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From the President's Desk

This issue of the New York City newsletter touches on several noteworthy items. Some of these are new and others have been raised several times.

First of all, as you'll notice from the bold faced text in the next column, if you have still have not paid your membership dues for 2002 by this point, then you will be considered an "inactive member." In order to reactivate your membership, you will need to contact the National Board of Directors directly at the address for the "National Chapter" listed on the letterhead.

To date, approximately 60% of the 100 members on our mailing list have fulfilled their dues obligations. I thank you for your support.

Next, we've included a brief report on the Society's General Meeting which took place at the beginning of September. In short, all the members running for the Board and the changes to the by-laws were approved.

Perhaps the most exciting new item to bring to your attention centers on the introduction of the "UESA Lecture Series." These lectures will take place on a monthly basis and will tackle current, modern topics which we hope the community will find interesting. Although the lectures will be presented in English, the question and answer sessions will be bilingual.

One hope is that these lectures will serve as a forum in which to highlight the expertise within our own community. Board member Ivan Durbak has been working very hard to arrange interesting speakers & his efforts have paid off. Our inaugural lecture will cover the current happenings in Water Resource Management in the Iraqi Reconstruction Project. The speaker is a UESA member who has held a position as a senior advisor to the Iraqi Ministry during the

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Reconstruction project.

We invite the entire community, both Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian to these events. Please encourage your friends to attend. The more people who attend these events, the greater is the likelihood that we will be able to continue to attract such distinguished speakers.

With this issue of the newsletter, we've also introduced an official advertising rate schedule to our local newsletter. We will accept community and professional advertising which is consistent with the needs of both our members and the Society's mission statement as defined in our by-laws.

The proceeds from advertising will help the Chapter to continue to improve and expand the services we are able to provide to our members. In addition to the newsletter and the Lecture Series, the Board is looking to develop additional mentoring and networking opportunities which will benefit both our student and professional members.

Lastly, please do not forget that our local newsletter, the web site and the national newsletter are always looking for stories on the professional and personal accomplishments and events. I have received comments from several members that they most enjoy articles which keep them in touch with the doings of their friends and colleagues. Please send in information so that we may share it with our fellow members.

Until next time.....

Marco Shmerykowsky, PE

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2003 UESA General Meeting

The Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America's bi-annual General Membership meeting took place on Saturday, September 6th, 2003 in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania and was hosted by the UESA Philadelphia Chapter.

The UESA National Board for 2003-2005 term was elected via mail ballots issued to all UESA members in accordance with the Society's by-laws. The votes that were received by the day of the General Meeting were counted and verified by the head of the nominating committee, Mr. John Shmerykowsky, PE.

The election results are as follows:

- Andrij Wowk - President
- Marco Shmerykowsky, PE - Vice President
- Wolodymyr Rudakewycz – Treasurer
- Matthew Rakowsky – Secretary
- Tymish Hankewycz - Membership Coordinator
- Wasyl Kinach, PE – Board Member
- Bohdan Gerulak, AIA – Board Member
- Andrey Hankewycz – Board Member

Additionally, UESA members approved several amendments to the UESA by-laws via the mail-in ballots. Two of the most important amendments centered on membership levels and dues collection.



Attendees of the 2003 UESA General Meeting at the Philadelphia Meeting Location

The UESA membership approved the formal creation of new "associate" and "student" membership levels.

An "associate member" of the Society is defined as a person of Ukrainian descent who does not meet the requirements of a "full member", but supports the Society's mission as defined in the by-laws and will provide assistance in furthering the Society's work.

Furthermore, members classified as "associate members", have the right to participate and vote in regular and special Society Meetings on issues pertaining to the "associate membership" level and to vote in all matters pertaining to the associate membership level that are also decided by mail ballots, to serve on Society committees, to make use of the Society's library and other holdings and all privileges due to Society Members."

A "student member" of the Society is defined as a person of Ukrainian descent who is enrolled in a college program which focuses on one of the fields

applicable to either "full" or "associate" members.

Members classified as "student members", have the right to participate in regular and special Society Meetings, to serve on Society committees, to make use of the Society's library and other holdings and all privileges due to Society Members.

