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Happy Thanksgiving!!!

This Thursday is NYSSPE Design Professional Day. An all day program is scheduled at Brooklyn Polytech. Therefore, there will be no chapter meeting in Queens

NYC RULES UPDATE

Proposed Rules Governing the City of New York can be viewed at:

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

Implementation of 2014 Construction Codes has been postponed until December 31, 2014.

Link of the Month

http://web.mta.info/capital/fulton_alt.html

Report from NYSSPE Fall Development Conference

By Brian Flynn
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The 2015 NYSSPE Fall Development Conference was held in Saratoga Springs on November 13, 14 and 15. NYSSPE President **Keith Lashway**, PE and President Elect **Tom Petracca**, PE presided over a well planned and well run event. Much of the effort was due to the concerted efforts of our Executive Director **Anthony Fasano**, PE with our staff members **Jennifer Miller** and **Patricia Markes**. There was much good news from the NYSSPE Board Meeting.

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State wide membership increased by 4% and student membership increased by 75%. Revenues are up and we will have a positive cash flow this year. The NYSPE website is a source of ongoing efforts with many new and developing improvements. The PDH Tracker for our members is in its beta phase and will soon be available on the website. We now have webinars available for purchase through Red Vector, a NYS Education Department approved PDH supplier which will also generate revenue for the state. Also new is the Boxwood Career Center for job postings which will also provide revenue to NYSSPE.

The state has held 12 events since June that have been successful. The next event is the NYC Design Professional's Day on November 20th with the NYC DOB Commissioner **Rick Chandler**, PE has the keynote speaker.

Our Attorney Lobbyist **Marc Kriss** gave us details on the ongoing legislative struggle to protect our PE license from everyone who wants to practice engineering without the PE license and from those who would limit what engineers can do under the PE license. It appears that the Geologist Bill is finally acceptable to NYSSPE where they can do anything geological but can not offer design services. PE's can still practice any form of geological or geotechnical work. the Land Surveyors are still trying to redefine Surveying to provide foundation design work without the education or training required by the PE license. Also we are still fighting for a First Responders bill to indemnify volunteers for the first 90 days of a natural or man made disaster. The trial lawyers are still objecting to this reasonable bill.

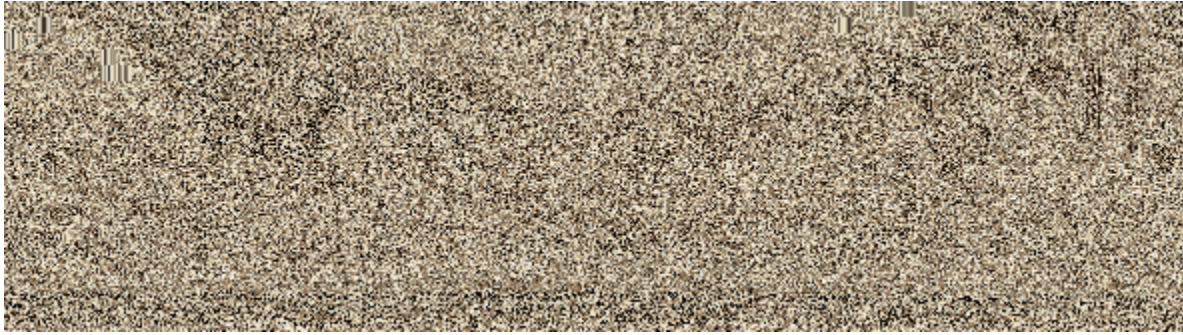
The spring conference will be held in Lake George on June 11 - 12, 2015.

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New York City Design Professionals Day

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Do You Understand All of the New DOB Building Code Guidelines?

Design professionals in New York City must stay up to date on current regulations in order to be able to successfully complete projects, however staying up to date is not always easy to do. Therefore the NYSSPE is putting on New York City Design Professionals Day in an effort to educate NYC professionals on some of the changing codes and regulations and also to allow professionals to network with other NYC design professionals and share knowledge and experience.

Topics to be covered include:

- An update from the new NYC DOB Commissioner
- Urban construction challenges
- 2104 NYC construction codes overview
- Safe excavation and underpinning

The day will be kicked off by a keynote speech by the recently appointed **NYC Department of Buildings Commissioner Rick Chandler, PE** who will be followed by several DOB and NYSSPE leaders with other technical and business related sessions.

Please join us to gain new knowledge and new connections!



See the Agenda page for full list of speakers & Seminars!

5 PDHs Available – also approved for Architects

however the architects will have to self-report with AIA

When

Thursday, November 20, 2014 – 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Where

NYU Poly Brooklyn
Pfizer Auditorium, 5 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, New York 11201

Event Registration Fees:

Morning Continental Breakfast included

Lunch is on your own

Early bird registration by Nov. 1st

NYSSPE Member or AIA Member \$100

NYSSPE Sustaining Member \$125

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Registration after Nov. 1st

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