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ABOUT SIAEA

SIAEA (Society of Indo American Engineers and Architects), is the organization of Engineers and Architects. Through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multi-disciplinary networking and outreach, SIAEA enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering and architecture.



President's Message

My fellow members,

Hello and I am happy to release the summer edition of our news letter.

While most other associations may choose to take a hiatus in summer, the SIAEA executive committee continues to work hard during the months of June through August and our activities do not cease.

As summer began, SIAEA has some great events planned for you to enjoy these wonderful days.

On July 20, 2011 we had another well attended technical seminar by Carlisle roofing.

On Saturday, July 23rd, we had a full house cruise and a networking event around the New York City. It was a fun night with over 350 attendees who enjoyed food, music, dance and networking opportunities. The details will be covered in the next Issue of the newsletter.

On August 21st, keeping up with our tradition, we will be participating in the India Day parade in New York City. On August 27th we are going to have our annual picnic at Warren Park in Woodbridge Township, NJ. My humble request to all of you is to participate whole-heartedly, meet your friends, network and enjoy!!

On a different subject, there has been a great demand from various parts of the country to get involved with our organization.

Each year, when we have the successful gala which has over 800 people attending, many people are still left out.

Therefore, SIAEA is seriously looking to expand its wings and create new chapters in different states. To enhance our efforts in this direction, we recently had a grassroots meeting in Philadelphia and soon we are planning to have one in Washington DC. Some preliminary work has already begun to work on the logistics as to how to open the new chapters of the Society in various states throughout the country. We will keep you posted as things develop.

Another important issue that we are currently tackling is the Local law 129 for M/WBE firms. As you may know, the consulting and the contracting firms of the Indian origin are no longer considered a minority for the New York City's capital funded projects. This means that our community is no longer eligible to reap the benefits of the set aside contracting opportunities that the other minority groups currently enjoy. Under my leadership and with the great help from our immediate past President Ravi Shenoy, we are planning to fight hard and lobby to regain our share of the pie. Again, we will keep you abreast of the progress.

Soon, we will be having a new website and more details on that will be forthcoming. There will be sponsorship opportunities in order that you can showcase your businesses and websites to promote your business.

Our membership continues to grow and we encourage you to join SIAEA to become a part of a very successful and professional organization.

More latest news next time. Until then be well and enjoy your summer.

With warm regards,

Nayan Parikh

President

SIAEA MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of SIAEA shall be to organize and unite in fellowship the engineer and architectural professionals of Indian origin; to assimilate the arts and sciences of Indian Heritage into the American Society to enhance the image and high visibility of Indian professional and to stand tall within American mainstream.

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The first grassroots meeting in Philadelphia was held on May 14th 2011 successfully. Hosted by Krutee Shah, RA in a graceful Ben Franklin hotel lobby but with a subtle Indian touch. The meeting was attended by more than 40 people. The appropriateness of the venue, which was a perfect blend of formality and ease, was commended on by many.

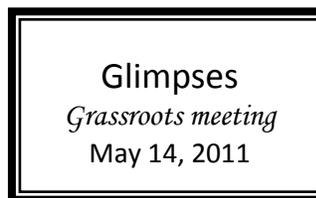


The invitees varied from college students to CEO's of companies and were a well-balanced representation. Some had even driven over two hours to be present for the introduction, showing how interested they were in SIAEA and the need for such chapters to start functioning. Everyone was able to informally interact and the real intent of SIAEA- to network and leverage- was expressed.

Mr. Nayan Parikh, President of SIAEA, along with some of his executive committee members attended this event. Their belief in further spreading the reach of SIAEA was evident, and the introduction was effective and impressive. In fact, a few members signed up immediately. The interest shown by all participants and the lively interactions between all were the highpoint of the afternoon event.

Mr. Dave Goswami, President and COO of IPS (Integrated Project Services) signed up as a member, boosting the prestige of this future Chapter of SIAEA. Everyone is looking forward to a dynamic new Chapter coming up in Philadelphia as soon as the SIAEA Constitution permits it.

In the end, SIAEA pleasantly surprised Ms. Krutee Shah by presenting her with a plaque commending her efforts in organizing the event so well attended.



Architects urged to design Sustainable Structures

May 26, 2011 • New York City

Continuing its tradition of providing opportunities to its members for professional development, Society of Indo-American Engineers and Architects organized a high profile technical seminar to discuss the importance of designing and constructing environment-friendly and sustainable public buildings.

Making a presentation about newly built airport buildings in Chennai, Vadodara, Goa and Raipur in India, leading New York based architect and planner Frederick Schwartz said that his goal was to design environmental friendly structures by providing plenty of shaded space around airport buildings.

