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President's Message

*By Chris Petallides, P.E.
President*



First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, without which our Chapter could not be where it is today. In my humble opinion, the Chapter today meets with most of our members' expectations; most of the time, and that is more than could be said a dozen years ago when, as some of you will remember, the monthly meetings consisted of no more than 5 or 6 members meeting in the back room of a pizza parlor on Union Turnpike.

I am not going to bore you here with a list of imaginary (or even real) accomplishments over the past few years, if any, because I believe that the net gain, in terms of improvement to our professional status may be close to zero. The road ahead for our Society and the profession as a whole, therefore, may now be even harder than what it was when we came into the picture in the early 90's. The incoming team of dedicated professionals (and our Chapter can boast of many) has its work cut out for itself. Facing adversity, however, should be looked upon as an opportunity and not necessarily as an obstacle. I urge every one of you, therefore, to step up to the plate and volunteer your time. There is much to be done, and... there is no such thing as "them" and "us"; it's only "US".

All of us, individually and collectively, make up the Society and the profession. Nobody gets paid for Society work and all of us lead busy lives (top-ranking excuse). With that said, please plan on giving the incoming president twice the support you have so generously given to me in the recent past. Personally, I plan to lend my support to my successor(s) for as long as I am able to.

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Those of you who have been following the local press lately have noticed that yours truly has made front-page news repeatedly the last couple of months, because of my (our) stand on the wholesale and indiscriminate down zoning of a large number of Queens neighborhoods to the new R2A zone, concocted by unqualified individuals (no PE or RA involvement – NONE!) and rammed down homeowners' throats without their consent.

It is unfortunate that certain elected officials chose to place politics above the right of the public to be informed.

We all know that it is the duty of every PE and RA to "protect the public health, safety and welfare", as stated in our professional oath; this includes making the facts, as we see them, available to the public so that they may make informed decisions on matters affecting their lives.

Once again, I want to thank all you members of the Queens Professional Engineering and Architectural societies for your unwavering support on this matter, especially those of you who took the trouble to write letters of support on my (our) behalf, including past PDC and past CB#11 chairman, **Bernie Haber, PE**, past Queens Chapter president and current AEA president, **Sal Galletta, PE** (see copy of Sal's letter elsewhere in this Drawingboard) and current Queens AIA president, **William Gati, RA**. Looking ahead, I promise that united, as we are, we will continue the fight until the right prevails.

Before I close this message, I want to remind all engineers and architects, yet again, to take the time to make a phone call and/or send an email to their local elected official in support **City Council Resolution 195-2006**, calling for the establishment of a (PE or RA) deputy-mayor position, to be responsible for all NY City infrastructure, because it's the right thing to do for everyone's benefit. Just think about it! Engineers and architects, design the City's entire infrastructure. Doesn't it make sense that a PE or an RA should also be responsible for its construction and maintenance?

See you all at the meeting, Thurs. May 25, 2006.

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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

Computer and Office Donations Needed

Is your firm or company updating its computer or other office equipment and planning to get rid of the older systems? If so, please consider donating such equipment to the Queens Chapter of the NYSSPE.

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

Upcoming Meeting Information

Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday May 25, 2005 – 6:30 PM

This Month's lecture is presented by:

Air Distribution Enterprises, Inc of Lynbrook, NY

www.airdist.com

The lecture will discuss laboratory exhaust systems.

Walter Bolasny of ADE with over 35 years of experience will be presenting the lecture on laboratory exhaust systems, specifically on exhausting contaminated effluent for constant and variable volume systems.

The laboratory exhaust presentation will discuss design methods used to exhaust contaminated effluent that were applied in the past vs. the newer more cost effective methods that are available today.

A review of the current Laboratory Ventilation Standards will be presented highlighting the design methods required to meet the current standards when designing both constant volume and variable volume systems.

"The Solution To Pollution is Dilution" will also be discussed and the importance of mass flow rate, velocity and momentum for greater plume heights. Design methods for diluting effluent for both constant volume and variable volume systems while maintaining plume heights will be discussed.

