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## Meeting Minutes - #227 December 14, 2022

In-Person Meeting Seasons 52 – McLean, VA

### Meeting Agenda:



6:30 PM – Business meeting called to order by Michael Zajac

7:00 PM – Presentation: Managing Risk During The Construction Administration Phase / Death By 1000 RFIs

8:30 PM - Adjourn

# Item 1: October 2022 Main Organization meeting minutes unanimously approved.

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#### Item 2 - Financial Committee:

- MO balance \$90,300.
- YMG balance \$6,600.

## Item 3 - NCSEA: Michael Zajac

National Board member group wants to visit SEA-MW in spring 2023

#### <u>Item 4</u> - Awards and Gala Committee:

- 2023 Gala will be February 25, 2023
- The Venue is St. Francis Hall (similar to 2020 format)
- Project finalists will be announced before the end of the year

## <u>Item 5</u> - Communications Committee: Joe Spaziani

• No update.

#### <u>Item 6</u> - Code Committee: Dave Smith

• Submit concerns/issues/topics to committee

#### <u>Item 7</u> - SE3: Jen Greenawalt

- Last Happy Hour next week
- January meeting will be a collaboration of the YMG and BoD
- Book club kicks off in January
- Krissia presented the SE3 trivia results:
- winner #1 Bill McLain
- winner #2 Rose Rodriguez
- winner #3 Maria Parker



#### December 14, 2022 Program:

# Managing Risk During The Construction Administration Phase / Death By 1000 RFIs



#### **SPEAKERS**:

- Jonathan Shoemaker Lee/Shoemaker
- Matthew Daw Simpson, Gumpertz, & Heger
- Lauren Martin Ames & Gough

#### December 14, 2022 Program:

## Managing Risk During The Construction Administration Phase / Death By 1000 RFIs



#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**:

- Membership submitted questions prior to the meeting that were read and responded to by the panel.
- Lots of good questions and the following is a summary of some of the key takeaways:
  - Follow Division 1 of specs and requirements of Construction Documents (don't be a push over or set a bad precedent at the beginning of the project)

#### - RFIs:

- Respond as fast as possible, but don't prioritize contractor/response time versus standard of care as this could lead to more RFIs/issues/delays.
- Typical RFI turnaround time is 5 days but confirm based on Contract/Construction Documents.

#### December 14, 2022 Program:

# Managing Risk During The Construction Administration Phase / Death By 1000 RFIs



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (continued):

- RFIs (continued):
  - Make the contractor clarify poorly written RFIs or clarify your understanding of the facts in the response and attach additional documentation, photos, emails, etc. for reference.
- Maintain your own log of shop drawings and RFIs
- Run BIM clash detection before submission to contractor
- Add a clause in contract for risk associates with early submission packages
- Make the contractor follow substitution process and not use the RFI or shop drawing process for this
- The floor was opened up for Q&A

Program concludes at 8:52 PM.