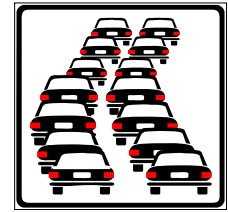




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Section 10 Newsletter

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Engineer of the Year Luncheon

On Friday, May 13th we honored Roy Reissig as our 2011 Engineer of the Year at a luncheon held at Danford's Hotel and Marina in Port Jefferson. Roy and his family were greeted by over 75 friends and co-workers who offered their accolades and best wishes.

Roy was chosen as our 2011 EOY for his dedication to his career as a professional engineer, involvement in the NYSATE organization, and his involvement in his community.

We heard from friends and family and John Bugler who toasted Roy, highlighting his accomplishments as well as what a great leader he is at NYSDOT in Residency 03.

On behalf of all of us in NYSATE and who work at NYSDOT, congratulations, again Roy. You

are a gentleman's gentleman!

Conference 2011

NYSATE's annual conference was hosted by Section 2 in Utica from June 7 to 10. The theme for the conference was "21st Century Transportation: Finding Our Future In The Past." The weather was hot and so were the activities over the four day event.

Tuesday started with the annual golf tournament held at two scenic Utica courses, Valley View and Stonebridge Golf Courses. My team was different this year as I was the only Section 10 representative for DOT. My teammates were Dave Rettig, a former Section 10 member, Pat Waterman, a teammate for several years, and Rick Papaj, from Section 4. Our driving was excellent but the short game suffered and we finished at six under par.

The day continued with the icebreaker at the historic F. X. Matt Brewery, famous for making Saranac beers and sodas.

Wednesday through Friday were the technical sessions offering a wide variety of subjects. The first two subjects I attended dealt with rail, the first by CSX about freight rail and the second by Marie Corrado of Main Office about high speed rail. Both spoke about the importance of each

type of rail movement. However, rail freight and high speed passenger rail don't work well on the same tracks. When questions were brought up about this, it was interesting to hear the speakers discuss the problems and the work being done to address them. The rest of the sessions were just as interesting and informative.

Every night the hospitality room was hopping as Sections 2 and 3 co-sponsored the event. A live band kept the place in a good mood as many of the delegates relaxed from the long day's activities.

Thursday night was the Engineer of the Year event, held at Mohawk Valley Community College. The event was different this year as an honoree's reception was held instead of the traditional sit down dinner. After the reception, everyone moved to the theater for a presentation of all of the Sectional EOYs and the selection of the Statewide EOY. Nick Choubah of Section 8 was chosen as the Engineer of the Year.

Next year the conference will be hosted by Section 3 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center from May 21 to 25.

Constitution Changes

This past February you were asked to vote on changes to the Statewide Constitution and Bylaws. The votes are in and you voted positively for some great changes to the way NYSATE operates.

The first major change is in our membership. Anyone who works in the transportation field can become a member of NYSATE. Prior it was only those who worked for the DOT or formerly worked for DOT were eligible. All members in good standing shall share all the rights and privileges of this Association, except as outlined below:

(a) The voting power of this Association shall be all Active and Associate Members in good

standing, unless otherwise restricted by the Local Sections, and approved by the State Board.

(b) Only Active Members may hold the office of State Director.

(c) Life Members may hold office within the Local Section.

In addition we removed all language that related solely to that of the Department of Transportation. And lastly, we changed the name of the Engineer of the Year to Transportation Professional of the Year.

If you have any questions regarding these changes or wish to discuss membership, please call Margaret Conklin at 631-952-6929.

Republic Airport Visit

On June 24, about 40 NYSATE members descended on Republic Airport for an informative four hour tour of the facility.

The day started with an introduction to the airport by airport management. The discussion covered an overview of the general aviation airport, what the airport staff does as opposed to air traffic control, the organization of the airport, tenants, economics, public involvement, the major issues the airport staff deals with, and special events at the airport.

Following this discussion, the group was taken to Northeastern Aviation, a business that owns, manages, and charters aircraft. Peter Montenegro discussed how the business operates and the services they provide with the group and then gave everyone an opportunity to board one of the business jets they operate.

For lunch, everyone was on their own, but most chose pizza delivered to the conference room. From there it was over to the other side of the field to visit the American Airpower Museum. The museum contains an array of World War II era aircraft, many of which still fly. They have also acquired ground vehicles, including a Sherman

tank. Museum staff directed the guests around the facility through the afternoon.

