

**New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 26, 2003

**Meeting Location:** The Turner Group Offices  
Locke Road  
Concord, New Hampshire

**Members Present:**

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| Dave Eckman     | Bob Coutoure     |
| Matt Purcell    | Mike DelloIacono |
| Joe Ducharme    | Bill Straub      |
| George Fredette | Bob Couture      |
| Roch Larochelle | John Alger       |
| Holly Clark     | Erin Darrow      |

***Minutes review from February 20, 2003 meeting***

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

***Promote Professional Development and Education***

**Education Committee**

M. Purcell reported the New Engineering Leaders List Serve is developing their database to identify those individuals involved with the rebuilding of Kuwait.

***Provide Membership Level which enhances NHSPE's viability as an organization***

**Membership Committee – Retired Status Members**

H. Clark reported that Ron Ford has been named an honorable lifetime member. In order to qualify for lifetime membership, one must be a certain minimum age, have a minimum number of years of continuous membership in NSPE, and cannot work more than 20 hours per week. Holly also noted that we currently have 198 members in NHSPE and we need to encourage new membership. Discussion followed.

**Observer Issues, Early April Deadline**

Everybody contributing articles needs to get them submitted to J. Ducharme by Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Joe is coordinating with M. DelloIacono and P. Schmidt to get this issue out. It is important that we meet this deadline as the Board of the Directors ballot is on a strict timeline and the votes need to be taken and sent to National. Nearly everybody on the Board is contributing an article for this issue. A page of the Society Bylaws and a page for the nominations will be sent out to the membership for the annual vote with The Observer. Discussion followed.

### **Nominations for 2003/04**

The slate of nominations comes from the nominating committee. Matt, as the past-president, is the Nominating Committee this year.

### ***Maintain a Workable and Effective Organizational Structure***

#### **Treasurer's Report**

D. Eckman provided written reports which we discussed. The Math Counts account is gone. NHSPE will write checks and we will reimburse ourselves at the end of the year. For the Engineer's Week Banquet, we broke even, financially speaking. Discussion followed.

#### **National Engineers Week Banquet Wrap Up – Congratulations George F.**

B. Straub shared a letter that George had written to Allyn Kilsheimer, the featured speaker at this year's banquet. NHSPE will need to get our expenses situation with the New Hampshire Center documented in writing, as we were overcharged for services. Currently we have a verbal agreement to credit the amount of money overcharged toward next year's expenses. Discussion followed.

#### **National Report, Regional Report**

B. Straub reported that for the Northeast Region, the Senior and Junior Presidents currently overlap by one year. Ray Richter is running for Vice-President. Gene O'Brien will be running for regional president. This change could add depth and vitality to the group.

By the summer meeting, a new Vice-President Elect will be needed. Brad Aldrich, from Vermont, is a likely candidate. He is enthusiastic, and has served as the Chair of the By-Laws Committee and the Membership Committee.

Discussion followed.

#### **May Annual Meeting with Vermont – Still in works**

Matt reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, at the Lake Morey Country Club in Fairlee, Vermont. Bill Blitman will be our featured speaker. Discussion followed

#### **Descriptions of Board Positions**

We will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

### ***Be involved in Government Affairs as they Relate to Professional Engineering Issues***

**Engineer Board of Licensure – Opening August 2003. Further contacts to NHSPE**

(Note: Prior to and following the regular meeting, the NHSPE Board of Directors met with candidates for the position on the New Hampshire Board of Licensure for Professional Engineering. We met with Jeffrey L. Tirey, P.E., before the Board Meeting. We met with William H Smagula, P.E., and Louis Caron, P.E., after the Board Meeting.)

### **Legislative Report**

J. Alger distributed a written report that he presented to the Board and we discussed. E. Darrow also noted two house bills that could be of concern to NHSPE: HB 593 and HB 810. HB 593 pertains to the relieving municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 from the requirement for closure of non-polluting landfills. HB 810 pertains to the creation of two additional engineering positions at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, which would be funded by an increase in various pertinent environmental application fees. Discussion followed

### **Bill S. Testimony March 4<sup>th</sup> re: KEEP USNH**

Bill spoke to the Public Works Committee at the New Hampshire House of Representatives to discuss the importance of keeping a Capital Improvements Program for UNH. The President of UNH also spoke with this Committee on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Promote the Ethical Practice of Engineering***

#### **New P.E. Dinner – April 23, 2003, speaker Debra Grubbe**

A mailing was sent the last week of March, and a List Serve meeting notice will be distributed in early April. Representatives from both the Society of Women Engineers and the Society of Black Engineers at Dartmouth College have been invited to the meeting. Russ Martin will be invited. Discussion followed.

#### **Offer to UNH to meet students in October**

B. Straub spoke briefly about having NHSPE meet with UNH Engineering students next fall.

#### **Contact from NH Forum on Higher Education – request to meet with us at April Meeting**

The New Hampshire Forum on High Education is a sponsor of "Project Lead the Way." More information about the forum can be found at [www.nhhigheredforum.org](http://www.nhhigheredforum.org).

### ***Maintain On-going Effective Relationship with Other Engineering Organizations in the State***

#### **QBS Coalition**

J. Alger received a letter in regard to QBS. Discussion followed.

**ASCE advertising New PE Dinner; Other contacts for New PE Dinner**

The New Hampshire Chapter of ASCE will be advertising the new P.E. dinner to their membership.

***Strengthen the Public Image of Professional Engineers in the State***

**Math Counts Status**

Richard Walsh IV of Kelby Middle School in Bedford won the New Hampshire Math Counts competition this year.

**NHSPE Scholarship – Status**

R. Larochelle reported that the applications for the scholarship(s) are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. We have earned about \$3,000.00 this year for the NHSPE Scholarship Fund.

**US First Team Request**

The U.S. First team won the New Hampshire State Competition, and will be going to Houston in April to compete at a national level. NHSPE is sponsoring \$100.00 for the U.S. First Team, at their request for sponsorship.

**Raffle netted over \$500.00!**

The scholarship raffle held at the Engineer's Week Banquet netted over \$500.00!

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 PM, preceding the New P.E. Dinner at the Grappone Center at the Mariott Inn in Concord.

*Respectfully Submitted, Erin Darrow, E.I.T.*