

**New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 12, 2004
H.L. Turner Group Concord Offices**

Meeting attendees

Robert Couture P.E.	Larry Dwyer P.E.	Paul Schmidt P.E.
Holly Clark EIT	Dan Hudson P.E.	
Joe Ducharme P.E. (P)	Roch Larochelle P.E.	

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

Paul Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

Review of the September 2004 Board of Director's Meeting

Paul asked for any comments on the September 2004 minutes. A few minor corrections/amendments were provided.

Dan Hudson motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Larry Dwyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The September 2004 Board of Director's meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

Observer Report

Dan Hudson reported that all articles for the upcoming Observer needed to be sent to him by Friday, October 15.

Membership Meeting – November

The upcoming November meeting with Senator John Sununu is on track for October 14. As of the end of the day on October 12th, approximately 20 people had signed up for the dinner meeting.

NHSPE Website

Dan Hudson reported that he had begun as the point of contact for the NHSPE web-site in terms of identifying NHSPE web-site content that needs to be updated and working with Mike DelloIacono to get the content corrected/updated. Board members should continue to contact Dan with web-site items needing correction and what the corrected information should be (e-mails are preferred when contacting Dan with this information).

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Brad Aldrich Visit?

Paul Schmidt discussed that NSPE regional representative Brad Aldrich wishes to visit with NHSPE some time this year and that Paul will work to coordinate the details for his visit.

Legislative Update

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

UNH Engineering Without License

No specific update was presented for the meeting. Bill Straub and Joe Ducharme are continuing to communicate with the UNH on this issue.

Engineer's Week Banquet (February 24, 2005) Update

George Fredette was not able to attend the meeting. Holly Clark asked who was taking charge of coordinating the exhibitors for the meeting. Based on her question, it was noted that no one was currently identified for this task which requires availability during the day to answer phone calls, and e-mails for prospective exhibitors. Paul Schmidt stated that he and Bill Straub would look into getting a person set up for this task.

A discussion also followed on potential Engineer of the Year (EOY) and Young Engineer of the Year (YEOY) nominees that NHSPE would like to sponsor. The submittal packages for any EOY and YEOY candidates presented by NHSPE need to be prepared and submitted by December 3, 2004.

It was also noted that NHSPE needed to appoint a representative to the EOY and YEOY selection committee. Dan Hudson made a motion to nominate Roch Larochelle as the NHSPE representative to the EOY and YEOY selection committee. Robert Couture seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

2005 Regional Meeting

No specific activity has occurred since September's board of director's meeting. Paul Schmidt will follow-up with the Pennsylvania Executive Director concerning details of the recently completed 2004 Regional meeting in Pennsylvania. A phone call with NHSPE committee members (Paul Schmidt, Joe Ducharme, Bill Straub, Roch Larochelle, and Matt Purcell) is planned for the near future to review a rough outline of events.

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Coordination With Other Society Initiatives

Joe Ducharme has sent out an e-mail and is looking to set up a meeting inviting other society officers to discuss areas where cooperation may be mutually beneficial.

Engineering Week Events

Roch Larochelle noted that ASCE needs to be informed that NHSPE does not plan on coordinating the Engineer's Week mall exhibit in February 2005. Also, the coordination for the ZOOM into Engineering activity that has been held in the mall in recent years, in conjunction with the NHSPE mall display, needs to be worked out.

MATHCOUNTS

Ben Pratt was not able to attend the meeting. Paul Schmidt reported that MATHCOUNTS packages had been send out to schools.

NHSPE Scholarship Report

Larry Dwyer has taken over the coordination of this effort from Roch Larochelle.

Update on Math and Science Teachers Award Program

Dan Hudson reported that the tri-fold brochures for this program have been printed and will be mailed out to approximately 650 public and private schools within a week. Information about this program is planned to be available on the NHSPE web site. Nominations are due back January 1st, 2005.

2004 Regional Meeting in Pennsylvania

Paul Schmidt, Roch Larochelle, Erin Darrow, and Matt Purcell attended the most recent NSPE Northeast Regional Meeting held in Pennsylvania. Paul Schmidt noted that the issue discussed at the meting was the declining membership for NSPE. Paul reviewed the discussions held on this topic dealing with recent NSPE actions to represent all engineers and the options being considered ranging from representing only licensed PEs to representing all engineers regardless of licensure. At the upcoming NSPE national Meeting in January 2005, a consensus congress is being set up to discuss this topic.

Paul also noted that money may be available from NSPE for membership initiatives and that NSPE is tracking the effectiveness of initiatives to attract/retain members.

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Membership

Paul Schmidt stated that he had contacted a previous NHSPE member currently listed by NSPE as not renewed and been successful in getting a commitment to renew. The discussion that followed dealt with the perceptions on how effective a calling campaign might be for those NHSPE members who showed up as delinquent or dropped on the NSPE listing.

Holly Clark will send out a current list of dropped and delinquent members to the NHSPE board members. Robert Couture agreed to place calls to members on the list inviting them to consider maintaining their membership.

Upcoming NSPE Elections

Paul Schmidt asked the NHSPE board to consider voting to support the following people in upcoming NSPE elections:

- Jim Lesiker for NSPE Northeast Regional Vice President
- John Martin for the NSPE Nominating Committee

A discussion followed where those NHSPE board members who had knowledge of the above candidates discussed their perceptions. After the discussion, Roch Larochelle made a motion to support both people for the positions as stated above and Dan Hudson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Upcoming NHSPE Board of Director Meetings

The next NHSPE board meeting, to be held at the H. L. Turner Group offices in Concord, is scheduled for November 16, 2004

Meeting Adjourned

Paul Schmidt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Couture P.E.
NHSPE State Director