Attendees will be confident their future laboratory designs will meet code requirements, be cost effective, have the smallest footprint and will maintain proper plume heights.

Location:

422 Weaver Ave., Fort Totten, New York

Infrastructure Proposal Update

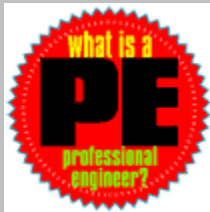
by George Sal Galletta, P.E.

City Council Resolution 195-2006 is still in the Governmental Operations Committee. Unless we mobilize support for it, the Resolution will most likely not come out of committee. 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.

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Hotline for Members

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.



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

Public Unions:

- [Local 375/DC37](#)

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- Any other type of entity/organization

What you can do!

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.nyccouncil.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.

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.

Chapter Seeks Donations to PDC Library

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.

Birth Announcemet

Chapter Vice President **George Tavoulareas**, P.E. and his wife Christine are the proud parents of a brand new daughter. Little **Ioanna** arrived less than a week ago, i.e., Sat. May 19, 2006, weighing in at a healthy 8 lbs and 15 ozs. Both mother and daughter are doing well. So is (almost) 2-year old big brother, **Elias**, who received his birthday present a week early (Elias will be 2 yrs young, May 27, '06). George, who cannot be contained these days, hasn't had time yet to reflect on his daughter's dowry, which he needs to amass (Greek tradition) for Ioanna's marriage 18 years from now.

Useful websites for Engineers:

National Society of Professional Engineers	www.nspe.org
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American Engineering Alliance	www.aeaworld.org
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Profile of an Engineer

by George L. Tavoulareas, P.E.

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When Senator Frank Padavan was appointed Vice President Pro Tempore of the New York State Senate in 2003, it was the culmination of years of experience, hard work and dedication to the people he represents and to all New Yorkers. Because of his depth of institutional knowledge resulting from a 32 year tenure in the Senate, Senator Padavan was chosen to Co-Chair the New York State Senate Task Force on Government Reform in late 2004. Many rules changes designed to open up the legislative process to the public that were recommended by the Task Force have already been adopted by the Senate.



Senator Padavan is the legislature's leading opponent of casino gambling and the state lottery. He led the opposition to the recent expansion of state sanctioned gambling, and is the author of several reports on the negative consequences of state sanctioned gambling, including his most recent, "Quick Draw: It's Time to Pull the Plug". Notably, Senator Padavan has publicly criticized the Lottery for linking religious holidays to gambling promotion.

Senator Padavan is also author of the report, "Our Teeming Shore," a legislative report in which the annual cost of federal immigration policy to New York City and State was calculated at \$5.6 billion. He was subsequently appointed Chairman of the Senate Majority Task Force on Immigration established to seek federal reimbursement for State and local government expenditures on services for immigrants. Noting his work focusing attention on federal obligations, The New York Post described Senator Padavan as "an enlightened voice on the issue of immigration." Further, legislation sponsored by Senator Padavan was passed by both houses of the Legislature to regulate immigration assistants, who frequently prey on unsuspecting immigrants by posing as attorneys. The bill was signed into law by **Governor George Pataki** in 2004.

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As Chairman of the Senate Majority Task Force on Immigration, Senator Padavan has begun conducting hearings in 2005 on the sale and access of counterfeit goods in New York, specifically focusing on how they are tied to illegal immigration, possible terrorist funding and tax evasion. As a precursor to the hearings and drafting legislation, Senator Padavan has issued a preliminary report titled "The Golden Door: Illegal Immigration, Terrorism and the Underground Economy."

The Senator is also an advocate for tough laws to fight crime; a pioneer in welfare and Medicaid system cost containment and a principal architect of New York City legislation.

