

## THE STA: WORKING FOR YOU

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By Hank Kita, *Executive Director*

As we approach the summer months, there is much to report on the activities of the STA.

The STA held its Annual Meeting on June 13 at the Manhattan Club here in midtown Manhattan. Attended by 95 STA members, the meeting featured the election of new officers and board members as well as an excellent presentation by representatives of Plaza Construction. Rob Weiss of A.J. McNulty was elected President of the STA for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. With Mr. Weiss' election, Bob Ansbro of the New York Roofing Company will be stepping down after serving as President of the STA for three years. Mr. Ansbro's legacy as our president will be a strong commitment to advocacy for the health and well-being of the STA, and his accomplishments were deservedly recognized during the Annual Meeting. In addition, Senior Vice President of Plaza Construction Ark Latt led a panel discussion on upcoming project opportunities by Plaza as well as tips on how to do business with the firm. The Plaza presentation was well received by the members in attendance. STA members can look forward to similar presentations by prominent general contractors and construction managers at general membership meetings and seminars in the coming year.

Various STA committees are very active. The Public Agencies committee recently met with the School Construction Authority, Department of Design and Construction, and the New York City Housing Authority. This committee will actively work with these public agencies over the summer and beyond addressing subcontractor issues such as safety, payment, and permitting, among others.

As always, the STA Legislative Committee led by Arthur Rubinstein, continues to push for legislation in Albany which will benefit not only our subcontractor members but also subcontractors across the State of New York. During the current legislative session the STA along with a coalition of construction associations strongly lobbied for legislation in areas such as Damages for Delay, a definition of "substantial completion", and retainage on public projects. (Please look for additional information on the STA's Legislative Committee agenda in our July/August newsletter).

Over the past three months, the STA has convened a Strategic Planning Committee. Comprised of STA Board Members and chaired by Jake Bidosky of Keystone Management, this Committee will plot the course for the STA programmatically and financially for the next three years. This Committee will file a final report for the STA membership in the early Fall of this year.

Likewise, the STA's Marketing and Communications Committee has been hard at work since the beginning of this year charting a new course for how the STA communicates with its members, the construction industry at large, owners and developers, as well as public agencies. This Committee chaired by Pat Gallagher of Cannon Mechanical, has recently selected a new marketing consultant to assist in the rebranding and development of new communications strategies for the STA. Look for a different approach to communications with our members, new educational programs, as well as outreach strategies for new members in the coming months.

We are constantly looking for new volunteers and I ask that you consider joining one of our committees and help to make the STA the "place to be" for union subcontractors in New York City.