

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

Date: April 23, 2003

Meeting Location: The Grappone Center
Concord, New Hampshire

Members Present:

Matt Purcell	Mike DelloIacono
Joe Ducharme	Bill Straub
Lee Carroll	Bob Couture
Roch Larochelle	John Alger
Holly Clark	Erin Darrow

Minutes review from March 26, 2003 meeting

The minutes were accepted as amended.

Promote Professional Development and Education

Education Committee

M. Purcell reported that currently there is a national effort to put together a master list of speakers. New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont are coordinating as a region for speakers in our region.

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

Membership Committee – Retired Status Members

B. Couture suggested that we speak with people one on one and encourage involvement in the organization.

New Observer Issue

We made the early April Observer deadline! This issue went out today. Extra copies will be available at tonight's dinner. The next issue will be this summer after the annual meeting.

Nominations for 2003/04 Board of Directors

The slate of nominations as well as the NHSPE Education Fund By-Laws will be mailed out to membership next week for voting.

Maintain a Workable and Effective Organizational Structure

Treasurer's Report

D. Eckman sent a report that we have money.

National Report, Regional Report

The national meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, in July. J. Ducharme will attend as the incoming President of NHSPE. M. Purcell will be attending the National Convention as well for Continuing Education Committee meetings.

Early June Annual Meeting with Vermont

The annual meeting will be held jointly with the Vermont Society of Professional Engineers (VTSPE). Tee-off will be at 12:30 PM, Monday, June 2, 2002, at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont. Golf will continue all afternoon, followed by dinner at Lake Morey. Howard Blitman, president of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), is the featured speaker. Meeting notices will be sent out soon.

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

B. Straub sent out the letter with the NHSPE endorsement of Lou Caron for the August opening on the Engineering Board of Licensure to Governor Benson and the Executive Council. The Board of Directors was copied the letter electronically.

Legislative Report

J. Alger reported that the Legislature had just received congratulations from Governor Benson for passing the budget that included no tax increases. Local and county budgets are next. H. Clark inquired about a bill that would make it so the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) would not have to go through permitting, final public review. Roch and John will investigate.

Promote the Ethical Practice of Engineering

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

The dinner is tonight, after our meeting.

Offer to UNH to meet students in October

We will discuss this at our May meeting.

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

New Hampshire Pollution Prevention Conference

E. Darrow attended the New Hampshire Pollution Prevention Conference, held annually at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), sponsored by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the Environmental Protection Agency, and UNH, to educate about Pollution Prevention practices and techniques. Pollution prevention can very often be a great money-saver and serve for effective business practices. The governor's awards for Pollution Prevention were announced. Erin will write an article about the conference for the summer issue of The Observer.

Strengthen the Public Image of Professional Engineers in the State

Math Counts Report

We received a check from National for MATHCOUNTS.

NHSPE Scholarship – Status

R. Larochelle reported that 42 applications have been received, and we will continue receiving them through April 25th. B. Couture will join the Education Committee and help Roch review scholarship applications. Roch would like to present the scholarships at the UNH annual Scholarship ceremony.

US First Team Request

Dave asked if we have paid our \$100 donation yet.

Other

Art Greenburg, the dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at UNH has submitted a request to make faculty licensure easier, including additional privacy so that professors would not have to take the P.E. Exam with their students. Mr. Greenburg suggested that this would help to encourage a broader spectrum for licensure.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st, at 5:00 PM, at the offices of the H.L. Turner Group in Concord.

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