



# New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers

A state society of the National Society of Professional Engineers

## Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE November 18, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  Location: <b>AECOM 1155 Elm Street, Suite 401, Manchester, NH</b>	X	Dirk Grotenhuis, PE (President)*		Matt Low, PE (Teachers Awards)
	X	Jason Beaudet, PE (Past President)*		Ben Pratt, PE (Mathcounts)
		Carl Thunberg, PE (Pres. Elect, Scholar.)*		Bill Straub, PE (QBS Representative)
		Vacant (Vice President)*		Bob Rotier (Student Outreach)
	X	Julie Whitmore, PE (Secretary)*		Larry Dwyer, PE (JES & Eweek Chair)
		Chuck Gregory, PE (Treasurer)*		Scott Carter, PE (Webmaster)
	X	Roch Larochelle, PE (NH - Delegate)*		John Martin, PE (NE - Director)
	X	Gregg Comstock, PE (Director)*		Ted Setas, PE (Observer)
	X	Corey Dietrich, EIT (Dir., Mem. Chair)*	X	John Goudreault, PE
		Nita Patel, PE (Director)*	X	Paul Schmidt, PE
*Voting Board Member		Thalia Valkanos, EIT (Director)*		

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (**Vote**)
  - a. Jay motions to approve minutes
  - b. Roch seconds
  - c. Unanimous approval

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. *Treasurer's Report (Chuck)*

- Treasurers Report
  - Net loss on UNH meeting, but good draw of students and members
  - Accounts summarized
- 2015-2016 Budget
  - Not reviewed/modified

#### 2. *Society Governance*

- Next Observer Issue (Ted) - Issue No. 2 deadlines and articles
  - Articles due Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Dirk – Ghana
  - Thalia – Southside
  - Jay – National
- Website Update (Scott) – Edits to be made (Dirk/Jay)
  - No changes yet
  - Dirk to follow up with Scott
  - EOY/YEOY update for current society presidents
  - Domain name for NHJES is almost expired and needs to be updated
  - NHSPE no longer has access to A drive
  - Corey downloaded all information to a disk
  - Dirk has possession of disk
  - Roch asked if we can use something else to store information
  - Maybe consider using external hard drive maintained by designated person (admin?)
  - Corey to look into storage solutions and provide cost comparison of systems
  - Corey to develop protocol of how to store info and who is responsible
- Board and Subcommittee Positions
  - 2015/2016: Need VP and NHSEE liaison
  - 2016/2017: Need Teacher's Awards, MathCounts, and Treasurer
    - John G. considering Treasurer position
  - Potential candidates
    - Jim Donaldson
    - Brian Vincent, does not want to commit to VP, but wants to stay involved
    - April Talon, Durham Town Engineer

- Mike Dugas (Ted?)

### 3. *Professional Development and Continuing Education*

- Upcoming Meetings
  - November 12 5:30pm – UNH –Ghana
    - Additional trip to site in December
    - In addition to solar panels, rebuilding school to provide structure for the panels
    - Funding secured to reconstruct school building
    - Need to consider maintenance and sustainability
    - Use the site as a community center for gatherings and entertainment
    - Charge small fee for use to pay for maintenance
    - Focus is on the solar system, installation, and maintenance
  - December 8 – NHDES Update – Puritan
    - Announcement out
  - January – VACANT
    - City of Manchester LED upgrade
    - Lunch meeting preferred
    - Puritan or Public Works Facility?
  - February 25 - EWeek Banquet
    - Need technical speakers
    - Jay has rep's from all societies except ASHRAE
    - Resubmit EOY package from last year
  - March – VACANT
  - April – VACANT
  - May ? – New PE Dinner
  - June ? – NHSPE Annual Meeting
    - Has anyone requested a national rep?
    - May be difficult to secure a rep since national meeting is in June
    - Dirk to follow up
- Vacant Meeting topics
  - Climate Change (??)
  - NH Stormwater (??)
  - Eversource – (Carl)
  - Next Step Bionics (Jay)

### 4. *Public Image and Student Outreach*

- MATHCOUNTS (Ben /Gregg)
  - Schools are registering, still open
- Teacher's Award (Matt L.)
  - Letters distributed
- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship (Dirk)
  - Solicitation letters out this month
- New Hampshire Science and Engineering Exposition (NHSEE) (vacant)
  - Looking for student outreach and fundraising
  - Dirk to reach out to Bob Rotier regarding interest
- UNH presentation
  - ERWI
  - Society panel: NHSPE, EWRI, SWE, ASCE, and one other org
  - Student engagement in societies was the topic
  - Society involvement as a networking opportunity

### 5. *Government Affairs*

- Legislation Update (Carl)
  - No updates

### 6. *State Society Collaboration*

- NHJES (Larry)
  - Successful 2015 meeting
  - Start up meeting in December or January
  - Should NHSPE consider requesting funding to support scholarship or other donations?
- E-Week (Larry)
- NHQBS
  - Nothing to report
  - Would like Bill Straub to provide update

#### 7. *Membership*

- Membership Report (Corey)
  - Gained 2 members
  - Corey had to work with national regarding mailed applications
  - Delinquent members notified monthly
  - Dropped members notified every 3 months
  - Roch asked Corey to request national to notify states once national alerts dropped/delinquent members of status

#### 8. *National/Regional & Other Issues*

- Group 3 NSPE Professional Policy 168 and NSPE Position Statements 1737 and 1739 (**Vote**)
  - Vote is to relax language for additional education as part of prerequisite for licensure and provide additional flexibility for those requirements
  - NSPE has a position on this in order to maintain some vested interest and input
  - This policy focuses on the future and the needs of the engineer and demands on the engineer in the future
  - How does this correlate to salaries? Will the engineer be reasonably compensated for additional education?
  - Language could change before vote
  - There is a chance that this vote could move to national meeting
  - Vote is set to occur from Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Vote from board not needed
  - Roch will communicate any changes

#### 9. *Other news:*

- NH hosting 2019 Regional Meeting
- Setup subcommittee over next couple of meetings

Meeting adjourned 8:30