

**NH Society of Professional Engineers  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

DATE: March 19, 2009 6:00 p.m. to 8:00pm  Location: Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.  Manchester, NH	x	Matthew Low, PE (Pres)*
	x	Dan Hudson, PE (Past Pres)*
	x	Larry Dwyer, PE (Pres Elect)*
	x	Steven Lehmann, PE (Vice Pres)*
	x	John DiGenova, PE (Sec)*
	x	Paul Schmidt, PE (Hse. of Delegates)*
	x	Gregg Comstock, PE (Dir)*
	x	Marc Morin (Guest Speaker)

*\*Voting Board Member*

**Matt L called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Marc Morin – PE BOARD – HB 2** – Marc Morin of the New Hampshire Joint Board attended the meeting to speak about HB2. See attachment of letter from The Joint Board of Licensure and Certification State of New Hampshire to the Chairman, House Finance Committee. (Attachment No. 1). This HB would disband the current structure of the Joint Board and place them under various other state agencies. Marc summarized the purpose of the Joint Board. Marc indicated that the Joint Board operates effectively and efficiently as their own entity. The board generates income at about 125% of their operating budget. It was argued that the board’s current operation is good for the state and the engineers serviced. See Item 6 for internal discussions concerning HB2.
2. **UNH Student Projects Send revised guidelines to UNH** - Matt Low indicated that he and Larry have drafted a letter to UNH – Dean Klewicki. Gregg, Paul and Dan will review. Comments are due by the end of the week.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – The group reviewed the treasurer’s report provided by Tom French. Matt L. indicated that MATHCOUNTS did better than previous years. Matt L also indicated that there would be enough money to fund one scholarship.
4. **Society Governance**
  - 2009-2010 Slate of Officers (Dan H.) – Dan is currently checking on and drafting up the slate of officers for 2009-2010.
5. **Professional Development and Continuing Education**
  - April 23, 2009 – New PE Dinner Tentative Date – Bernie Berson attending – Geothermal Presentation – Matt L reports that the Holiday Inn in Concord has been confirmed. Paul Ormond of Haley & Aldrich will be presenting and Bernie Berson will give a talk to the new PE’s. John will follow-up with the meeting notice. John to also make final arrangements with the Holiday Inn.
  - May, 2009 – Open – Matt L. indicated that the May Meeting slot is currently open. Matt L suggests a talk of LEED and sustainability. John to follow-up with Lavallee Brensinger to engage one of their architects to speak.
  - June 11, 2009 – Annual Meeting. Location TBD. Matt L. indicated that Brad Aldrich will be attending. Matt L will investigate whether we could do a joint meeting with Vermont.
  - September 2009 – Dan suggests a trip to the UNH Stormwater Research Center. Paul volunteers to make arrangements.

6. **Public Image and Student Outreach**

- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship Report – Matt L indicates that we could fund on scholarship this year.
- Teacher’s Award Report (Matt L.) – Applications due by 3/31/09 – Matt L indicates that he has received a few applications thus far.

6. **Government Affairs HB 2** – Matt L. indicated that he believes HB2 would be bad for the profession, reduction in services, and potential for conflicts of interest. The group generally agrees with this assessment. Dan motions that . . . “upon review of HB2 and potential negative outcomes of the legislation NHSPE is opposed to the bill and should work with the Joint Board to draft a letter to legislators to oppose the bill.” Steve seconds and motion is carried by the group. Larry will draft a letter and send to the Joint Board for review. Matt L suggests an email link to the drafted letter for review by board members.

7. **State Society Collaboration - October Joint Society Planning Update** – Steve indicates that progress has been made. They currently have one or two extra speakers for the conference. The topic this year is infrastructure.

8. **Membership**

- Membership Report – Matt L presented the membership report. See Attachment No. 2.

9. **National/Regional & Other Issues - Adding Educational Positions and eliminating Assistant Treasure - NSPE Board of Directors – NHSPE must vote by 4/10/09** – Paul indicated that the NSPE is voting on the elimination of assistance treasurers position and adding two additional positions. In Paul’s and Matt L’s view the NSPE Board of Directors is already large enough but are unsure why these positions are needed. The general thinking was that if NSPE believes that these changes are required, we do not feel strongly one way or the other so we should approve. Paul motions to approve changes to NSPE BOD, Dan seconds and the motion is carried by the group.

Larry motions to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconds and the motion is carried by the group. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectively Submitted

John G. DiGenova, P.E.

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March 13, 2009

Honorable Representative Peter Leishman  
Chairman, House Finance Committee, Division I  
and Honorable Committee Members  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: House Bill 2

Dear Representative Leishman and Committee Members:

The New Hampshire Joint Board convened on Friday, March 13, 2009 for the purpose of discussing House Bill 2 and its implications relative to the disposition of the Joint Board, its member Boards and staff. The following is a summary of the discussions and results of the meeting:

The New Hampshire Joint Board is an umbrella licensing organization that consists of nine separate licensing Boards. The licensing Boards are comprised of fifty-two (52) Board members that license and certify a wide range of highly technical professions. All Board members are volunteers who bring a diverse range of professional expertise to their respective Boards. The Boards are served by a single administrative staff, responsible for over 16,000 individual licenses and over 1,700 business licenses.

