



## Structural Engineers Association of New York SEAoNY 2013-214 Board of Directors

For the year beginning September 1, 2013, Brian Falconer will become President. Directors Jonathan Hernandez and Brad Kiefer, will continue to serve their second year. Scott Hughes has completed his term as President, Vesna Hadzibabic, Sara Steele, and Benjamin Pimentel have completed their terms as Directors, and Doug González has completed his term as Secretary. SEAoNY thanks all of them for their work for the organization.

Elections were held for President-Elect, Secretary, and three Directors.

### President-Elect



**Eli Gottlieb**, P.E. is a registered professional engineer in New York, and an associate adjunct professor at Columbia University in the Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics Department. Mr. Gottlieb is currently a member of the Structural Engineers Association of New York and the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in structural engineering and applied science from Princeton University and a master's degree in civil engineering and engineering mechanics from Columbia University. Mr. Gottlieb's experience includes structural analysis, design and review of a variety of building types, including commercial buildings, hotels and sports facilities. His responsibilities include development of plans, details and sections of contract drawings from conception to completion and review of contractor's submittals for compliance to technical specifications. His projects include Times Square Tower, 5 Times Square, Nationwide Arena, and the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian.

### Secretary



**Benjamin Pimentel**, P.E. is Managing Partner of Rosenwasser/Grossman Consulting Engineers, P.C., which he joined in 2004. He is responsible for the day to day operations of the firm, the initial structural design of buildings, as well as project management. Additionally, he implemented and oversees the firm's Building Information Modeling projects, and he oversaw the application and certification by International Accreditation Service for the firm's Special Inspections department. He has designed many notable and challenging high-rise buildings in New York City with past experience including the 1.2 million square foot, 60-story MiMa at 440 West 42nd Street, the 26-story "M&M Building" at 1600 Broadway, and the 40-story Oro condominiums in Brooklyn. He participated in the SEAoNY IBC-NYC code comparison study, contributing to the concrete section. Currently, he is representing several buildings along the Second Avenue Subway line, and is involved in multiple new construction sites throughout New York City. He is a graduate of Roger Williams University.

## Directors



**Douglas P. González** is an Associate Partner at LERA. Joining the firm in 1991, Mr. González has been involved with the structural design of many of the firm's cultural and civic projects including the Newseum and Freedom Forum in Washington D.C., the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, AR; the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland; the Baltimore Convention Center Expansion in Maryland and the Apollo Theater in Harlem, NYC. He is an active member of the SEAoNY Code and Standards and Membership Committees. Currently, he is working on a new 5-story research building for Novartis Pharmaceuticals in East Hanover, NJ, several new facilities for the NYU Langone Medical Center, and the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center Renovation and Expansion in New York City, all currently under construction. Mr. González's experience ranges from new construction consisting of long spans and exposed structures to the modification, renovation, and restoration of existing structures. Additionally, Mr. González held the titles of Secretary, Vice-Chair, and Chair for the ASCE Metropolitan Section Structures Group, and was a member of the Structures Congress (NYC) Steering Committee in 2005. He was also a member of the SEAoNY IBC-NYC code comparison study and participated in the NYC Building Department model code development program. Mr. González holds a Master of Science from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Engineering from The Cooper Union in New York City.



**Eugene Kim**'s projects range from the interior renovation of the 40 story Bertelsmann Building in New York to the new Herb Alpert Educational Village, a non-profit college preparatory school in Santa Monica, CA. Eugene joined GMS right out of Columbia in 2005 and when he is not busy engineering, he serves as the company's team captain for CANstruction, an annual event to fight hunger.



**James Vignola**, P.E. is a senior structural engineer at STV Incorporated. He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College and a Master's of Civil Engineering with a structural concentration from Stevens Institute of Technology. He has a wide range of experience in many types of construction, from modern single family homes up to large scale institutional buildings. He worked for several years at a boutique engineering firm for which he provided consulting services for smaller high end projects such as free form architectural stairs or museum exhibits, as well as many townhouse renovations throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn. At STV, he has consulted on numerous commercial construction projects for various schools, universities, hospitals and other public agencies including federal work. Throughout his career, Mr. Vignola has amassed extensive experience with restoration of all types, including many exterior envelope repair and restoration projects in and around New York City. He is also very involved with the development of workflows and best practices related to the use of BIM and integrated analytical modeling and has completed several design project using various 3D software.