

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

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| DATE: <u>September 20, 2007</u><br>6:00 p.m. to 8:00pm<br>(3rd Thurs. of Each Month)<br><br>Location:<br>CLD Consulting Engineers<br>540 Commercial Street<br>Manchester, NH 03101 | Dan Hudson, PE (Pres)*<br>Roch Larochele, PE (Past Pres)*<br>Matt Low, PE (Pres Elect)*<br>Larry Dwyer, PE (Vice Pres)*<br>John DiGenova, PE (Sec)*<br>Tom French, PE (Treas)*<br>Matt Purcell, PE (NH Delegate)*<br>Phil Decker, PE (Dir)* | Gregg Comstock, PE (Dir)*<br>Steven Lehmann, PE (Dir)*<br>Walter Durack (Membership) |
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*\*Voting Board Member*

Dan Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Review and approve August 2007 Planning Meeting minutes.**

The Planning Meeting minutes. Roch motions to approve the August 2007 meeting minutes, Tom seconds and the motion is approved by the group.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

- Larry distributes the proposed budgets for the FY2008 for discussions. Larry based the budget on an assessment of expenses and revenues for FY2003 to FY2007. The group discussed and modifications recommended. Larry recorded modifications and will issue the revised budget at the next meeting. Roch motions to approve the FY2008 budget (as modified), Matt Low seconds and the motion is approved by the group.

**2. Society Governance**

- Approve attendees for Northeast Regional Meeting, Princeton, NJ (Nov. 8-11, 2007) – Dan reports that Matt Purcell will be presiding over the Northeast Regional Meeting. Matt Low and Larry to attend the meeting. Matt Purcell motions to approve funding for Matt Low and Larry to attend the meeting, Phil seconds and the motion is approved by the group.

**3. Professional Development and Continuing Education**

- October 11, 2007: NHJES Conference – Roch reports that they have raised about \$11,000 in sponsorships for the Conference. The assumption was that about 120 people will attend. Currently about 55 people are registered. The NHJES group will carry over the revenue from this conference to support next year's conference. A flyer will go out on 24 September 2007.
- November 8, 2007: UNH Stormwater Center – Dan reports that the date is set and about 50 people can attend. Spots fill up fast, so register early if you wish to attend.
- December 2007 or March 2008 Speakers/Meeting – Dan report that no speaker is set-up yet. Phil to call contact at the PSNH wood burning plant in Newington as a potential speaker. Steve will facilitate input from other engineers concerning potential interests/speakers. Matt Purcell will check with building code officials as potential speakers. Tom will check the NH National Guard for potential speakers.
- January ??, 2008 - Annual NHDES Update – Dan reports that a date has not been set-up yet.

**4. Public Image and Student Outreach**

- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship Report - Roch suggests selling raffle tickets during most NHSPE events to support this scholarship.

- Teacher's Award Report – Matt Low indicates that the Teacher award will be revamped this year. Per his discussions with the NH Teachers of Mathematics, Dan recommends a name change this year. Roch suggests that the Teacher's Award be transferred to the NHJES.
- MATHCOUNTS Report – Greg reports that registration forms have been sent out. Bob Baskerville will meet with Greg next week to coordinate fundraising activities. Fundraising is underway, letters will go out next week and Greg will track.
- UNH Outreach (Fall Ethics Program) – Dan reports that he will follow-up with Bob Henry and set a date for the Fall Ethics Program.
- Observer – Dan reports that articles are due for the next Observer, Erin Wood has received very few articles thus far. Interesting historical tid-bits will be included throughout the year, such as, the first licensed engineer in NH, articles from old Observers, longest held license in NH, who started the first Observer, etc. Steve to gather information from archives of the Joint Board and submit as Observer articles. John suggests using published articles (non region specific) from other State Societies to supplement information in the Observer. John to contact FISPE and ArSPE to receive permission to do so.

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

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives Report – Phil provided an update on Legislative tracking, Attachment 1. Phil indicates that HB 776 is of particular interest.
- Government/Public Relations Campaign Report – Dan reports that he is working with Stacy Ober from National for support of our public relations.

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

- Northeast Regional Conference sponsorship – Dan reports that NJSPE is requesting financial assistance to cover costs of Northeast Regional Conference. Roch motions to fund NJSPE in the amount of \$300, Matt Low seconds and the motion is approved by the group.
- Potential future collaboration with IEEE at Dartmouth or UNH – Roch reports that IEEE is interested in sponsoring a joint meeting.

### **7. *Membership***

- Membership Report - Walter reports on membership status, Attachment 2. Group agreed to call some of the delinquent members (based on existing relationships with the individuals). Walter will also call/email delinquent members.

