



NYSATE NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Lowell Lingo

Happy New Year – 2017! Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. Jim Flynn stepped down from his post as President for the last year of his term. Jim received a well-deserved promotion to lead the Bureau of Program Management this past year and his additional responsibilities, as well as new career path, needed more attention. I will be taking over for the year and we will have elections for 2018. I would like to thank Jim for his tireless service. He worked hard to add value to NYSATE and all of us as members. He will continue on a Section Director for the 4th floor. Please thank him, if you can catch him.

Our Winter Newsletter is the perfect opportunity to reflect upon the great events that NYSATE Section 11 sponsored over the previous year and also announce upcoming events. In 2016, there were a great variety to choose from for Members and their families. The Summer Picnic was held in June at Cook Park in Colonie. In August, Section 11 sponsored over 60 Members to attend a Valley Cats game at the Joe Stadium in Troy. The Members (and families) were treated to dinner, a great game, and an amazing fireworks display afterward.... all for an incredible price – only \$5.00! We also reimburse members \$5 who choose to go to the PEF Picnic or the PEF Holiday Party as well.

Sections 1 & 11 combined resources to co-sponsor quite a few events last year. July was the 12th Annual Duffers Day Out golf tournament at Saratoga Spa golf course. We had a bus trip to New Jersey for the Syracuse vs. Notre Dame College Football game in October, with 33 members and family embarking. The members that attended had a great time tailgating and taking in the game. In November, we pooled resources again to put on the Annual Technical Seminar at the Best Western Hotel in Colonie. This year we had over 110 attendees. The attendees obtain up to 6 professional development hours for either their Professional

Engineering or Landscape Architecture licenses. We offered a technical lunch again this year. This Technical Seminar was a great success, and I have heard only good things in response.

Thank You to all the volunteer Members who go the extra mile to organize and manage our activities; it is greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to all Members who attend the events. If you haven't participated recently, we highly encourage you to **get involved**. Like all things, our association is what we make of it. Choose to be an active Member of NYSATE, then reap the rewards and have fun!

Also in November, a longtime Member of Section 11, **Raoul Desy, P.E.** was nominated and selected as our 2017 (TPOY) Transportation Professional of the Year! Raoul has worked at NYSDOT for over 10 years and has been a NYSATE member for close to those 10 years. He has volunteered and participated in a variety of NYSATE committees and events. He is the current treasurer and has been a Section Director. We will be holding a Section 11 dinner event on **March 15, 2017** where Raoul will receive the Section 11 TPOY award and be recognized for his career and community achievements. Please read further on the next page of this newsletter for details on Raoul's award. We wish him well in the statewide competition.

We have a really fun event this month. RPI vs. Union hockey game! Please find further details on the last page of this newsletter. As always, you can find event and other key information on our Section when you go to our website at: **<http://nysate.org/sections/section-11>**

Please make a New Year's resolution to participate more in 2017. Attend one more event this year, recruit a friend, help work on an event, use the study guides on the webpage, suggest a new activity, anything.

Here's to the New Year!

STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Harry White

The State Board has been planning for the upcoming 77th NYSATE Annual Technical Conference to be held May 31-June 2, 2017 in Buffalo, NY. As always, Section 11 will be sending some members to the conference on a subsidy (please see the article about the subsidy drawing on the next page).

Also, the board is working to close out the financial records for the 76th NYSATE Annual Technical Conference held in Lake Placid in 2016. I am happy to report that the conference was, by every measure, a success.

Finally, the new NYSATE website was compromised in December. The issues has been resolved, and the website is back up and running. Make sure to check the website for the latest information about NYSATE events and news.

ONE-DAY TECHNICAL SEMINAR

By Raoul Desy

Our annual seminar with Section 1 was a great success again this year! Participants were able to earn up to 6 PDHS, 7 if they also attended the technical lunch. Three sessions were held at a time, for a total of 18 presentations. Overall, we offered 19 PDHs for PEs (including the lunch presentation), 5 PDHs for LAs, and one PDH for LSs. By the end of the seminar, over 600 PDHs had been earned by attendees. There were 112 seminar registrants and 46 lunch registrants from all over the state, including a number of consultants, as well as staff from NYSDOT and the Thruway Authority. The seminar was also able to recruit 14 new members for NYSATE – 6 for our Section, 6 for Section 1, and 1 each for Sections 9 and 10. We will be starting to prepare for the next seminar in the coming months so be sure to watch your e-mail and the newsletter for updates.

TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

by Harry White

Raoul Desy has been selected as the NYSATE Section 11 Transportation Professional of the Year.



Raoul graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science (Civil Engineering) degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. In 1995 he started working at O.S. Walker Magnetics in Worcester, MA designing industrial electromagnets and magnetic spreader beam lifting systems. In the late 1990's, Raoul was one of two designers of the

world's largest electromagnetic separator as recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records.