Speaking about special features of the recently constructed airport terminals he praised India for accelerating its modernization process at a pace faster than that of the United States. Schwartz said, "While designing these structures I chose iconic and sleek models that were inspired by the body and wings of airplanes. The Chennai airport building is one continuous structure. It is a singular prototype that can be repeated indefinitely".

Listing a series of innovative ideas he used in designing the airport buildings in Chennai and Vadodara, he said, "A large overhang on the South side of the building completely shaded the structure from strong sun. We liberally used skylights to allow natural light that enliven the experience inside the terminal buildings."

Providing examples of some of his environmental friendly approaches in design, Schwartz said that rainwater hitting the roof of the airport buildings in Chennai was contained to water 260 meter garden space".

"A green roof was provided on the parking garage in Chennai while in Vadodara separation of free and protected zones was facilitated by providing intersection of canal water way", he said adding that India should adopt architectural models suitable to its climate and weather pattern. "India's climatic conditions demanded increasing use of environmental friendly building materials, such as, bricks."

Schwartz is credited with changing the course of post-9/11 planning in New York City through his work, which facilitated an open site for the 9/11 memorial and a way to repair the city's skyline. He has designed 9/11 memorials in New Jersey and Westchester County. He is also the architect for the Staten Island Ferry Terminal.

Yarthy Dinzey-Flores, Chief Diversity Officer of New York Executive Chamber, who was the chief guest at the event, offered her support to minority and women business entrepreneurs in New York. Emphasizing the need to create transparency in allowing sub contractors engage in productive process of contracting she asked for cooperation to increase efficiency and expedite projects. She wanted to streamline business development process for minority and women contractors. "The Governor of New York wanted to increase participation of minority and women business partners in the development of the state", she said.

Dinzey-Flores promised to work for reforming and strengthening the State's programs and efforts to encouraging the growth of minority and women's business enterprises within the state government and in the private sector.

Dinzey-Flores previously served as Manager at the Toyota USA Foundation and Program Officer for National Philanthropy Programs at Toyota Motor North America. The Chief Diversity Officer is one of three statutorily required positions within the executive chamber, along with the Secretary and the Counsel.

Nayan Parikh, president of SIAEA presented plaques to Ms. Dinzey-Flores and Frederick Schwartz. He also thanked Dennis Nazzaro of TDX construction company for sponsoring the event. Nazzaro expressed his continued support to society's activities.

Parikh thanked his fellow executive committee members for helping organized the event. "I am lucky to have a talented team that was most cooperative and helpful. He especially acknowledge the support of society's immediate past president Ravi Shenoy, president-elect Mihir Patel, executive vice president Amar Malla, vice-president Ketan Shan, secretary Samir Shah, and asst. treasurer Prakash Kapadia.

Delicious food was served by Tandoor Restaurant and Gunjesh Desai of "Masala Junction" was the official photographer at the event. Pictures of this event can be viewed at www.masalajunction.com. For all future SIAEA events, please visit www.siaeany.org



Welcome New Members To SIAEA Family

- ✓ Alpesh Patel
- ✓ Ankur S. Patel
- ✓ Avani Prashant Parikh
- ✓ Jayant Gajjar
- ✓ Jigar Bafna
- ✓ Krutee Shah
- ✓ Megha John
- ✓ Neil Vaz
- ✓ Prakash A. Shah
- ✓ Rishabh Chandra
- ✓ Sanjeev Agrawal
- ✓ Saumil Vyas
- ✓ Shalini Mohan
- ✓ Sheshadhri Kumar Gupta
- ✓ Saurabh Pethe



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DRIVE

*"each one
reach one"*

Editor's Note:

➤ As part of our service to our members, the editor will post all job opportunity and job wanted ads at no cost. If you are an employer looking for qualified, experienced and hardworking engineer or architect forward your ads to us. If you are a member and seeking employment, please let us post your job wanted ad. Please e-mail your ad not more than 25-30 words to president@siaeany.org

➤ SIAEA event dates are tentative and subject to change. Confirmation of events shall be sent via email. Visit our website for further information.

"all omissions and errors are regretted"

Rajiv K. Bhagat
Editor-in-Chief
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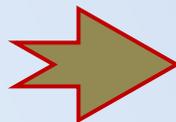
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday, 08/21/2011 | • India Day Parade, New York |
| Saturday, 08/27/2011 | • SIAEA Picnic, Warren Park, Woodbridge, NJ |
| Sep. 2011 (date being finalized) | • Grassroots Meeting, Washington DC |
| Saturday, 11/19/2011 | • Annual Gala |



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 11/19/2011 - Annual Gala

