



2006 Annual Chapter Report

The IECA Northeast Chapter ("NEC") had an entire incarnation before I joined, so my perspective is somewhat limited. But *Partners for Excellence* is not asking for the history of the chapter, just the current state; so I suppose my snapshot-in-time view will do. At the end of my first year as Chapter President, I am pleased to report that the NEC has had a good year and that feedback from the Board of Directors ("Board"), other members and conference attendees has been positive.

In January, NEC membership doubled because the IECA now requires all members to join a Chapter as well. The NEC roster jumped from ~70 to 145 members in January, and another forty-some have joined since.

The NEC serves a large geographic region, so the Board implemented the practice of meeting via conference call; attendance improved and we were able to meet more frequently. A schedule of Quarterly Conference Calls, open to NEC members and friends, was set and several new members rang in. Twice as many people as usual were involved in planning for the NEC's annual conference.

NEC held its first 3-day event this year, a conference & trade exposition in Albany. *Countdown to Stormwater Compliance*, on 31 Oct - 2 Nov 2006, was a success according to exit surveys and general commentary. The CPESC® Review was offered on the 31st; the program on the 1st & 2nd included presentations, exhibits, the CPESC® & CPSWQ™ Exams, field demonstrations, our Annual Membership Meeting, an evening Reception and prizes. It is not a coincidence - tele-meeting made a *HUGE* difference.

NEC bylaws were revised at the Annual Membership Meeting to allow for four *At Large* representatives. A month later, the Board appointed two long-active members to three-year terms as Representatives At Large and two newer members to 1-year terms. The Board has a new Treasurer, and plans to formalize Job Descriptions.

The NEC met all of the IECA's Minimum Annual Standards for fully chartered chapters. We met most of our own Short Term Goals for 2006, although some had to be rolled into the goals for 2007. The Board plans to hold a technical conference in the spring, in addition to our annual fall event, and is considering RI for the event.

Respectfully submitted -

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