In 2002, his aunt introduced him to a lovely young girl that would soon become his wife. He followed her to the Albany area and took a job at Simmons Machine Tool in Albany, NY doing machine design until he was able to get into NYSDOT. When he did join NYSDOT in 2006 as a Junior Engineer in the Design Quality Assurance Bureau, he worked closely with Regions, Consultants, Federal Agencies, and Main Office staff during project development and design phases to ensure timely project designs and lettings. He obtained his NYS Professional Engineers license in 2007 and was promoted to Civil Engineer 2 in 2009.

When not at work, Raoul serves his community through his work with the Clifton Park Environmental Conservation Commission, takes time to honor of our fallen soldiers through his participation with the Patriot Guard Riders. Raoul has been a valued Section Director and Treasurer for Section 11, and can always be found helping at NYSATE sponsored events.

Please congratulate Raoul for being the 2017 NYSATE Section 11 TPOY.

TPOY DINNER MEETING
March 15, 2017
Mohawk River Country Club

Please make plans to join us on March 15th, 2017 for the Annual NYSATE Section 11 TPOY Award Dinner at the Mohawk River Country Club in Rexford, NY.

This buffet style dinner has become one of the most popular events of the year, and this year looks to be just as good. Be on the look out for the official announcement for more details.

RETIREE ANNOUNCEMENTS
By Harry J. Bartik

For those members that are planning to retire, please send your current home e-mail address to me at uopshadow@mail.com so that I will be able to keep you up to date on your organization.

For current retirees that receive NYSATE information by regular mail, if you have an e-mail address, please send me that address so that I can inform you electronically.

CONFERENCE 77 SUBSIDY COUPON

NYSATE Section 11 will subsidize a few lucky members to attend the 77th Annual NYSATE Technical Conference to be held May 31- June 2, 2017 in Buffalo, NY.

Odds of winning are weighted based on years of NYSATE membership and how recently you have accepted a subsidy. To be considered for the drawing, clip out and fill in the coupon below and return it to Becky Gibson before the March 6th deadline.

Please note that certain obligations must be met by the traveler in order to receive the reimbursement. The attendee must register for the conference, stay at an official conference hotel (unless they are sold out), and attend the TPOY banquet. These are the same rules that have applied for a decade and are printed on the coupon.

Winners of the drawing will be announced at the TPOY Dinner on March 15th. Good Luck!

YES! Enter Me In the Drawing to Attend NYSATE Conference 77!

I understand that I must register for the Conference, stay in an official conference hotel, and attend the Transportation Professional of the Year (TPOY) Banquet to qualify for the subsidy (up to \$400.00). Subsidy is distributed once all receipts are presented following the Conference.

Date: Wednesday, May 31—Friday, June 2, 2017

Location: Buffalo, NY

Subsidy Amount: ***TBD based on Cost of Registration/PDH/Lodging/Conference Meals***

Your Name: _____

Work Location: _____

Work Phone No.: _____

Coupons must be returned to Becky Gibson by March 6, 2017



BUS TRIP
by Lowell Lingo

We had a bus trip to New Jersey for the Syracuse vs. Notre Dame College Football game in October, with 33 members and family embarking. The members that attended had a great time tailgating and taking in the game.

The game was played where the New York Giant pro football team play, Met Life Stadium. It is brand new and a great venue to watch a game. We got a great price of \$75 per NYSATE Member and \$99 for non-members.

We all got up early and left before sunrise with a mimosa or bloody mary in hand. We chartered a bus that switched drivers on us, which gave us a bit of a scare, but eventually got there to pick us up. The rain held off, the sub platters were devoured and Notre Dame and Syracuse had one of the highest scoring 1st quarters in recent memory with 36 points. This game would end much differently than the last meeting, a 2008 game at Notre Dame Stadium, where the Orange stunned Notre Dame 24-23 to even the series at 3-3. Syracuse could not keep up and lost 50 to 33.

Notre Dame is one of the most legendary college football programs ever. The Fighting Irish have won 11 National Championships, a record 7 Notre Dame players have won the Heisman trophy, and the program has produced an NCAA record 96 consensus All-Americans and 32 unanimous All-Americans, more than any other university.

Syracuse is the 14th-winningest program in college football. Syracuse has 22 bowl game appearances and has earned invitations to all four Bowl Championship Series Bowl games. With 17 former players and coaches in the College Football Hall of Fame, Syracuse is one of just seven schools with that many representatives. Syracuse has six representatives in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, one of eight schools with at least six alums enshrined.

Please join us for next year's bus trip. Suggestions are welcome. We have done baseball games and even overnights in the past. Thanks to all the people that attended and especially to the many volunteers that brought tents, food, tables, coolers, and games.



RPI v. Union Hockey Game

Thursday, January 19 - 7:00PM

Times Union Center

(Seats are in the lower bowl, near the Blue Line)

Cost: \$5.00 ea. (Member and Immediate Family)

\$13.00 ea. (Non-Member Adult)

\$8.00 ea. (Non-Member 22 and Younger)

Contact your Section Director
to reserve your seats.

Last Day to Buy Tickets:

Wednesday—January 11, 2017