the New York State Register. If you have comments on the amendments, please submit them by May 21, 2011, which is the end of the formal comment period.

Please send your comments to:

Jane W. Blair, PE, Executive Secretary
New York State Board for Engineering and Land Surveying
NYS Education Department – 2nd Floor Mezzanine – East Wing
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Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this endeavor.



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AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6506, 6507, 6509, 7211, and 7212 of the
Education Law

1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of section 68.11 of the
Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 15, 2011, as
follows:

(i) During each triennial registration period, meaning a registration period of
three years' duration, an applicant for registration shall complete at least 36 hours of
continuing education acceptable to the department, as defined in paragraph (3) of this
subdivision, provided that at least 18 hours of such continuing education shall be in
courses of learning, [and] no more than 18 hours of such continuing education shall be
in other educational activities as prescribed in paragraph (3) of this subdivision, and at
least one hour of such continuing education shall be in professional ethics. Any
licensed professional engineer whose first registration date following January 1, 2004
occurs less than three years from that date, but on or after January 1, 2005, shall
complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis at the rate of one hour of
acceptable continuing education per month for the period beginning January 1, 2004 up
to the first registration date thereafter. Such continuing education shall be completed
during the period beginning January 1, 2004 and ending before the first day of the new

registration period or at the option of the licensee during any time in the previous registration period.

2. Clause (b) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of section 68.11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 15, 2011, as follows:

(b) Other educational activities. Acceptable continuing education shall be the following other educational activities, provided that no more than 18 hours of continuing education in a registration period shall consist of such other educational activities:

(1) . . .

(2) . . .

(3) . . .

(4) . . .

(5) completing a self-study program, meaning structured study, provided by a sponsor approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section, that is based on audio, audio-visual, written, on-line, and other media, and does not include live instruction, transmitted in person or otherwise, during which the student may communicate and interact with the instructor and other students; [and]

(6) completing an educational tour, meaning a structured tour of an instructional nature provided by a sponsor approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section; and

(7) serving on any committee or task force that addresses technical and/or regulatory issues relating to the professional practice of engineering, provided that such committee or task force has been established by a governmental entity, professional association, or other entity determined by the department, with assistance from the State Board for Engineering and Land Surveying, to be acceptable. Continuing education hours that may be credited for this activity shall be one hour of credit for

every two hours of service while engaged in activities directly related to professional practice. To be acceptable for continuing education credit, such service must be certified in writing by an authorized individual within the committee or task force and approved by the department. No more than nine hours of such continuing education may be included during each registration period.

3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of section 68.12 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 15, 2011, as follows:

(i) During each triennial registration period, meaning a registration period of three years' duration, an applicant for registration shall complete at least 24 hours of continuing education acceptable to the department, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, provided that at least 16 hours of such continuing education shall be in courses of learning, [and] no more than eight hours of such continuing education shall be in other educational activities as prescribed in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, including but not limited to self-study programs, and at least one hour of such continuing education shall be in professional ethics. Any licensed land surveyor whose first registration date following January 1, 2004 occurs less than three years from that date, but on or after January 1, 2005, shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis at the rate of one hour of acceptable continuing education per month, up to a maximum of 24 continuing education hours, for the period beginning January 1, 2004 up to the first registration date thereafter. Such continuing education shall be completed during the period beginning January 1, 2004 and ending before the first day of the new registration period or at the option of the licensee during any time in the previous registration period.

4. Clause (b) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 68.12 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 15, 2011, as follows:

(b) Other educational activities. Acceptable continuing education shall be the following other educational activities, provided that no more than eight hours of continuing education in a registration period shall consist of such other educational activities, including but not limited to self-study programs:

(1) . . .

(2) . . .

(3) . . .

(4) . . .

