William Rizzo Talks About the MOSES Petition

Mr. William J. Rizzo, Jr., President of Rizzo Associates in Natick, Massachusetts was the speaker at the most recent luncheon of the Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization. The luncheon was held at the Hilton Hotel in Natick on June 13, 1990.

Mr. Rizzo, representing the American Consulting Engineers Council/New England, spoke on the potential impact of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists (MOSES) petition. This binding referendum question is scheduled to be on the November ballot and if enacted it would substantially reduce the engineering workload that state and quasi-public agencies currently subcontract out to consultants.

Some of the other MOSES provisions include:

- a maximum limit on consultant’s fees
- consultants would be limited to overhead factors of 100%
- a two year limit on consultant’s contracts
- limit on consultant contract amendments of 10%
- no supervision of state employees by consultant’s personnel

It has been estimated that passage of the MOSES referendum petition will require the state to hire 40,000 to 50,000 new state employees.

Mr. Rizzo explained that the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) opposes the implementation of the MOSES petition and has been working within a coalition of affected groups to prevent the referendum from appearing on the November 1990 ballot. He urged the 35 NUCEAO members present to become informed about the referendum and to take a position on it.

Bill also directed his remarks to the tax packages being discussed in the Legislature, noting that the House of Representatives package stressed increases in the personal income tax, and the Senate version embraced a combination of income and sales tax increases. These differences are expected to be resolved by a conference committee comprising members of both Houses. Bill’s final remarks related to a proposal to make Professional Engineering exams mandatory in Massachusetts. It is still possible in this state for an engineer to be licensed without exam after twenty years of acceptable experience.

Bill is scheduled to update us again on the MOSES referendum petition at the next NUCEAO luncheon, October 16th, at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Natick.
Civil Engineering Alumni News

The Structural Steel Fabricators of New England announced that Franklin B. Davis '60, was elected President at the SSFNE's annual meeting held recently in Woodstock, Vermont.

Davis is President, Precise Fabricating Corporation, Georgetown, Massachusetts, a fabricator of structural steel and miscellaneous iron for bridges and buildings. He is a past president of NUCEAO.

This fall Dr. Mark Evans, '81 started teaching as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering. Mark will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in geotechnical engineering.

Emile W. J. Troup, P.E. '62, recently spoke to fifth grade students about civil engineering as a career and about earthquake engineering in particular. The 90-minute program was presented to 30 students at the Plymouth River Elementary School in Hingham, Massachusetts. Troup is a Vice President of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section/ASCE and a Director of The Engineering Center in Boston.

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc, Watertown, Massachusetts, recently named Thomas Lucivero, P.E., '75, as a Senior Associate and Joseph D. Magni, Jr., P.E., '77 and James R. Avitabile, P.E., '80 as Associates.

Seeking Reporters, Articles, News About Alumni Members

Do you like to write? We need reporters for the NUCEAO newsletter. We would like also to publish articles written by alumni members. Please consider writing a short article about advances or innovations in civil engineering practice, education, or research. If you have questions, you may call Bob Tillman at 617-437-3438.

Have you been promoted to a leadership role? Received recognition or an award? Published an article or chapter in a book? Conducted research? Started your own consulting practice or construction company? Been invited to speak or share your expertise? We would like to publish news about civil engineering alumni in our newsletter.

Please send news or articles to:
Bob Tillman, Newsletter Staff
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Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

1991 Annual Dinner

The NUCEAO Annual Alumni Dinner and business meeting will be held on Tuesday March 26, 1991 at the Northeastern University Ballroom located in the Ell Center, from 6:00 - 10:30 pm. As we have done in the past, a social hour will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 8:00 pm followed by awards and guest speakers. Election of new officers will be held at the business meeting.

The annual dinner provides a good opportunity to see old friends and classmates, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxing dinner. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual dinner!
At the August 8th meeting of the NUCEAO Executive Committee a motion was made and voted to donate $3,000 from the treasury to The Engineering Center Education Trust. A check for $1,000 was paid in September and the additional $2,000 balance will be paid before April 1, 1991. Since many Northeastern civil engineering alumni are represented in all three sponsoring association involved in The Engineering Center the pledge will be equally credited among the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section/ASCE, American Consulting Engineers Council/New England, and the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers.

It is the strong hope of the NUCEAO Executive Committee that news of this pledge will encourage other Northeastern University civil engineering alumni to participate in this exciting and long overdue effort.

Pledges to The Engineering Center Education Trust can be sent to:

The Engineering Center
One Walnut Street
Boston, Massachusetts, 02108

Our progressive and dynamic Civil Engineering Alumni Organization needs a new look. We invite the members of our organization to put their creative talents to work and design a new letterhead/masthead for NUCEAO. To accomplish this we challenge our members to the following contest:

**THE CHALLENGE**
To create a bright, new, distinctive letterhead for NUCEAO to use at its functions, on its correspondence and in its newsletter.

**THE RULES**
Work has to be the original work of the contestant. All entries become the property of NUCEAO. The decision of the judges is final.

**THE REQUIREMENTS**
Submit one drawing of your design at actual size, or at a suitable scale, in full color, if appropriate to the judging committee along with your name, address, and graduating class.

**THE JUDGES**
The NUCEAO Alumni Officers.

**THE PRIZE**
The winning entry will be given free admission to all 1990 - 1991 NUCEAO functions plus recognition at the Civil Engineering Alumni Association annual dinner.

**THE DEADLINE**
All entries must be submitted to NUCEAO by December 31, 1990 to the following address:

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