

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

Date: May 21, 2003

Meeting Location: The Turner Group
Concord, New Hampshire

Members Present:

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

Minutes review from April 23, 2003 meeting

B. Couture made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by J. Ducharme. Motion carried unanimously.

Promote Professional Development and Education

Education Committee

Matt provided a sheet of ideas pertaining to continuing education. The current goal is to put something together for October, and perhaps we could also advertise in the ACEC newsletter. Some suggestions include Ed Bergeron to teach Project Management and John Alger to teach Ethics. Discussion followed, regarding potential ideas for continuing education, including how to give a presentation.

Will need to determine when the deadline is to get an advertisement in the New Hampshire Joint Board of Licensure newsletter, as they offer free advertising for continuing education.

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

Membership Committee

B. Straub suggested developing a list of "The Top 10 Reasons to Stay with NHSPE," and read an example from another NSPE Chapter. He also reported the NHSPE currently has 226 members. Bill sent a letter about NHSPE to all of the new PE's to encourage involvement.

The Observer

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be June 20th for a mid-July issue. Roch will write about scholarship awards, Bill will write about the annual meeting and the President's Message, Erin will write on the 2003 New Hampshire Pollution Prevention Conference, Joe will write on the New PE dinner, and John will provide a Legislature Report.

Nominations for 2003/04 Board of Directors

Thirty-eight ballots have been received so far. They will be accepted until June 1st.

Maintain a Workable and Effective Organizational Structure

Treasurer's Report

NHSPE has approximately \$1,586 in scholarship money carrying over into next year. This year, about \$3,000 has been raised. Raffles are an effective source of revenue.

This year individual contributions are down, but a big thank-you goes out to all contributors! The state competition was held in Keene this year, and Keene State College charged NHSPE an additional \$1,000 for meals. Still, NHSPE could afford to maintain typical financial contributions.

No written correspondence has been received from the New Hampshire Center in regard to the billing discrepancy in the amount of approximately \$250 in their favor from this year's Engineer's Week Banquet.

National Report, Regional Report

National has sent NHSPE a Dues & Tax Deductibility and PAC information request which D. Eckman and B. Straub will review.

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.

So far twelve people have signed up: 8 from New Hampshire and 4 from Vermont. A raffle is being considered; perhaps Golf & Ski would donate a prize.

Be involved in Government Affairs as they Relate to Professional Engineering Issues

Engineer Board of Licensure – August 2003 Opening

Both NHSPE and ACEC supported Lou Caron as the next candidate for the August opening on the Engineering Board of Licensure.

Legislative Report

B. Straub distributed copies of a written report from J. Alger.

Promote the Ethical Practice of Engineering

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

The dinner was a success. B. Straub reported that more than 45 people attended. J. Ducharme has an electronic copy of D. Grubbe's presentation and can e-mail it to interested parties. Dupont picked up her expenses – Thank you!

Offer to UNH to meet students in October, request extended

B. Straub reported that there is a course offered for undeclared majors in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS) at the University of New Hampshire (UNH). A panel discussion with students and professional will be included as one of the classes in the 2003 fall semester. It is possible that NHSPE will participate in this panel. The class is scheduled for 4:00 PM; further details will be available in September.

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

The April meeting was cancelled and our dues are paid.

Strengthen the Public Image of Professional Engineers in the State

NHSPE Scholarship Report

R. Larochelle reported that a total of 54 applications were received for our scholarship. Roch and Joe and Bob reviewed the applications and determined the winners of the awards. NHSPE will keep the scholarship applications on file for one year.

We will try to get on the agenda for the CEPS Scholarship Ceremony in the spring.

Regional Vice-President

M. Purcell reported that there are two candidates running for the position of Regional Vice President, one of whom is Brad Aldrich from Vermont. Matt knows Brad as dynamic and a great leader. B. Straub made the motion to endorse Brad Aldrich for Regional Vice President, seconded by H. Clark. The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Looking ahead, at our upcoming annual meeting will be the induction of officers to the Board of Directors for NHSPE, looking forward to a great year.

Next Meeting

In July or August, J. Ducharme would like to hold an informal Planning Meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

The next official Board of Directors meeting will be held in September at a time and place to be determined.

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