Training

There were many great classes at this year's 71st Annual NYSATE Conference. The Local Board will be working with many of the speakers to get them to host a class in Section 10. We hope to have classes starting in the Fall. Look for flyers. Of course if you know of a class you would like NYSATE to sponsor give Margaret Conklin a call at 631-952-6929.

Worker's Memorial Garden

Before DOT's annual observance that honors our fallen co-workers, Workers Memorial Day, several NYSATE members spent three days in the Memorial Garden cleaning up for the big ceremony. We cut grass, pulled weeds, raked leaves, trimmed trees, and picked up litter in the Memorial Garden that is located outside the cafeteria at the State Office Building in Hauppauge. To add to the beautification of the garden, we participated in Bring your Future to Work Day, (which coincided with Earth Day) and had the children plant our newly purchased flowers in the garden. DOT's tree crew chipped in and provided some wood chips to mulch the garden beds. By the time we honored co-workers who have passed on, our garden looked beautiful. Thank you to Roy Reissig, Margaret Conklin, Rich Gass, Vince McCants, Marvin Obler, Jennifer Napoli, Priscilla Ortiz, Liz Seus, Phyllis Elgut, Robb Smith, Jessica Wellcome, Vincent Tomei, the DOT tree crew, the BYFTW organizers and the children, for all their hard work. Also, a special thank you to all our members who do their part in the garden all year round, feeding the fish, weed pulling or liter clean up during break and lunch times.

TPOY 2012

So you asked what is required to be the Transportation Professional of the Year (TPOY)? So many of you have asked "What are the

requirements to be nominated for Transportation Professional of the Year" that I thought I would give you the rules for the NYSATE TPOY.

The Candidate:

1. Must be an active member of the Association, as defined by the State Constitution (Article III, Section 2) for a minimum of five years. No State Director or Section President may be considered until two years after he or she has left office. Further, any and all Section's chosen TPOY elected to either of these two offices prior to the Annual Conference will not be eligible for Statewide TPOY competition. Life Members are eligible for the first two years immediately following retirement. The two year eligibility for retiring State Directors and Section Presidents begins when the two year waiting period for eligibility is over.

2. Shall be judged on his/her merit. There shall be no discrimination according to the pay grade or job description.

3. Must display a degree of professionalism in his/her career and possess certain engineering abilities/knowledge in the field of Transportation Engineering.

4. Should be an enthusiastic member of the association, and a person who has promoted the welfare and progress of the organization.

5. Should be actively involved in his/her community.

6. Does not have to be a DOT employee. Associate members are also eligible.

Please note, these requirements do not say anyone must hold a PE license in order to be considered.

So, do you know of someone who fits these qualifications? Nominate them for the 2011 Transportation Professional of the Year! Send nominations to Margaret Conklin via e-mail or to P.O. Box 5801, Hauppauge, NY 11788 by August 23, 2011.



End of Summer BBQ

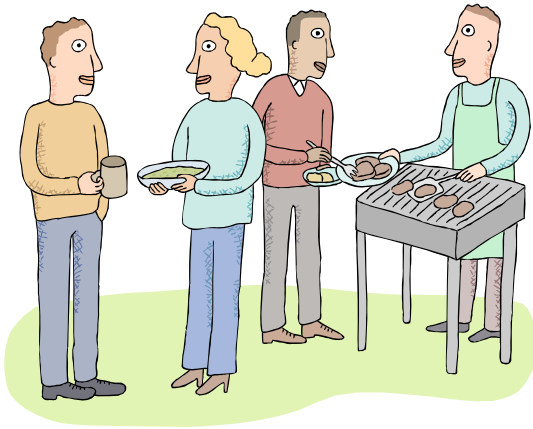
August 26, 2011

Cafeteria, State Office Building, 250 Vets Hwy Hauppauge
Noon to 12:40 PM

\$5.00 NYSATE members, \$10.00 others

Lunch includes*:

- Hot dog or hamburger, beverage
- Sausage and peppers and baked ziti
- Macaroni, potato and tossed salad



Payment due by Aug 19th*

Joel Kleinberg, Room 4A-4 (x6950)
Margaret Conklin, Room 5A-16 (x6929)
Karen Taylor, Room 6A-7 (x6014)

*Refunds cannot be given after COB, Aug 19th

*Special dietary need?

Let us know IN ADVANCE and we'll do our best to accommodate you.