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

- State Delegate Report – Matt Purcell reports that NSPE will now accept non-PE members as affiliates. Affiliate members can join but cannot vote or hold board positions. Affiliate members are state members only. Matt Purcell to set-up a delegate Blog for the Northeast Regional leaders.
- Small States Teleconference – Dan reports that on Monday (9/17/07) the small states held a conference call. The following issues were discussed: state specific marketing brochures; small membership difficulties; direct mailing effectiveness (less than 1% effective and National will no longer fund); young PE engineering dinner; active PE's in the State House; continuity of leadership (maybe a manual); and payment processing (can National arrange for a monthly dues system).

Respectively Submitted,

John G. DiGenova, P.E.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NHSPE Board  
**FROM:** Phil Decker, PE, Esq.  
**SUBJECT:** Report on Government Affairs/Legislative Tracking Initiatives  
**DATE:** 09/20/2007

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**STATE OF NH**

- HB 143: Removing parties who have settled out of a suit from liability for further damages. Vetoed by Governor.
- HB 310: Allows Municipalities to Regulate Wind Turbines Used for Home Energy Production. Towers must be certified by licensed PE. Retained in committee in House. Executive Session: 10/3/07 10:00 AM LOB 301.
- HB 499: Changes Industrial Research Center to Innovative Research Center, and Changes Purpose. The IRC can now provide intellectual property training, *inter alia*. Signed by Governor.
- HB 763: Establishing the Licensure and Regulation of Residential and Building Inspectors. Establishes a Board of seven, of which one will be a PE or code inspector. Retained Bill - Subcommittee Work Session: 9/26/07 11:30 AM LOB 306.
- HB 776: Establishing the Licensure and Regulation of Private Investigators, and if not amended, would require PE's to become PI's if they perform accident reconstruction. Retained Bill - Subcommittee work session 9/26/07 9:00 AM LOB 306.
- HB 833: Requires State Contracts for Engineering and Other Services over \$35k be Performed Within the United States. House amended it to be just a study committee to report its findings by 11/1/07. Passed the Senate on 5/31/07, and House non-concurred on 6/13/07.
- SB 125: Joint Board to Certify Architecture Firms. Signed by Governor.

**FEDERAL**

- H. R. 2067: To provide construction, architectural, and engineering entities with qualified immunity from liability for negligence when providing services or equipment on a volunteer basis in response to a declared emergency or disaster. Also called "Good Samaritan Protection for Construction, Architectural, and Engineering Volunteers Act." Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary 4/26/07.

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 Subject / Project: NHSPE Membership Committee

September 2007 Membership Status Report

2007 Membership Totals

**2 New Members Have  
 Joined This Month**

Totals Sorted by Membership Type

| Month     | Member Type |         |        |         | Total |
|-----------|-------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
|           | Licensed    | Member* | Fellow | Student |       |
| May       |             |         |        |         |       |
| June      |             |         |        |         |       |
| July      |             |         |        |         |       |
| August    | 205         | 23      | 1      | 5       | 234   |
| September | 207         | 23      | 1      | 5       | 236   |
| October   |             |         |        |         |       |
| November  |             |         |        |         |       |
| December  |             |         |        |         |       |

\*Non-Licensed

Totals Sorted by Membership Status

| Month     | Membership Status |      |         | Total |
|-----------|-------------------|------|---------|-------|
|           | Standard          | Life | Retired |       |
| May       |                   |      |         |       |
| June      |                   |      |         |       |
| July      |                   |      |         |       |
| August    | 190               | 42   | 2       | 234   |
| September | 192               | 42   | 2       | 236   |
| October   |                   |      |         |       |
| November  |                   |      |         |       |
| December  |                   |      |         |       |

Young Members\*

| Month     | Young Members |
|-----------|---------------|
| May       |               |
| June      |               |
| July      |               |
| August    | 26**          |
| September | 27**          |
| October   |               |
| November  |               |
| December  |               |

\*Under 35 before 1/1/2008

\*\*Estimated Value-missing data

Delinquent Members

| Month     | Delinquent Members   |
|-----------|----------------------|
| May       |                      |
| June      |                      |
| July      |                      |
| August    | 8 (3 Six Month Free) |
| September | 9 (5 Six Month Free) |
| October   |                      |
| November  |                      |
| December  |                      |

Dropped Members

| Month     | Dropped Members |          |         |         | Total |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|---------|---------|-------|
|           | Cancelled       | Deceased | No Pay* | Upgrade |       |
| May       |                 |          |         |         |       |
| June      |                 |          |         |         |       |
| July      |                 |          |         |         |       |
| August    | 2               | 2        | 38      | 2       | 44    |
| September | 2               | 2        | 38      | 2       | 44    |
| October   |                 |          |         |         |       |
| November  |                 |          |         |         |       |
| December  |                 |          |         |         |       |

\*19 Non-payment dropped members were admitted under the 6 month free program