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SIAEA meets DDC Commissioner



On June 1, 2004 representatives of SIAEA met with NYC Commissioner of Design and Construction at his office in Long Island City, New York to introduce our Society and initiate a closer collaboration with his agency. Among our society

representatives were Mr. Noel Vaz, President; Mr. Deo Gosine, Past President; & Mr. Jack Kapur, President-Elect. The representative from the DDC were Mr. David Burney, Commissioner; Mr. Louie RucDa, Deputy Commissioner, Structures; Mr. Richard Ocken, Deputy Commissioner, Infrastructure; Ms. Anne Papageorge, 1st Deputy Commissioner, MS. Rachel Laiseria, Chief of Staff.

An agreement was reached

whereby the Society will be allowed to post its notices of activities on the DDC notice



board, SIAEA members will be allowed to participate in DDC Continuing Education programs and DDC employee will be welcome to participate in SIAEA

Continuing Education programs. The commission further agreed to considered employment of our student members in their summer intern program. Our president issued an invitation to commission Mr. Burney to attend our Annual Dinner and also to be an guest speaker at a mutually convenient date & time. The Commissioner was generous with his time and gracefully accepted our invitation. Mr. Amar Malla will be our liaison with DDC.

SIAEA Members Attends Congressional Luncheon in Washington



On June 3, 2004 our society was well represented at the

annual congressional luncheon held with 162 Congressmen at Sam Raburn office building in Washington, DC.

The SIAEA delegations were Lal Motwani, Jack Kapur, Deo Gosine, Ravi Shenoy, Jitendra Hirani,

Sukumar Alampur, Bansi Shah, Jaswant Mody, Darshan Singh Bagga, Kumar Shah, Rakesh Dayal, Akhil Dayal and Piyush Patel.

After the luncheon meeting the members were invited to the

White House for a briefing with Senior White House representatives on the status of US/India relationship and administration effort to foster a closer relationship with the American Indian community.

Technical Seminar, By Ravi Shenoy, P.E, Chairperson, Committee for Technical Seminar

Society of Indo American Engineer and Architect (SIAEA) arranged three Technical Seminars so far this year and many more have been planned for the coming months. These seminars were well attended by the members and their guests, who benefited by the wide subject matter covered. The experience speakers were very informative and had very interesting presentations.

The first seminar was held on September 21st, 2003 at Worlds Fair Marina. Mr. Satish K. Babbar, M. Arch., R.A., vice chair-

man/commissioner, NYC Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) and former acting commissioner of NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) spoke about his experience at BSA and DOB. Mr. Babber, past president, gave very valuable advice to our members how to work with both agencies and benefit from them. Mr. Douglas P. Casper, AIA, CCS of Port Authority NY & NJ spoke eloquently on "Understanding Specifications".

The second seminar was held at the NYC showroom of Shaw Carpet, one of the largest car-

pet manufacturers in the nation, on February 5th 2004. The video presentation by the experts at Shaw Carpet enlightened the audience with the importance of the new generation of carpets when it comes to Green Architecture.

The third seminar was a plant tour and technical presentation at EASCO Boiler Corporation's factory in Bronx, NY and was held on March 17, 2004. Several boilers were on display and members observed the manufacturing and fabrication of boilers and controls. This was an

unique opportunity for all members to gain first hand knowledge of boiler manufacturing. All the above seminar conducted by SIAEA are eligible for continuing education credits and several members took advantage of the same. With the requirement of mandatory continuing education for architects and engineers and the State Board of Professional Engineers respectively, the Society is planning to arrange more seminars in the coming months. The Society encourages all members to come and attend the seminar



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President's Message

Dear Member,

It is a pleasure to forward a copy of our first newsletter to you and we trust that you will find the contents informative. I ask all our members to help make our newspaper more meaningful and relevant and submit all your news and views to the publication committee for inclusion in our next mailing. We plan to publish a quarterly newsletter, which will help us to communicate with each other, as well as receive your input for operating and improving our society. We will aspire to make our newsletter member friendly and would like to include in each issue the promotions and achievements of our members. We will also carry a feature article, be it technical or business, and will seek your assistance. Our association missions and goals can be accomplished only with your participation.

Our Executive Committee and Directors meet on the first Thursday of every month

to conduct our association business. These meetings are open to all members and we invite you to attend and participate. Since assuming office in May 2003, we have had a joint meeting with the Association of Indians in Construction and a joint Summer Picnic. On September 23rd, 2003, our former President, Mr. Satish Babbar was our guest speaker, who spoke to us on "NYC Building Code and Bureau of Standard and Appeal (BSA) application." On the same day Mr. Douglas P. Casper, of Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, also spoke on "Specifications Writing." On February 5th 2004 we had a carpet seminar, followed by the Easco boiler factory tour and seminar in Bronx, New York.

We are currently making final plans for our Annual Summer Picnic to held in July 31st, 2004 at Bear Mountain State Park, New York. Our Annual Holiday Dinner Dance will be on November 6th 2004, at Marriot, LaGuardia, Queens, NY. I am confident that many

of our member's firms may want to exhibit their product and/or services and ask that you contact us for space reservations.

We request all life, current members and past members and directors to forward their correct e-mail address to Bansi Shah at Bansi.shah@uciny.com, so we can inform you of the society's activities via email.