The other major approved change centered around the manner in which UESA collects its membership dues. Starting with the 2004 fiscal year, membership dues invoices will be issued directly by the National Executive Board and members will return their payments directly to the National Treasurer. The National Treasurer will then reimburse 40% of the funds collected from each chapter to the respective local treasurer.

It should be noted that the New York City chapter has participated in a pilot program designed to test such a collection system. In general, the New York City Chapter Board of Directors was satisfied with the collection system and supported the approval of this amendment. With respect to our Chapter's membership, the dues collection process will appear to be more or less the same as for 2002.

On a related issue, the national budget for the coming 2003 to 2005 term was presented. This budget accounted for all of the increased activities which the Board of Directors has enacted over the past two years and plans to continue. These activities include items such as the publication of a quarterly national newsletter, the national membership directory, and the planned "UESA historical book."

It was noted that the largest expenses were related to postage and to the production of various communication initiatives such as the newsletter and the Ukrainian Engineering News, also known as the Visti.

In order to balance the budget, the Board of Directors proposed increasing dues and selling advertising space in UESA's various publications. The board felt that this was necessary in order to accommodate real world increases in the costs associated with printing and postage.

The proposal for the dues increase outlined that the dues for "Full or Professional" members and "Associate" members would be increased to \$50 from \$35 per year and that "Retired" members (both full and associate) would have their dues increased to \$30 from \$20 per year. The student membership rate was set at \$15 per year.

Those present at the General Meeting voted on the dues increase, and after a much heated discussion, the proposal was approved.

The discussion on the Society's finances also noted that for the 2002 fiscal year the following amounts were collected for the Society's various funds:

- Computers for Ukraine - \$130
- Scholarship Fund - \$220
- Press Fund - \$290
- General Donations - \$1,205

Finally, the financial report noted that UESA shirt sales brought in \$1,222. [*I'd like to personally note that in addition to helping the Society financially, these shirts help "advertise" the Society to others. This past Labor Day weekend, for example, NYC Board Member Ivan Durbak wore his shirts while competing in the Soyuzivka Tennis Tournament and Roman Kyzyk wore a UESA shirt while serving as Master of Ceremonies during Soyuzivka's afternoon performances.*]

It should also be noted that one of the approved by-law amendments stated that a local Chapter could make a request at the General Meeting for an additional dues assessment if it was felt that the 40% share of the Society's membership dues was inadequate.

The New York City Chapter felt that the amount collected as a result of the new dues amounts was adequate for its budget, and as a result we did **not** request an additional dues assessment.

One point of contention during the General Meeting was the absence of the National Treasurer at the meeting. Although an overall financial report was presented by the President, it was noted that the Auditing Committee was unable to meet with the outgoing treasurer. In order to resolve this matter, the members presiding at the meeting voted to mandate that the previous treasurer retain his position until he meets with the Auditing Committee for the review of the Society's financial records. It was decided that this review must be completed by October 6, 2003.

The General Meeting also included reports from the local chapters in attendance. This included a report from Detroit chapter president Dianna Korduba Sawicky, New Jersey chapter president Mathew Rakowsky, New York City chapter president Marco Shmerykowsky, PE and Philadelphia chapter president Metodij Boretsky, PE.

A key portion of the meeting was the presentation of the president's report by Mr. Andrij Wowk. In his report he noted that the 2003 General Meeting, falling on the same year as the 55th anniversary of the UESA, comes at "a critical time" in the history of the Society, as the organization strives to preserve its past while looking to the future.

Noting accomplishments of the Board during the previous administration, such as playing a key role in two summits of Ukrainian-American organizations, the revival of a scheduled newsletter, and the publication of a modern Membership Directory, Mr. Wowk said there is still much that UESA can do to make the organization more relevant to the needs of current-day technical professionals, students and the community.

He expressed enthusiasm about areas the new Board plans to focus on in 2003-2005, which include:

- Implementing a student scholarship program
- Increasing cooperation with Ukraine
- Re-evaluating and improving UESA publications, especially in regards to the contributions of Ukrainians and Ukrainian-Americans to science and technology;
- Organizing a national technical conference
- Improving communication between the Society and the Ukrainian-American and non-Ukrainian communities.

