

**NHSPE BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, 18 January 2007**

**Meeting Attendees**

Phil Decker, PE, esq* (Director)	Veronica Thibodeau Carter, PE* (Director)	
Bob Couture, PE * (Director)	Matt Low, PE * (Vice President)	
Dan Hudson, PE * (President Elect)		
John DiGenova, PE * (Secretary)		

\* Voting Board Members

**Meeting Location – CLD, Manchester NH**

Dan Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Review and approve November 2006 and December 2006 meeting minutes.**

Phil motions to approve the November 2006 meeting minutes, Veronica seconds and the motion is approved by the group. John motions to approve the December 2006 meeting minutes as revised by comments, Phil seconds and motion is approved by the group.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

- Dan indicates that Larry Dwyer will present a Treasurer's report at the next meeting. Dan indicated that Larry reports that scholarship donations are down.

**2. Society Governance**

- Committee Chair Update (membership) – Dan reports that he had downloaded the most current state membership list and needs to update the graphic presenting the number of state members.
- Status of state membership application ~ working with national-see membership – Dan reports that he is still working on the state membership application.

**3. Professional Development and Continuing Education**

- February 1, 2007: State Fire Marshal-Bill Degnan – Dan reports that the meeting will be held at Fratello's. The meeting notice has gone out.
- February 22, 2007: Eweek – Dan reports that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 4:00 just prior to the e-week banquet at the Center of New Hampshire. Room to be determined.
- February 28, 2007: NCEES Speaker for UNH – Dan reports that Paul Schmidt is attempting to engage a speaker from NCEES to speak to UNH students about licensure.
- March 22, 2007: Red Hook social event – Veronica reports that details of the social event have been finalized. Larry Dwyer has sent a check to the Red Hook and the contract has been signed. Veronica asked what cost should be charged for the event. Veronica suggests \$20 to \$25 per person to make the event break even. Dan suggests \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member, and \$15 per student. Matt Low suggests \$20 per member or non-member and \$15 per student.

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- April 2007: New PE Dinner - John suggests an ethics speaker who teaches at UNH. Veronica indicated that Edward Bergeron taught ethics at UNH. She will check with him to see if he is interested in speaking at the New PE Dinner on either Ethics or Management.
- May 2007: IAC-Court Street Archeological Investigations – Dan indicated that Roch Larochelle has been in contact with Independent Archeological Consultants about speaking on the investigations of the Court Street project in Portsmouth.
- June 2007: Annual Meeting – Dan reports that Matt Purcell will obtain more details from National.
- Professional Development Hours Record Keeping – Veronica asked if NHSPE keeps a record of attendance of meetings. Currently NHSPE does not keep a hard record of attendance. Veronica suggests that we start doing this for our members. Matt suggests scanning the attendance list and posting on our website. A standard attendance form is required. Veronica will advance this effort and create a standard attendance form that will be used to record attendance at all meetings and presentations.

#### ***4. Public Image and Student Outreach***

- MATHCOUNTS Fundraising initiatives – Dan reports that 59 schools are registered.
- NH Math/Science Teacher of the Year Award – Dan reports that the deadline for entries was 5 January 2007. We have received a total of 13 applications. The selection team includes representatives of NHSPE, ASCE, Joint Board of Licensure, NH Math Association, and NH Science Teachers Association. Dan had communicated with all of the committee members.
- Observer – Dan reports that all of the articles are in and Erin Wood sent the Observer to the publisher. The group discussed changing the delivery of the Observer from mailings to e-mail format. Matt indicated that the SENH have gone to a solely email delivery system, saving the SENH mailing costs. John indicated that dynamic links could be embedded in the electronic version of the Observer which would appease the advertisers (and maybe increase the number of advertiser). Also, the number of pages could be increased at little additional cost. The formatting of the Observer would still be done by the publisher. Since there are many opinions on this topic a final decision will be delayed until more board members with differing opinions are present.

#### ***5. Government Affairs***

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives - Phil Decker reports that there is no new legislation that is relevant to engineers. Dan reports that House Bill 103 is on the docket (Attachment Number 1). Further discussion on this bill will be forthcoming.
- Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Status – Dan reports that Bill Straub will draft an article for the Observer concerning the status of the QBS in New Hampshire.

#### ***6. State Society Collaboration***

- October 2007 Conference Selected (Oct. 11, 2007 selected) Dan reports that at the Joint Society Conference meeting on 9 January 2007 a framework was established for the conference to be held in October 2007. The flyer for the conference is forthcoming. The next meeting will be held on 13 February 2007. Finances for the conference will be through NHSPE and Larry Dwyer will set-up a separate account for the conference.