The professions regulated by the Boards are as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Professional Engineers | Architects              |
| Land Surveyors         | Professional Geologists |
| Foresters              | Natural Scientists      |
| Landscape Architects   | Court Reporters         |
| Home Inspectors        |                         |

The primary mission of the Joint (and member) boards is protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public by establishing and maintaining a high standard of integrity, skills and practice in the professions licensed or certified under the Joint Board. Under its current structure, the Joint Board retains the flexibility to provide expeditious service

to the public and licensees. The Joint Board has expanded the number of professions regulated and has the capacity to accept additional professions while maintaining its current level of cost-effective service.

The Joint Board completed a detailed review and lengthy discussion of the language contained in House Bill 2 relative to the transfer of the nine licensing Boards to three different State Departments and creates an Office of Hearings in the Department of Justice. The Board objects to the referenced language and respectfully requests that it (and its member boards) be removed from the list of Boards or Commissions slated to be consolidated and reassigned under the terms set forth in House Bill 2. In support of this request, the Board unanimously adopted the following motion:

***“In order to continue with its charge to regulate the professions under its purview and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, the Joint Board formally opposes the provisions of House Bill 2 which eliminates the Joint Board and reassigns the member Boards to various State agencies. Therefore, the Joint Board formally requests removal of the referenced provisions from House Bill 2.”***

In support of this position, the Joint Board offers the following rebuttal to the arguments contained within House Bill 2 that attempt to justify the reassignment of the Boards:

1. Legal and administrative requirements are not imposing an undue burden on the citizen volunteers who serve on Boards (P 40, Lines 24-29). The Joint Board has professional staff that advises board members on these issues enabling the members to focus on the professional licensing issues central to their Board's function.
2. Board members are not being asked to learn and carefully apply complex administrative law (P 40, Lines 35-37). In fact, the professional experience of the Board members enables them to quickly deal with minor complaints. Complaints are processed in accordance with current administrative law. Historically, there have been few appeals to decisions developed in this manner.
3. The number of complaints has not increased due to the increased volume of licensees in the State (P 41, Lines 3-6). In fact, the volume of complaints has not changed significantly and under the current system, can be dealt with expeditiously. Unlike the NH Joint Board, other neighboring States with consolidated licensing boards have extensive backlogs of unprocessed complaints.
4. The Joint Board does not maintain separate offices, information systems, purchasing and personnel management operations (P 41, Lines 15-18). As previously mentioned, the Joint Board is an umbrella licensing organization with a dedicated staff. Members of the public and licensees enjoy a single point of access both during regular business hours and on-line.

5. Service as a member of one of the Boards is not being discouraged by an undue burden of time (P 41 lines 23-28). In fact, all current board positions are filled and open seats typically have multiple applicants wishing to serve.
6. The requirement that the functions of the Joint Board be self supporting has not been diminished. The Joint Board is required to generate at least 125% of its operating costs through licensing related fees. In a typical year, the Joint Board generates in excess of the required 125% of its operating costs and the additional revenues, (approximately \$500,000 in 2008) is returned to the general fund.

In light of this information, it is the position of the Joint Board that it is functioning exactly as intended when created by the Legislature. If the Legislature determines that restructuring of other Boards and Commissions under House Bill 2 has merit, the Joint Board reiterates its request that it be excluded from the list based on the rebuttal items above and the fact that it is already consolidated, has standardized administrative rules, and exceeds the minimum revenue requirements set forth by the Legislature.

The Joint Board appreciates your consideration of its request and stands ready to meet with you to further discuss our position. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact the Joint Board office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marc Morin, PE  
Chairperson  
Board of Professional Engineers



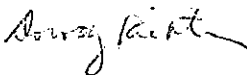
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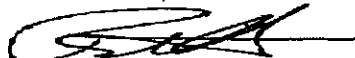
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Subject / Project: NHSPE Membership Committee

**February 2009 Membership Status Report**

**1 New Member Joined  
 Since February 20**

Totals Sorted by Membership Type

Month	Member Type				Total
	Licensed	Member*	Fellow	Student	
January	190	20	2	13	225
February	191	20	2	13	226
March	191	21	2	12	226
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					

\*Non-Licensed

Totals Sorted by Membership Status

Month	Membership Status			Total
	Standard	Life	Retired	
January	183	40	2	225
February	184	40	2	226
March	184	40	2	226
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				

Delinquent Members

Month	Delinquent Members
January	28
February	22
March	20
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Dropped Members

Month	Dropped Members
January	
February	69
March	71
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

New Members

Name	Company	Join Date	6 Month Free