

NHSPE BOD Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26 2006

Meeting Attendees

Roch Larochelle P.E.	George Fredette, P.E.	
Paul Schmidt P.E.	Holly Clark, P.E.	
Dan Hudson P.E.	Joe Ducharme, P.E.	
Larry Dwyer, P.E.	John DiGenova, P.E.	

Roch Larochelle called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

OLD BUSINESS

Review minutes from November and December 2005 BOD Meetings

Meeting minutes were reviewed for the November and December 2005 BOD Meetings. Revisions were noted. Larry Dwyer motioned to accept the November meeting minutes, Paul Schmidt seconded and the group approved the November meeting minutes. Dan Hudson motioned to accept the December meeting minutes, Larry Dwyer seconded and the group approved the December meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report

- Larry Dwyer presented the Profit/Loss Detail from the Period July 1 2005 to January 25 2006 for review. Paul Schmidt motioned to accept the Profit/Loss Detail, Dan Hudson seconded and the group approved the Profit/Loss Detail.

2. Society Governance

- Update to By-Laws/Constitution – Joe Ducharme requests any feedback from board members concerning the previously submitted by-laws/constitution updates. Joe proposed contacting attorneys to begin legal review. Joe has an attorney engaged who will do the review on a pro-bono basis. Final board acceptance of the new by-laws should occur by April 1, 2006 so that ballots can be distributed to membership and votes tallied prior to annual meeting in June.

3. Professional Development and Continuing Education

- January Luncheon Meeting (DES Update on Rules and Regulations) – Joe Ducharme and Roch Larochelle report that the January Luncheon Meeting (DES Update on Rules and Regulations) was a success. Attendance was 116 people at the event. Joe will follow-up with letters to Collis Adams and Ridge Mauck to thank them.
- May Meeting (OSP-Jack Ruderman) – Joe Ducharme to schedule meeting for early May.
- “Engineer your way to Success” bulk purchase – Dan Hudson reports that there have been 46 new PE’s in the last two exams periods. New Hampshire averages 40 to 50 new PE’s per year. Cost of books is \$13.77 per book (bulk rate). Holly Clark to follow-up for national funding for book purchase (to increase membership).

4. Public Image and Student Outreach

- NHSPE Scholarship Report - Larry Dwyer reports that \$4,100 in donations have been received thus far and \$450 in costs have been incurred.
- Math & Science Teachers Awards Program – Dan Hudson reports that 3 completed applications have been received thus far (1 elementary school teachers and 3 high school teachers). ASCE has agreed to be a co-sponsor along with UNH.

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- E-Week Banquet Planning –George R. Fredette handed out a summary of the status of the e-week banquet and sheet summarizing expenses. Note: For next years e-week banquet there will be a \$50 charge for electrical hook-ups for exhibitors.
- Observer – Dan Hudson reports that he will identify the articles to be presented and Erin Wood will follow up if articles are not received by deadlines indicated. All articles for the next issue of the Observer are due by 3 February 2006.
- Fellows Packages due Feb 2nd - Package for Dave Gates is coming together. Package for Woody Fogg to be done next year due to time constraints.
- Joint Meeting with Maine or Vermont – Roch Larochelle reports that the meeting will be held the 1st or 2nd week of June. Roch will contact the president of MSPE for input/interest.

5. *Government Affairs*

- Landscape Architects Initiatives – Paul Schmidt has taken the lead on review of the legislation, with Frank Tilton and Dan Hudson. In summary: NHSPE initially opposed the bill as originally written; two meetings were held with inputs from ASCE and ACEC; modifications of bill were agreed to and made by Landscape Architect representative; important issues were sunset clause, definition of Landscape Architect and what type services they could perform, assure that engineers are not excluded from performing services that overlap with Landscape Architects. Paul indicated the last real remaining issue was the exclusion language for PEs, which the LAs were reviewing. There was general consensus that NHSPE could support the bill if the exclusion language was determined to be acceptable.

6. *State Society Collaboration*

- Joint Calendar/Joint Society Conference – Dan Hudson reports that on January 6, 2006 a meeting of the Joint Societies was held. The following people were in attendance: Dan Hudson, NHSPE, George Fredette, NHSPE (*partial attendance*), Edward Gardiner, ACEC, Simone Shields, SAME, Jim Spaulding, ASCE, Matt Low, SENH & NHSPE. The following activities were discussed: Annual Engineer and Young Engineer of the Year Selections (detailed by George Fredette during the Jury meeting), Annual Engineers' Week Banquet (detailed by George Fredette during the EOY Jury meeting), The Joint Engineering Calendar (www.nhecal.org), success with NSPE's recent Regional Meeting, due to shared distribution of meeting notices, sponsorships, attendance by non-NSPE members, the Fall Education Seminar, the LA Bill. There was general interest in the Joint Calendar and in having joint events between societies.

7. *Membership*

- State Membership Report – Roch Larochelle to send Holly Clarke the membership database.
- PE Refresher Course Collaboration (ASCE/NHSPE) – Roch Larochelle reports that ASCE would like to advertise the PE Refresher Course in the December and June Observer Issues. NHSPE would be receptive to this.
- Pizza for PE Initiative – Roch suggested that NHSPE would like to sponsor lunch for individuals taking the PE test (and hand out NHSPE literature at the same time). Logistics and costs would need to be evaluated further. Dan Hudson to follow-up with the PE board to assess rules.

8. *National/Other Issues*

- John Alger Memorial Scholarship/Eweek Banquet Presentation – Craig Bailey and George Fredette assimilating information on John Alger.
- Winter Meeting Update- Regional Governance Update – Paul Schmidt reports that: National is moving ahead with issues focusing on PE and state centric efforts, and the governance change; overall positive changes; he also noted they have been avoiding controversial topics. Roch

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Larochelle to send e-mail to Al Gray notifying National that Matt Purcell will be NH representative to the house of delegates.

- Paul Schmidt suggests that an NHSPE board member attend the Licensure Board Meeting.

Roch Larochelle moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Schmidt and approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
John DiGenova, PE