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**7. *Membership***

- Statewide Mailing (National Reimbursement/Board Action) – Dan reports that a mailing will be made to all state licensed engineers (NHSPE members 380 and non-members 320). Our total cost of the mailing will be \$1275. A check for \$575 was received from NSPE to help with the cost. The board needs to approve the remaining \$700. The decision to approve will be delayed until additional board members are present.
- Ordered new pens-reimbursed by National (\$300 for 500 units from EPromos) – Dan reports that NHSPE pens have been ordered.
- Cost for Mugs – Matt reports that the mugs have been ordered and should be received in about 2 weeks. Total cost was about \$327. The mugs will be used as thank you gifts for speakers.

**8. *National/Regional & Other Issues***

Bob motions to adjourn, Phil Decker seconds and the group approves. The meeting is adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
John DiGenova, PE

ATTACHMENT 1  
1/18/07



## The Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire, Inc.

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HB 103

January 11, 2007

A high percentage of New Hampshire's highway and bridges need serious maintenance. Of these, many require immediate attention, lest they fall into total disrepair. Over the past two years, the AGC of NH has worked hard to illuminate this quiet crisis, expending substantial time and resources to "educate" the public and the legislature. Other organizations, including A Safer Road to Tomorrow, have also invested considerable time and energy to raise public awareness of the state's deteriorating highway infrastructure.

It all boils down to this: Current funding levels fall far short of meeting the requirements of the Ten-Year Plan for highways and bridges. This plan is a no-frills road map voted into law by the New Hampshire Legislature to systematically maintain the state's highways and bridges. However, without adequate funding, the ten-year plan cannot be properly implemented. Indeed, as much as a third of the plan's projects won't get done, paving the way to ruin.

There's no painless solution to all this, but there is a reasonable solution. Here it is:

1. The current motor fuel tax statute should be amended to include all types of motor fuels.
2. New Hampshire needs to index the motor fuel tax to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The indexed tax would automatically be adjusted on an annual basis, thereby ensuring that revenue for the New Hampshire Highway Fund is allowed to keep up with inflation. This should be a two-step process:
  - ▶ The first step would be calculating the index since the last change in order to bring us up to date with inflation of the past.
  - ▶ The second step would be to index it for the future.
3. Turnpike tolls, which are still at 1989 levels, should likewise be considered for indexing. A calculation should be made that once the CPI reaches a certain threshold, the tolls should be automatically adjusted in ten-cent increments.

This month, on **Wednesday, January 24, at 10:15 am**, the legislature's Public Works Committee will take up consideration of a study bill introduced by Candace Bouchard and co-sponsored by John Cloutier and John Graham. The measure would create a study committee to evaluate highway funding options, including indexing the state's fuel tax. Further, there is a strong possibility that the study bill will be amended "on the spot" to elevate it to actually raising funds for New Hampshire highways.

If you agree that this is an important, responsible measure, we'd like to have the industry show strong support for these efforts. We are asking as many within the highway and construction industry as possible to attend the hearing and show support for needed funding. This can be accomplished by simply signing a blue sheet at the hearing or by testifying. **Please let me know if you or someone from your firm can attend; a response form is enclosed for your convenience.**

Rarely has the Association called upon its members to actually attend a hearing, but this situation is extraordinarily important, and if we are going to make an impact, the legislators need to see the industry's strong resolve to reach this important goal. Your personal attendance (and especially your participation, if possible) will not go unnoticed by our representatives.

Enclosed is our latest report, which was mailed to all legislators on January 2, 2007. And again, please fax back your confirmation right away.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Abbott  
Executive Vice President

# Support Adequate Funding For New Hampshire's Roads and Bridges

*Your presence has never been more  
important! Let's show our legislators a  
unified front on January 24th!*

House Bill 103 will establish a commission to study funding options for the New Hampshire Highway Trust Fund. Amendments may be proposed at the hearing to raise future highway funds. The hearing on HB 103 will be held by the House Public Works and Highways Committee on Wednesday, January 24th, beginning at 10:15 am at the Legislative Office Building (directly behind the State House) in Room 201.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary at (603) 225-2701. The Association looks forward to seeing you there.



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will be able to attend.
- I will not be able to attend.

*Please fax this back to (603) 226-3859  
or call us at (603) 225-2701.*



**House Bill 103,  
Wednesday, January 24th  
10:15 am  
Room 201, LOB**