As former Chairman of the Senate Committee on Cities, Senator Padavan has played a key role in the most significant New York City education advances in decades including: reforms of school governance that enacted laws to give the Mayor increased control and accountability; earlier legislation to establish standards for principal tenure, and an overhaul of the previously scandal-ridden custodial services. An architect of New York City's "Safe Streets/ Safe City" program, Senator Padavan helped keep total New York City police strength at record levels, contributing to the dramatic decline in reported crime.

His leadership in urban job creation and retention produced the New York City Industrial-Commercial Job Incentive Board as well as the law governing Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) throughout New York State.

A resident of the 11th Senatorial District since childhood, Senator Padavan is a graduate of Newtown High School and a member of the Queens school's Alumni Hall of Fame. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute (now Polytechnic University) in 1955 and master's degree in business administration from New York University. A recipient of NYU's Distinguished Graduate Award, Senator Padavan became a member of Polytechnic University's Board of Fellows in June, 1988 and was awarded the Polytechnic University President's Service Medal in March, 2006.

Senator Padavan contributes much of his success in the New York State Senate to his education and experience in engineering. Engineers are trained to solve problems and as a State Senator, Padavan spends much of his time solving problems in New York – something he is adeptly qualified for due to his engineering background.

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Before his election to the Senate, Frank Padavan was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation and served four years as Deputy Commissioner (Operations) of the New York City Department of Buildings. Attaining the rank of Colonel, Senator Padavan had a 30-year active and reserve career in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers including service as commanding officer of the 411th Engineer Brigade and chief of staff, 77th ARCOM.

Senator Padavan is a life member of the Alley Pond Environmental Center and a member of the American Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, Army Reserve Officers Association, American Legion and various civic, fraternal, and community service organizations.

New York City and statewide organizations that have honored Senator Padavan include: the New York City Advisory Council on Alcoholism, the New York City Chapter of the Association of Help for Retarded Children, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of New York State, the Federation of Parents' Organizations for State Mental Institutions and Transitional Services of New York, Inc.. Local organizations that have honored the Senator for community activity include the Pride of Judea Mental Health Center, the Queens Children's Psychiatric Hospital Board of Visitors, the Friends of St. Mary's Hospital for Children, Samuel Field YM-YWHA, Americans of Italian Heritage (Queens Chapter), Sons of Italy Alitalia Lodge 2416, the Queens Historical Society, the 77th Infantry Division Reserve officers Association, the Bayside Historical Society and veterans groups including the American Legion and Jewish War Veterans.

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>
May 11, 2006	May 25, 2006
June 8, 2006	June 22, 2006
July 13, 2006	July 27, 2006
August 10, 2006	August 24, 2006
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May 3, 2006

Honorable Helen Marshall
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Dear Ms. Marshall,

I've just returned from an extended trip overseas and I was deeply disturbed to learn that my distinguished colleague, Chris Petallides, PE, President of the Queens Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, has been denied a seat on Community Board 11. It appears that his dismissal from Community Board 11 was a result of his vocal opposition to the proposed R2A zoning change. It is troubling to see a dedicated, experienced professional silenced because his views upset some powerful people. It is an essential tenet of our democracy that the stifling of dissenting views is contrary to the interests of a free society because no intelligent decision can be made without considering all sides of an issue.

I've known Chris for a number of years and I can tell you that he has exceptional qualities that make him a tremendous asset to any organization that he belongs to. He brings to any task that he undertakes, a keen, rational mind, a wealth of experience and knowledge, and dynamic leadership. In addition, he is not afraid to speak his mind. He believes in addressing any issue honestly and forthrightly. He deals with the facts and not emotions. He has no personal agenda other than to serve the public good.

These are the qualities you want in a Community Board member. Unfortunately, these very qualities elicited an improper reaction that led to his dismissal from CB 11.

You have an opportunity to redress this unfortunate situation. Along with my colleagues in the Engineering and Architectural Community, I urge you to reappoint Mr. Petallides to CB 11 so that the Board and the community that it serves can profit from his experience, technical expertise and professionalism.

~~ ~pe

Salvatore Galletta, PE
Chairperson, American Engineering Alliance

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Date:

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