

**NHSPE BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, 19 April 2007**

**Meeting Attendees**

Roch Larochelle, PE* (President)	Larry Dwyer, PE* (Treas.)	Matt Purcell, PE* (Delegate)
Dan Hudson, PE * (President Elect)	Veronica Thibodeau-Carter, PE,* (Director)	Gregg Comstock, PE
Matt Low, PE * (Vice President)		

\* Voting Board Members

**Meeting Location – CLD Consulting Engineers Office (Manchester NH)**

From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, NHSPE Board entertained a presentation by the Team 501 program from Manchester West High School.

R. Larochelle called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Review and approve March 2007 meeting minutes.**

Minor comments will be issued to J. DiGenova by email, revised and an email vote to approve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

- L. Dwyer provided overview and handed out report. Monthly meetings are making some money. New PE Dinner lost \$250.00. Larry submitted an invoice to NHSPE, approximately \$1,000, for reimbursable expenses. Net income is about \$1,700. NHSPE has about \$20,400 in main account.
- Scholarships income is down. Net income after mailing expenses is about \$1,800.
- Mathcounts will be approximately a \$4,000 loss. Some discussion regarding fundraising. Gregg Comstock volunteered to work with Bob Baskerville with fundraising.
- M. Purcell made a motion to approve treasures report, V. Thibodeau-Carter seconded. No discussion, passed unanimously.

**2. Society Governance**

- Membership Committee Chair - Walter Durack, UNH Student is interested. There is a lot to do with membership as there has not been a chair in a few years.

M. Purcell made a motion that we appoint Walter Durack as Membership Committee Chair. This motion was seconded by L. Dwyer. Some discussion on the term of the position, duties, responsibilities, etc.

D. Hudson handed out and reviewed the dropped and delinquent list.

Board voted Walter Durack to be Membership Committee Chair unanimously.

- Slate of Officers – sent out recently.

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**3. Professional Development and Continuing Education**

- May 10, 2007: Announcement sent to local media outlets. Lists developed by NSPE.
- June 12 2007: All set, facility has been reserved, meeting will be at Hilton at Fisher Cat Stadium. Dinner cost has not yet been determined. Kathryn Gray will be attending and NSPE will likely pay for her room and board.

**4. Public Image and Student Outreach**

- NHSPE scholarship – Larry has received 45 applications to review. Trying to announce scholarships to coincide with UNH Awards Ceremony.  
  
D. Hudson made a motion to fund three (3) \$1,000 scholarships. V. Thibodeau-Carter seconded, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- Teachers Awards – D. Hudson provided an overview of the program.

**5. Government Affairs**

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives – Some discussion on the list distributed by P. Decker by e-mail. M. Purcell discussed HB 81 and the fact that includes language to adopt IBC 2006. Also, light gauge steel cannot be designed as Design-Build, but must be design professionals responsibility.
- Government/Public Relations Campaign – Roch discussed CAPWIZ and how NHSPE may be able to share information with NSPE National or other state organizations. Discussion of PAC (Political Action Committee) creation of alliance with ASCE. NH ASCE does very little with regard to legislation, similar to NHSPE.
- QBS – No report from Bill Straub.

**6. State Society Collaboration**

- October 2007 Conference – a large fundraising mailing will be going out in the near future (end of April). Registration forms will be going out in August.

**7. Membership**

- Statewide Mailing went out recently. NHSPE spent all the NSPE money. Approximately 700 letters went to PE's in NH that are not members of NHSPE.
- State Center Tri-fold – R. Larochelle is looking for a volunteer to spearhead this effort. M. Purcell volunteered to lead the effort.

**8. National / Regional and Other Issues**

- M. Purcell announced that he is secretary effective July 1, 2007. M. Purcell has four (4) motions to be evaluated at the upcoming House of Delegates meeting. The concept of an “Affiliated Member” was discussed. This is a classification of NSPE membership for a non-licensure track person. Should this classification be on a National or State level?

The Board discussed the issue of licensed/non-licensed members. M. Purcell says 95% of members are licensed or on licensure track.

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- Unified Dues – This would clean up the dues structure to create a standard national dues and set state dues rate, for all states. Mostly larger state organizations seem to be in favor of this motion. This would impact NHSPE dues by raising dues substantially. We would likely lose members.
- Governance – This motion is in regard to changing the new governance. NHSPE feeling is that we should allow the new system to work for awhile before it is changed.
- Memorandums of Understanding – Should NHSPE have MOU's with any other organizations or not? They are essentially binding contracts that are agreements on what two (2) organizations are going to do together. NHSPE will recommend that the MOU's be evaluated on a case by case basis.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Denver National Conference Budget for R. Larochelle and D. Hudson to go to Denver.

Matt Purcell made a motion to allow R. Larochelle and D. Hudson to attend conference, L. Dwyer seconded the motion, M. Low suggested that a dollar figure be included in the motion, D. Hudson suggested to not exceed \$3,000, M. Purcell accepted the amendment to the motion.

V. Thibodeau-Carter motions to adjourn, M. Purcell seconds and the group approves. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew J. Low, P.E., SECB  
Vice President