

“Tall Buildings are an Extravagant Waste” – bar debate March 29th 2011.

An Institution of Civil Engineers New York joint event with the Structural Engineers Association of New York.

Another successful bar debate was held on Tuesday March 29th in New York at the 11th Street Bar. This is the 9th bar debate we have held and this time we were pleased to hold it jointly with SEAoNY. ICE supplied 2 speakers and the moderator and SEAoNY supplied 2 speakers.

The motion was “Tall Buildings are an Extravagant Waste”.

Speaking for the motion were Daniel Urrutia of Buro Happold and Chris Cerino of STV. Speaking against the motion were Zak Kostura of Arup and Linda McKenna of AECOM. Moderator was Richard Giffen of Arup and Chairman of ICE New York.

The event was well attended with around 50 attendees from ICE and SEAoNY memberships and guests. A lively debate ensued with speakers highlighting the issues and responding to questions from the audience. At the conclusion a vote was held and the motion was defeated by approximately 28 votes to 17.



Daniel Urrutia



Zak Kostura



Chris Cerino



Linda McKenna



Richard Giffen



Yunlu Shen (SEAoNY)

Questions from the audience....