We plan to have more programs in 2004 and are seeking your ideas and suggestions. Please contact us with your suggestions and recommendations.

On a personal note I will like to thank our Executives, Directors and members for their continued support and hard work. I look forward to meeting all of you during our upcoming functions.

Very truly yours,
NOEL VAZ
President - SIAEA

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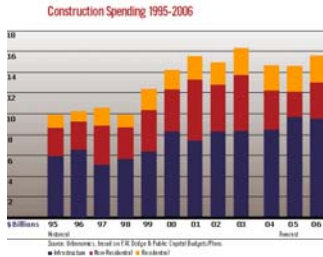
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Annual Recognition / Awards: On November 6, 2004 our society will be holding its Annual Recognition / Awards ceremony. As usual we will be recognizing one engineer and one architect for his or her achievements. Also one member will be recognized for his or her service to our society. We urge all our members to submit recommendation and/or curriculum vital. The awards selection committee will forward their guideline on separate cover.

Construction Outlook 2004-2006, By Nayan Trivedi P.E, Director, SIAEA

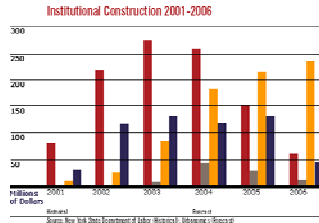
Nearly \$17 billion was spent on residential, non-residential



and infrastructure projects in New York City in 2003. The outlook for construction spending in 2004 is \$15 billion, down 10% from 2003, followed by \$14.6 billion in 2005. Accelerated activity in Lower Manhattan may spur recovery by 2006, when spending should reach \$15.8 billion. Much depends on the infrastructure contribution of major public agencies, which are experiencing debt crunches, federal funding uncertainties, and operating demands for scarce resources.

Public spending underwrites significant additions to New

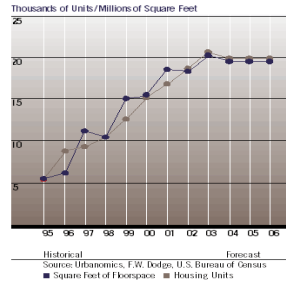
York's institutional facilities. Between 2004 and 2006, work on schools and psychi-



atric centers will become more prominent as hospital construction declines and the building of new court houses remains strong.

After a 12.4% rise to 20,800

Residential Construction 1995-2006

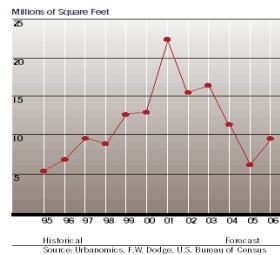


units in 2003, construction is

likely to hold steady at about 20,000 units per year through 2006, assuming favorable interest rates continue.

After peaking at over 21 million square feet in 2001, non-residential construction fell to 15 million square feet in 2002, in response to the

Non-Residential Construction 1995-2006

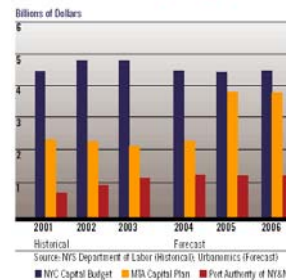


events of September 11th and the recession. Modest growth to 16.9 million square feet occurred in 2003, followed by a decline to 5.8 million square feet in 2005. 2006 should rebound with 9 million square feet of growth, portions at the

World Trade Center site.

As the New York City Capital Budget declines slightly over the 2004-2006 period, the MTA and Port Authority of NY&NJ could pick up some of the slack in infra-

Public Infrastructure Spending 2001-2006



structure spending. However, the MTA 2005-2009 capital plan is facing significant financial uncertainty with regard to City, State and Federal financing.

For detail information, see www.buildingcongress.com

Member News

Student Chapter:

The activities at Student Chapter Committee took an important step this year. Under the leadership of Mr. Akhil Dayal, an engineering student at Binghamton University, a Student Chapter was opened. Mr. Dayal and Mr. Mohamed, another student at the University reported that they have held two seminars, which were well attended. Mr. Dayal is a

son of our life member, Mr. Rakesh Dayal. Our committee and society congratulate Mr. Dayal, young member, for his enthusiasm and vision.

Our Society is reaching out to the Engineer-Architect Student community in the tri-state area to form Student Chapters. We have had interest by students at NJIT and Columbia University.

These students are the future

of the Society. Their active participation is key to the advancement of the Society into the next generation.

Achievement:

Mr. Nayan Trivedi, P.E., Life member and Director of SIAEA has been promoted as a Associate in Leslie E. Robertson Associates, RLLP. All our society extends our congratulation and best wishes to Mr. Trivedi.

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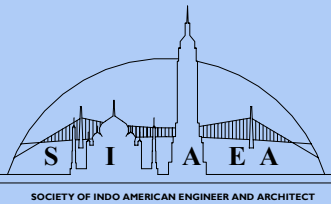
Our Society needs your input to better serve our members. We will like to publish all you news and views as well as any technical articles. Note that the article should be 150 words or less and should cover subject matter which would interest a large part of our diverse membership.

All articles to the editor should be forwarded to Mr. Nayan Trivedi @ nbt@lera.com.

Upcoming Events

31 July, 2004 - Picnic

6 November - Holiday party / Awards & Recognition



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