The General Meeting included an awards ceremony for several outstanding UESA members. Dr. Lubomyr Romankiw, a noted research scientist at IBM, was awarded the 2003 "UESA Member of the Year" award and honorary membership status. The award recognizes Dr. Romankiw's pioneering work in magnetic recording head technology, which forms the basis for almost all computer disk drives in use today.



Dr. Lubomyr Romankiw receiving the "2003 Member of the Year" award from President Andrij Wowk

Also recognized were members Dr. Oleksa Bilaniuk, the current president of the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences (award for professional and community achievement), and past UESA president Dr. Lew Dobrjanskyj (award for lifelong UESA activity).

Mr. Wowk ended his presentation by calling on all UESA members to assist the Board with these projects in the coming two years.

Advertise in the UESA-NYC Newsletter

The New York City Chapter has decided to begin accepting community and professional advertising for publication in our newsletter. The Chapter's Board of Directors reserves the right to approve the appropriateness of all advertising submitted to the newsletter.

The New York City Chapter Newsletter is published bi-monthly by UESA-NYC and is distributed to all chapter members. Additionally, past issues are archived on the UESA web site and are accessible by the entire internet community.

The following rates have been set:

Full Page	-	\$75 per issue
Half Page	-	\$50 per issue
Quarter Page	-	\$25 per issue
Eighth Page	-	\$12.50 per issue

Page size is 8.5 by 11 inches. Discounts are available for space purchased across multiple issues.

For additional information, please contact us at the address on the letterhead or via e-mail at nyc@uesa.org,

Upcoming Events for 2003

October 18 - Fall Zabava in New York City



The New York City Chapter of the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America (UESA), the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), and the Ukrainian Institute of America invite you to their annual Fall Zabava in New York City with music provided by "Tempo".

The zabava will start at 9:00pm and will take place at the Ukrainian Institute of America at 2 East 79th Street in New York City. Admission will be: Students - \$30, Members (UESA, UMANA, UIA) - \$40, and Non-Members - \$50. There will be a cash bar.

October 28 - UESA Lecture Series

Subject: "Water Resource Management: Theory and Practice in the Iraqi Reconstruction Project"

Speaker: Dr. Eugene Stakhiv, who works for the Institute for Water Resources (IWR), US Army Corps of Engineers, and recently served as Senior Advisor to Iraq's Ministry of Irrigation from April 13 to August 15, 2003

Time: Sign-in / Networking - 6:45 pm
Lecture - 7:15 pm

Location: UESA meeting room at the Ukrainian Institute of America at 2 East 79th Street in New York City.

Admission: \$5 per person, Students free (with valid school identification card)

November 19 - UESA Lecture Series

Subject: "Applications in Optimal Estimation"

Speaker: Mr. Peter Halatyn (Lockeed Martin)

Time: Sign-in / Networking - 6:45 pm
Lecture - 7:15 pm

Location: UESA meeting room at the Ukrainian Institute of America at 2 East 79th Street in New York City.

Admission: \$5 per person, Students free (with valid school identification card)

December 13 - Annual NYC Yalynka



The Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America, the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America and the Ukrainian Institute of America invite their members and friends to their annual Christmas celebration. Details will follow in the coming months.

December 17 - UESA Lecture Series

Subject: "Computer Security" – The first in a series of computer use lectures

Speaker: Mr. Ivan Durbak (Downstate Medical Center)

Time: Sign-in / Networking - 6:45 pm
Lecture - 7:15 pm

Location: UESA meeting room at the Ukrainian Institute of America at 2 East 79th Street in New York City.

Admission: \$5 per person, Students free (with valid school identification card)

Chapter Event – Inaugural UESA Lecture Series – October 28, 2003

Subject: "Water Resource Management: Theory and Practice in the Iraqi Reconstruction Project"

Speaker: Dr. Eugene Stakhiv

Location: UESA Meeting Room at the Ukrainian Institute of America
2 East 79th Street, New York City

Time: Sign-in Registration – 6:45pm, Lecture 7:15pm

Admission: \$5 per person, Students free (with valid school ID)

(The lecture will be in English, the Questions and Answers may be in either Ukrainian or English)

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