

**New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2005
H.L. Turner Group Concord Offices**

Meeting attendees

Jim Barrett P.E.	Joe Ducharme P.E. (P)	Roch Larochelle P.E.
Robert Couture P.E.	Dan Hudson P.E.	Paul Schmidt P.E.
Holly Clark EIT (P)	Ben Pratt P.E.	
John DiGenova P.E.	Matt Purcell P.E.	

(P) indicates part time, arrived after meeting had started.

Paul Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

Review of the February 2005 Board of Director's Meeting

Paul asked for any comments on the February 2005 minutes. One correction was provided by Dan Hudson.

Roch Larouchelle motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Robert Couture seconded the motion. Paul Schmidt asked for a vote and the motion was approved. The February 2005 Board of Director's meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report

There was no specific treasurer's report available for this meeting. Paul Schmidt stated that the results right now seem to indicate that NHSPE had made money from the recent Engineer's Week banquet; however, that would have to be confirmed once all of the financial activities associated with the event were documented.

Since neither Dave Eckman nor Larry Dwyer were able to make the meeting, there was no additional information/discussion on the planned transfer of the treasurer's duties from Dave to Larry.

NHSPE Website

Dan Hudson noted that he continues to send updates to J Maze for the NHSPE website (www.NHSPE.org) as they are identified. Dan noted that some areas of the website contained dated/old information and he asked the board members to review any website content that they were responsible for and provide corrections and updates to Dan.

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NSPE Winter Meeting/National Issues

Paul Schmidt and Dan Hudson attended the recent NSPE winter meeting held in San Diego. Paul Schmidt provided his impressions of the meeting including discussions on the following topics:

- A large part of the meeting concerned NSPE's Future Directions Task Force. Proposed new vision and mission statements were discussed as well as other topics that the Future Directions Task force is reviewing. It would appear as if NSPE is planning on changing its focus to serving the licensed engineer and would also include engineers on license track (for example EITs) and students. However, no specific details or plans were discussed.
- Discussion about the coordination and support that NSPE provides to the states was discussed and will need follow-up. This is important in light of some recent state society efforts concerning instituting a "state only" membership grade. NHSPE board members generally felt that any moves to institute a "state-only" membership grade would not benefit small state societies such as New Hampshire.
- A large amount of time at the end of the day was focused on governance issues for NSPE. Paul Schmidt discussed how the proposed changes would be heading back towards the previous structure with a larger board of directors and less of a role for the NSPE regional representatives.

New PE Dinner – April

Final details for this dinner meeting still need to be coordinated. Due to anticipated schedule conflicts with the speakers, the dinner will probably be held in early May. Joe Ducharme stated that he had informally confirmed the availability of the restaurant and the following actions were agreed upon.

ACTION: Paul Schmidt to confirm the availability of Woody Fogg and Tom French (proposed speakers) for an early May dinner meeting and get that information to Joe Ducharme.

ACTION: Joe Ducharme to confirm the acceptability of the early May dinner meeting date with the State PE Board.

ASCE Joint Meeting

Paul Schmidt noted that no joint meeting sponsored by the two societies was currently planned but noted the increased communication between the organizations about meetings and other activities. Paul stated that this increased interaction is mutually beneficial to the societies.

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Summer Meeting (Joint Meeting with Vermont)

Matt Purcell discussed the following details about this meeting planned for June 6th.

- Golfing is available to any interested members as part of this meeting.
- A tour of campus project in construction will also be available for later in the afternoon.
- The meal is planned as a catered dinner with the restaurant not yet finalized. Matt is awaiting information on prices and options prior to finalizing.
- An expected time line for the evening will be to have 6 pm social hour with the meal to follow at 7 pm.
- Matt Purcell will finalize the remaining details for this meeting in the upcoming weeks.

MATHCOUNTS

Ben Pratt reported that the planned New Hampshire state MATHCOUNTS meet for March 12 needed to be cancelled due to the weather. The snow date of March 26 will be used. Since this is a vacation week for the students at Plymouth State (who typically help with the organization and scoring of exams), Ben asked to the board members to consider coming to help out and getting other people to also come to help.

Scholarship Report

Larry Dwyer was not able to attend this meeting but had e-mailed an update to Paul Schmidt. The board members discussed the amount of money available and the number and amount of scholarships that NHSPE should award this year. Following this discussion, Dan Hudson made a motion to have NHSPE award three scholarships of \$1000 this year. The motion was seconded by Robert Couture. Paul Schmidt asked for a vote and the motion was approved.

Math and Science Teachers Award Program

Dan Hudson reported that he had received favorable feedback from the teachers involved with the recent teacher's awards as part of the Engineer's Week banquet. Feedback form this year will be used to help plan for the upcoming year. Fundraising for the upcoming year will be explored with the goal of making the award program self sufficient in terms of generating the funds needed to support the program.

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Legislative Update

John Alger was not able to attend but had sent a legislative update by e-mail to Paul Schmidt. No specific items were flagged for action.

Engineer's Week Banquet Follow-up

George Fredette was not able to attend the meeting but did pass along through Paul Schmidt a few general observations on the recent Engineer's Week activities. George's comments closed by noting that it was not too early to start thinking about a speaker for the next Engineer's Week banquet in 2006.

2005 Regional Meeting Committee

Matt Purcell discussed efforts for the upcoming 2005 Northeast regional meeting which will be sponsored by NHSPE in Portsmouth this coming October. A flyer with the tentative schedule and speakers was passed out and discussed. Options for sponsors, fundraising, and other aspects associated with the meeting were discussed. Matt stated that he would be looking to call a meeting of the regional meeting committee members in early April.

Coordination With Other Society Initiatives

Joe Ducharme stated that he plans on sending out correspondence to other societies to 1) thank those who were involved with the Engineer's Week banquet, and 2) inform them of the upcoming 2005 regional meeting in October and identify opportunities for participation by their societies (either by financial support or providing a presentation).

Observer Report

Dan Hudson reported that all articles for the upcoming Observer needed to be sent to him by April 1. Dan will send out an e-mail follow-up after this meeting requesting articles for the meeting. The schedule and desirability of sending out upcoming NHSPE ballots as part of this OBSERVER was confirmed.

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Membership

Roch Larochelle noted that NHSPE had finally obtained 6 month free membership option as an incentive to get new members to initially sign on with NSPE/NHSPE. Roach urged board members to aggressively promote this option as a way to recruit new members.

A discussion was also held on the recent listing of dropped/delinquent members list. It is desirable to have follow-up with members on the dropped/delinquent member lists.

UNH Engineering Without License

Joe Ducharme stated that he had not had any recent activity in this area but intends to call UNH personnel in the near future to follow-up on previous efforts in this area.

Qualification Based Selection (QBS)

Paul Schmidt discussed how NHSPE has in the recent past contributed to support this activity. A motion was made and seconded to have NHSPE contribute \$250 to support the NH QBS coalition. Paul Schmidt asked for a vote and the motion passed.

Upcoming NSPE Meeting

Roch Larochelle will be attending the upcoming NSPE national meeting in Chicago. Dan Hudson made a motion to have NHSPE reimburse Roch for meeting registration, lodging, and travel expenses associated with attending this meeting not to exceed \$1000. Joe Ducharme seconded the motion. Paul Schmidt asked for a vote and the motion was approved.

Upcoming NHSPE Board of Director Meetings

Paul Schmidt stated that the next NHSPE board meeting is scheduled for a short period of time immediately prior to the upcoming new PE dinner in early May.

Meeting Adjourned

Paul Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 20:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Couture P.E.
NHSPE State Director