

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

DATE: <u>February 21, 2008</u> 4:00 p.m. to 5:30pm (3rd Thurs. of Each Month) Location: Radisson Hotel Coolidge Room Manchester, NH	Dan Hudson, PE (Pres)*	Walter Durack (Membership)
	Roch Larochelle, PE (Past Pres)*	Steven Lehmann, PE (Dir)*
	Matt Low, PE (Pres Elect)*	Ben Pratt, PE (MATHCOUNTS)
	Larry Dwyer, PE (Vice Pres)*	Rep. Frank Tilton (Legislation)
	John DiGenova, PE (Sec)*	
	Tom French, PE (Treas)*	
	Gregg Comstock, PE (Dir)*	
	Phil Decker, PE (Dir)*	
	Veronica Thibodeau-Carter, PE (Dir)*	

*Voting Board Member

Dan Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review and approve January 2008 meeting minutes - The Meeting Minutes from the January 2008 BOD meeting were reviewed. Phil motions to approve the meeting minutes, Tom French seconds and the motion is approved by the group.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report

- Tom reports that updates on the Profit/Loss Statements need to be made. He will send via email in the near future.

2. Society Governance

- NHSPE Education Fund Bylaws and Operating Procedures - Matt Low reports that the bylaws for the Education Fund were started but never completed. The Education Fund supports such activities as MATHCOUNTS, Scholarships, and the Teachers Award. The Education Fund must be maintained as a separate entity from NHSPE and thus must have separate bylaws and operating procedures. Matt indicated that he has gone through the bylaws and marked them up. Phil indicated that he may be able to review before publishing. When the documents are complete the membership needs to vote whether to accept/reject the new bylaws and operating procedures.
- 2008-2009 NHSPE Board Members – Dan indicated that Roch will compile a list of nominees, however, we will likely need a couple of new recruits. Two openings for directors currently exist.

3. Professional Development and Continuing Education

February 6, 2008 - Annual NHDES Update – Dan reports that the event was successful and was well attended.

- February / March, 2008 – Ski Social – Veronica suggest that we delay the Ski Social until next year due to NHSPE full schedule this year. Possibly schedule a summer social event.
- February 21, 2008 - E-Week Banquet – Dan indicated that this was George Fredette's last year as the Master of Ceremonies. Roch will take on that responsibility next year.
- March 20, 2008 - NH National Guard Headquarters – Tom indicated that he will get a meeting notice out shortly.
- April ??, 2008 - New PE Dinner - NASA Speaker? – Roch indicated that he still needs to set a date. Phil reports that NASA could send a speaker as long as NHSPE will fund their expenses. The total cost will be about \$400.

- May ??, 2008 - Rock Slope Stability by Jay Smerekanicz of Golder Associates or Stocks and Retirement Planning – Dan reports that he has calls in with the retirement planning person and should hear back shortly.
- June 27, 2008 - Annual Meeting - Dan reports that Bernie Berson (President of NSPE) is going to attend.
- UNH Stormwater Center (Fall 2008) – Dan reports that UNH Stormwater Center is looking for people who may want to host the event. Matt Low indicated that we should probably do this again since stormwater is a hot topic. Dan will check on a date (probably in September).

4. *Public Image and Student Outreach*

- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship Report – Larry reports that scholarship donations keep coming in small amounts and that he hopes to raise enough money to support 3 or 4 scholarships.
- MATHCOUNTS Report - Ben reports that regional contests are complete for 18 schools. Final competition on March 8th at Plymouth State University (snow date to be set). Ben needs volunteers to grade papers. Greg reports that they have raised about \$3,000 to support the MATHCOUNTS competition.
- UNH Outreach
 - Spring Ethics Presentation - February 26th – Roch reports that Art Schwartz will give the presentation to 60 UNH Seniors (Incident at Morales video and discussion).
 - Spring Career Fair - February 27th - Roch reports that the event will be from 11AM to 3 PM and that the presentation table has been reserved.
- UNH Student Projects - Exeter Healthcare Atrium - Dan reported on and gave details of the Exeter Healthcare Atrium project (Attachment No. 1).
- Time Engineers Video Game – Matt Low reports that he is currently testing the video game. Steve and Roch will also test game and report back.

5. *Government Affairs*

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives Report – Frank reports the following: HB582 is currently dead, HB 1626 is currently dead (needs new funding), HB1202 passed, and HB1295 passed.

6. *State Society Collaboration*

- October 9, 2008: 2nd Annual NHJES Conference
 - Feb. 7th Planning Meeting – Roch reports that the committee met and resolved that: 1) Dan Hudson will draft a MOU; 2) Joe Ducharme will begin to organize speakers; 3) About \$1,500 in sponsorship money has been received; 4) Solicitation letters will go out in April. The next planning meeting will be March 6 2008.

7. *Membership*

- Membership Report – Walter reported on the state of Membership. See Attachment No. 2.

8. *National/Regional & Other Issues*

Change in National Dues – Dan reports that the National Dues are going to be increased 12% in July 2008.

- Fellow Nominations – Dan reports that nomination forms are prepared for Matt Purcell and Paul Schmidt. Currently New Hampshire only has 1 Fellow Member.

Roch motions to adjourn, Larry seconds and the group approves. The meeting is adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Respectively Submitted.

John G. DiGenova, P.E.