



# STATE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION

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## **State Engineering Association Members Choose President**

MADISON – Members of the State Engineering Association (SEA) have elected Mark Klipstein as SEA President. Klipstein is a Civil Engineer at the Department of Transportation in Waukesha. He has been an active member of SEA since 1988. In his acceptance speech, Klipstein stated that one of his goals is to “convey the value of SEA members and all they do for the people of Wisconsin.”

“It is popular to cut state employees and contract out the work they did. Contracting out state employees’ work costs taxpayers more and they often get less,” Klipstein said.

“I’m hopeful when I read about the Governor’s new initiative to bring accountability to contracting out state government. Many people I have talked to are shocked to find out that state agencies don’t do cost analyses before contracting out work. It is heartening that the Governor acknowledges many services are best and most efficiently performed by state employees. This review of state spending and contracting will help determine the most cost-effective way for the state to do business.”

State agency studies, conducted since 1985, have consistently shown that contracting out work is much more costly than performing design and construction engineering work in-house.

“We expect this new analysis will show state engineering professionals are significantly more cost-efficient, effective and accountable than contractors,” said Klipstein.

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Members also elected: Sharon Bremser (Public Service Commission – Madison) as First Vice President - Grievance Officer; Dave Bohnsack (Department of Transportation – La Crosse) as Second Vice President - Legislative Liaison; John Bolka (Department of Transportation – Waukesha) as Secretary; and Nick Martin (Department of Transportation – Waukesha) as Treasurer.

SEA is a bargaining unit of more than 1,000 engineers and engineering-related professionals in a dozen state agencies. We are a group of people dedicated to ensuring the quality and safety of life of every Wisconsin resident.