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Newsletter - 3rd Quarter 2010

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Technical Conference

Once again we held our annual summer technical conference at the CUNY Graduate Center. The theme was Construction Planning and Management in New York City. Presentations included those that dealt with building information management (BIM), quality control, construction risk management, protection of historic masonry structures, and geotechnical planning. The keynote speaker was Sean O'Shea of the Building Americas Future. Advocacy group dedicated to rebuilding our infrastructure. Members include Governor Paterson, Mayor Michael Bloomberg plus governors and mayors and many other elected officials from 39 other states. He talked about what they are doing to increase funding for the nation's infrastructure. For more information on Building America's Future visit their web site at www.bafuture.org

Feedback from the conference was overwhelmingly positive. On the question of what is the biggest concern today, the replies were: energy, infrastructure, efficiency, quality construction, costs, funding, and the economy. On the question what is the biggest concern for the next five years, the replies were: distributed energy, alternative energy, sustainable design, water, quality, planning, quality control, funding, budgeting, scheduling, financial risk, project coordination, upgrading and maintenance of infrastructure, finding young engineers, transferring knowledge, budgeting, and access to new technology. Recommended topics for the next seminar included: sustainable energy, greenhouse gas reduction, energy conservation, carbon footprint reduction, waste reduction, green technology, sustainable design, control systems for high efficiency HVAC, high voltage distribution, future trends, quality assurance/quality control, design and inspection of tunnels & bridges, stray current corrosion, reinforced concrete, existing retaining walls, building codes, project management, and building project knowledge. If you were not able to attend the conference a CD is available for NYIEC member agencies. What topics would you like to hear about at our next conference? Let me know at jmacaluso@nyiec.org



First Technical Workshop

This spring, for the first time NYIEC and ITX Corporation collaborated on a workshop. It was free to NYIEC members,



Quarterly Meetings

The 2nd quarterly meeting for the year was held at the NY City Department of Buildings on June 10th. We were treated to an interesting



Annual Luncheon

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and thanks to Bennett Carlin of the Dormitory Authority of New York we were able to use a Dormitory Authority conference room conveniently located at 1 Penn Plaza. The topic was Improving Wall Performance in the Building Envelope, and consisted of 4 sessions worth four continuing education units. Demand was so great that all 80 slots were filled and we needed to implement a standby list. We plan on other workshops, implementing a small fee that will cover the cost of lunch.

presentation on Third Party Inspections before the business part of the meeting.

The 3rd quarterly meeting was held at the NY Power Authority. The first presentation was on the Power Authority's new initiative to install 100 MW of solar power installations in three years. The New York City portion of the program amounts to 15 MW of the total. Installations are broken into four categories, Government buildings, K-12 schools, Community Electric Utilities,, and Parking Lot Canopies.

The second presentation was given by Kevin Poulin of the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEaONY). An interesting overview was given on the activities the association provides. NYIEC will collaborate on an all day seminar that will be hosted by SEaONY in the spring.

venue will once again be the elegant Union League Club located in midtown Manhattan at 38 East 37th Street. As always there will be no charge for up to eight staff member of NYIEC member agencies for this event, and they will be treated to a gourmet lunch and interesting keynote address. If you have a suggestion for a keynote speaker please drop me an email at jmacaluso@nyiec.org but hurry the window for selecting the keynote speaker is rapidly closing.

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