

Memo: October 22, 2006
To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members
From: Howard Apsan
Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLC, September 26, 2006

Opening

The September NYCER meeting was held at Hughes Hubbard & Reed law firm on September 26, 2006. Susan Millington Campbell, a partner in the Environmental Compliance Practice at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, served as host of the meeting, and Karen Belin of CUNY recorded the minutes. The minutes of the previous NYCER meeting were approved by acclamation.

Susan opened the meeting by welcoming the NYCER members to Hughes Hubbard & Reed, after which, the members and guests took a few moments to introduce themselves.

Audits

EPA audits are still being conducted at a number of NYCER institutions. Additionally, several members spoke about ongoing follow-up, including execution of supplemental environmental programs and implementation of environmental management systems. In fact, several members asked for more information on EMS development. Finally, the hospital audit initiative is progressing and many NYCER institutions are implementing programs in response.

Updates in Brief

The SEHSA 2006 Fall Conference at Lake Placid on October 23, 2006 was announced to remind NYCER members of the value of networking and sharing information with our New York State colleagues. The SEHSA Spring 2007 Conference will be a 2-day conference held on April 26 and 27, 2007 and we will try to find some opportunities for NYCER interaction with SEHSA. All those interested in becoming a SEHSA member can do so at www.sehsa.org.

Presentation

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Alan J. Steinberg, Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2**. Mr. Steinberg discussed his goals as Regional Administrator as well as projects within EPA Region 2. EPA Region 2 has coordinated a sustainability initiative, involving programs such as Energy Star. Their sustainability initiative also includes mass transit incentives, energy and paper consumption, waste consumption, recycling, and partnerships between the public and private sector, including self-audit and Performance Track programs. A brief question and answer period followed. We thank Mr. Steinberg for his valuable presentation and for engaging in such a lively discussion.

Upcoming Meetings

The last NYCER meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (please note time change for this meeting) at Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, 425 East 61st Street in Manhattan, in Room 301. In addition to our regular NYCER agenda we will have a presentation by **Riva Krut, Ph.D., Vice President and Regional Manager at Cameron-Cole, LLC, on the “C2E2 2006 Benchmark Survey of Environmental Management Systems at Colleges and Universities.”** All those interested in hosting any 2007 meetings should contact Karen Belin at (212) 794-5630 or at karen.belin@mail.cuny.edu.

A CUNY-wide academic conference on “Energy and Environmental Sustainability: Science, Engineering, and Public Policy,” will be held at the CUNY Graduate Center on December 8, 2006. One of anticipated speakers, Dr. Robert Kulikowski, Director, in the New York City Office of Environmental Coordination (NYC OEC), will give an update on the New York City Sustainability Initiative discussed during the May NYCER meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.