(5) completing a self-study program, meaning structured study, provided by a sponsor approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section, that is based on audio, audio-visual, written, on-line, and other media, and does not include live instruction, transmitted in person or otherwise, during which the student may communicate and interact with the instructor and other students; [and]

(6) completing an educational tour, meaning a structured tour of an instructional nature provided by a sponsor approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section; and

(7) serving on any committee or task force that addresses technical and/or regulatory issues relating to the professional practice of land surveying, provided that such committee or task force has been established by a governmental entity, professional association, or other entity determined by the department, with assistance from the State Board for Engineering and Land Surveying, to be acceptable. Continuing education hours that may be credited for this activity shall be one hour of credit for every two hours of service while engaged in activities directly related to professional

practice. To be acceptable for continuing education credit, such service must be certified in writing by an authorized individual within the committee or task force and approved by the department. No more than nine hours of such continuing education may be included during each registration period.



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Lecture

Date: April 28, 2011
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At

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PRESENTED BY:

John Mazza, PE Airpath Engineering PC

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The ASHRAE definition of HVAC system Testing, Adjusting, Balancing is applied by various agencies, including the National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB), Sheet Metal Contractors Testing, Adjusting, Balancing Bureau (TABB), and the Associated Air Balance Council (AABC). All organizations provide a procedural standards for the balancing activities. Each have similar procedures, but differ in the technical requirements, certification process of technicians and certified professional (supervisors), report forms, report language, and quality control / compliance. Engineers who specify a TAB firm or agency assume responsibilities in approving an independent firm with sufficient qualifications, and accepting (approving) a certified or non certified report for the client. The presentation will illustrate many of the features of a quality TAB report for air and water systems, explain the information provided in the report, and describe the implied warranties by certified balancing firms. The presentation illustrates what happened to the final project when an unqualified firm attempts to complete the TAB.

Please RSVP to **George Tavoulares, PE at 347-387-1649.**

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8:00 AM – 8:10 AM	Welcoming Remarks GSA Region 2 Administrator, Denise L. Pease
8:10 AM – 8:20 AM	Introductory Remarks -ASHRAE President or Designee
8:20 AM – 8:30 AM	Con Edison Vice President Roles & Responsibility for Energy Efficiency
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Projecting into the Future World of Sustainability", Jack Baker, the FUTURIST.
9:15 AM – 11:00 AM	PANEL 1: INTEGRATED DESIGN TO OPERATIONS APPROACH TOWARDS ENERGY EFFICIENCY MODERATED BY ALEXANDER WEISS
Coffee Break	
11:15 AM – 01:00 PM	PANEL 2: APPLICATION OF GREEN INDUSTRY CODES MODERATED BY PETER FUNK, PARTNER, DUANE MORRIS, LLP
01:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch – Lunch Speaker- Kevin Heslin, Editor, Mission Critical Magazine
02:15 PM – 3:30 PM	PANEL 3: CONTRACTING VEHICLES TO IMPLEMENT ENERGY & WATER PROJECTS – MODERATED BY BRIAN MAGDEN, GSA, REGION 2
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	PANEL 4: ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVES FOR BUILDINGS & FOR DATA CENTERS – MODERATED BY VICENTA GUERINO, CON EDISON
Parallel Track I	
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	PANEL 5: MONITORING & CONTROL OF BUILDINGS ENERGY & WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – MODERATED BY FRANK NAPOLI
Parallel Track II	
5:30 PM	Closing Remarks by Jesse Feinberg, Columbia University
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April 25 – 29, 2011

SAFETY WEEK

Schedule of Events

Monday, April 25

Build Safe / Live Safe: An Inside Look at NYC Construction Trends

9:00am to 1:00pm

NYU Rosenthal Pavilion

60 Washington Square South

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Program Topics

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Tuesday, April 26

Construction Site Visit

TBA

Wednesday, April 27

Tenants & Homeowners Night:

Annual Boiler Inspections & Resolving ECB Violations

5:00pm to 7:00pm

280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

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Thursday, April 28

Worker Memorial Mass

2:45pm

St. Patrick's Cathedral

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Illegal Conversion Flyer Distribution

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Friday, April 29

Professional Seminar: Urban Construction Challenges

1:00pm to 2:00pm

280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room

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Professional Seminar: Benchmarking & Sustainability in NYC
2:15pm to 3:15pm
280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room
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Professional Seminar: Safety Design in High-Rise Construction
3:30pm to 4:30pm
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