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President's Message

*By Chris Petallides, P.E.
President*

My warmest congratulations go to the newly elected Queens Chapter officers; all of whom were unanimously voted into their respective positions, as per the official Chapter ballot. Now, we proudly look forward to their installation on Thurs., June 22nd '06. At this time, let us all pledge to them our solid support so that they may successfully fulfill their goal in promoting the status of the profession.

It is with pleasure that I welcome **Brian Flynn**, and **George Tavoulareas**, president and 1st vice president-elect, respectively, for their past, strong help and unwavering support, which made my job much easier. I know that **John Sgouros** and **Fil Kefals**, 2nd vice president and treasurer-elect, will do their very best to support Brian and George equally well. Another special welcome goes to **Tom Campagna** and **Bernie Haber**, both coming in as directors, elected to fill the one (1) year vacancies created by the moving up Sgouros and Kefalas. Both Tom and Bernie hold unique positions in society that will surely prove invaluable to Brian, the Chapter and the profession.

I like to remind the remaining 2005-2007 directors, namely, **Alex Constantinides**, **Miles Fisher**, **John Kepertis**, and **Bob LoPinto**, that their tenure as Chapter directors is not over; their job is not complete; that they are still onboard and that they need to continue to contribute to the success of the Chapter as in the past.

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Finally, I welcome back all six (6) Chapter directors whose two (2) year term is now expiring and who agreed to serve the Chapter an additional two (2) years. These are **Gregory Georges, Saeed Ainechi, Issam Aburafeh, Jose Velasquez, James Manoussoff and Jude Cozzolino.**

You all heard of the saying "*if it ain't broke, don't fix it*"? Well, with the solid continuity hereby provided by this roster, how can we possibly fail?

Nicky and I would like to wish all of you a happy and pleasant summer, and... please remember! Wherever you go and whatever you do this summer, think of us and pray for us so that we may finally finish (and move into) our new home in Little Neck (which has been under construction now for the last 2 ½ years) so that we, too, might be able to go away on vacation somewhere.

See you all at the meeting, Thurs. June 22nd, 2006.

Upcoming Meeting Information

Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday June 26, 2006 – 6:30 PM

At the final meeting before the summer break, the new officers will be installed. See you there.

Location:

422 Weaver Ave., Fort Totten, New York

Infrastructure Proposal Update

by Sal Galletta, P.E.

City Council Resolution 195-2006 is still in the Governmental Operations Committee. However, no action is going to be taken by the Committee until after the City Budget is approved as the focus of the Council right now is on the City Budget and everything else is on hold.

We should encourage our colleagues to use this time to generate support for the Infrastructure Resolution, unless we mobilize support for it, the Resolution will most likely not come out of committee.

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Please Note:

Members are advised that the Queens Chapter meeting on Thursday, March 23 will be held at our Fort Totten office. At the Fort Totten gate tell the guard you are a member of the P.E. Society and that your name is on the list that they keep there. Any non-members and guests not placed on the list will be denied entrance-If this happens the guest should ask the guard to call the phone number on the membership list. A board member will then come down to bring the guest in

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The Queens Chapter is seeking donations of computer and office equipment. For more information contact Chris Petallides, Queens Chapter President at 718-961-4342

The very least our colleagues can do is call, e-mail or write to their Councilmembers and they should get others to also support the Infrastructure Resolution. To ensure that the Resolution is sent to the City Council for hearings and eventual vote, we in the Engineering and Architectural Community, need to galvanize our colleagues to take actions.

We also have to mobilize support among other stakeholders. Here is a partial list:

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Call/email/write:

- Your Councilmember
- The Council speaker
- The Mayor

Educate your colleagues/organization you belong to.

Use the power of the Internet to spread the message!

Remember, call your Council Member by going to

www.nycouncil.info/constituent/member_list.cfm

and by calling Mayor Bloomberg at 311 and support the resolution.

If you are not a City resident, you can call the Mayor, Speaker of the City Council and the Chair of the Government Operations Committee.

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Are you an NSPE member with a question about engineering ethics, licensure, or law? If so, call 888-285-NSPE (6773) or e-mail legal@nspe.org. Please provide your 9-digit NSPE member number.

New Members

Chapter President Chris Petallides would like to welcome our newest members, who we look forward to seeing at a meeting in the near future:

- **Christina Nickolas**, P.E.; Great Neck
- **Paul Mok**, P.E.; Flushing



For further information regarding the Deputy Mayor of Infrastructure please call Sal Galletta, P.E. at (718) 575-9197 or by e-mail at nspe@aol.com.

We urge all our members to fill out the attached letter and mail it to their councilman.

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The Queens Chapter is still seeking donations of books for the Professional Design Center Library

Queens Chapter President Chris Petallides would like all to know that the Professional Design Center Library is still in need of Books, Magazines and other materials. The Queens Chapter is asking all members to donate any reference material, such as textbooks, catalogs and product literature that they can.

Profile of an Engineer

by George L. Tavoulareas, P.E.

FRANCIS J. LOMBARDI, P.E.

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Francis J. Lombardi began his career with The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 1971 as an engineering trainee. He rose through the ranks to be named its Chief Engineer in 1995.

A 1970 graduate of the College of Engineering of New York University, Frank Lombardi majored in Civil Engineering. He attended Queens College for three years before transferring to NYU as part of a special five-year program combining liberal arts and engineering. As part of the program, he also received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College. He holds a Master of Science degree in Structures from Columbia University and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Business Management from Pace University.



Frank's professional memberships include the Society of American Military Engineers, The Moles, the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, and the Queens Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He serves on the Board of Managers of the Columbia Engineering School Alumni Association; and the Board of Directors of the Salvatori Educational Center on the Built Environment (SECBE), a non-profit educational center at the City College of New York dedicated to helping inner-city youth appreciate science and mathematics through a hands-on study of bridges and other structures.

He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the States of New York and New Jersey.

2006 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendar

For your convenience the Queens County Chapter NYSSPE meeting schedule is provided below.

Directors' meetings and general meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month except November and December meetings which will be held on the first and third Thursday of the month due to holidays. So mark your calendar. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Directors' Meeting</u> <u>(6:30 PM)</u>	<u>Membership Meeting</u> <u>(6:30PM)</u>
June 8, 2006	June 22, 2006
September 14, 2006	September 28, 2006
October 12, 2006	October 26, 2006
November 9, 2006	November 23, 2006

NYSSPE AWARDS

The following were honored by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers at a ceremony on June 2, 2006 in White Plains, NY

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DRAFT LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
(or other local politician)

Date:

Re: City Council Resolution No. 0195-200
Creating an Office to control City's Infrastructure

Dear_____:

I am writing to you to advise you of an exceptional Resolution introduced by Council Member Hiram Monserrate. It represents a declaration of the intent to place the management of the City's Infrastructure under the direction and guidance of Licensed Professionals who have the appropriate qualifications to perform this duty.

Resolution No. 0195-2006 has the support of every major Engineering and Architectural Society in the City of New York. Its passage will show the Public that tangible steps are being taken to enhance their health and safety by seeking the establishment of a comprehensive and committed system of vision and control over their environment.

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