

NH Society of Professional Engineers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 16, 2011 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	X	Pete King, PE (Pres)*	X	Corey Dietrich, EIT (Dir)*
		Steve Lehman, PE (Past Pres)*		Josh Bouchard, PE (Dir)*
	X	Ted Setas, PE (Pres Elect)*		Paul Schmidt, PE (Hse. of Delegates)*
	X	Jason Beaudet, PE (Vice Pres)*		
Location:	X	Jen Fisher, EIT (Sec)*	X	Walter Durack (Membership and State Director)*
CLD 540 No. Commercial St. Manchester, NH 03101	X	Dan Hudson, PE (Treas)*		(E-Week Chair)
		Joe Duncan, PE (NE.Dir.)		Bill Straub (QBS Rep.)
Voting Board Member	x	Gregg Comstock, PE (Dir)		Ben Pratt, PE (MATHCOUNTS)
		(scholarship)		Judy Houston, PE (Student Outreach)
	x	Craig Musselman	x	Larry Dwyer, PE (Interim Past Pres.)

OLD BUSINESS

- BOD minutes approval 24 October 2011

L. Dwyer motion to accept; G. Comstock second; all in favor – one abstainee

NEW BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker:

Craig Musselman, PE. Craig has requested to speak to the board regarding an endorsement for President of NSPE. See attached documentation. Nomination needs to be made by state society with letter. Nomination goes through screening committee. Someone from PA also is running. Craig brought draft letter from president of NHSPE and description of qualifications/contribution to engineering community. Currently serving on board of ABET.

L. Dwyer motion board nominates Craig for NSPE vice president/president; Walter D. second; all in favor

2. Treasurer's Report (Dan H.)

- Acceptance of Treasurers Report

Membership is down, need to work in attendance with dinner meetings. NHDES meeting in Dec. is same day as ASCE breakfast meeting because of hiccup with calendar.

T. Setas motion to accept report; J. Beaudet second; all in favor

- Review Final Budget for FY11

3. Society Governance

- Observer issued Nov 2011
- New Observer Issue before the end of the year:
 - Regional conference – J. Beaudet
 - JES conference – C. Dietrich
 - DES lunch – G. Comstock
 - EWeek info – save the date – L. Dwyer
 - Pending legislation – P. King
 - Mark C. (guest writer) – survey position regarding unlicensed practice
 - Upcoming meetings – save the date/a look ahead
 - Historical Observer article? – Ted will send article to P. King to convert from pdf to text
- Web Site (Josh B.)
 - Issues –
 - Joint Calendar approval process – also, let's get all member meeting dates on the calendar
 - Constant Contact status
- Changes in Board Personnel

W. Durack moving to Oregon

D. Hudson motion to accept resignation with regrets; J. Beaudet second; all in favor

Pete will send out member alert about potential licensure issues in proposed regulation

4. Professional Development and Continuing Education

- 7 Dec 2011 - NHDES Update (G. Comstock) – Puritan 11:30-2:30** – on track; will put list of attendees on website after the fact; L. Dwyer will help with check-in; raffle for scholarship – D. Hudson and J. Beaudet will ask for prizes; otherwise 50/50
- January T. Setas - future month
- L. Dwyer –IEEE – tour for local robotics manufacturer – MakeItLabs – Thursday Jan. 19 – still working on details
- 16 February – E-week Dinner/Education sessions/volunteers – need speakers and sponsors – L. Dwyer already sent out request for nominations for EOY/YEOY
- 14 March – Engineering and Law (Pete) – Barry Needleman from McLane will speak about legal issues that are of concern to engineers. – still working on details

- 19 April – Site Tour: NHBB – Ben P. – still probable
- Northern Pass (Pete) –
- 17 May – New PE Dinner (Ethics - Pete King) – need to invite board
- June – Annual Meeting (VTSPE?) Request sent to National for a representative to attend out June 20 meeting. Location TBD

L. Dwyer will email dates for future meetings to Josh to get on calendar

Mass. interested in doing joint meeting with us (J. Beaudet). Evening speaker very good – author of book on steamships

5. **Public Image and Student Outreach**

- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship – Pete
- Teacher's Award (Matt L.)
- MATHCOUNTS (Ben /Gregg) – Update – info out to schools
- NHSPE Job Board - maybe put positions available on website

NHSPE has a LinkedIn page – maybe have Martha add info to it in future

- NHSEE – Corey – need corporate sponsors; need more students; may request email distribution list for them to get the word out to more people
- UNH Outreach – Corey – joint civil and mech engineers in February

6. **Government Affairs**

- Pending Legislation of Concern- NHDOT committee to allow certification of culvert design by non-PEs

Discussion:

Intent is for instances where repair/replacement of existing culverts up to 48" diameter needs to take place so they wouldn't need to file a notice with NHDES. Individual would need to get certification w/UNH. There is nothing on the table yet; it is still in discussion. Certification would likely be similar to septic designer certification. NHSPE would like to be involved in process. P. King will call PE board and NHDOT to make sure NHSPE gets seat at the table to discuss issue.

- ASCE Govt affairs subcommittee meeting 9 December (Pete) – will find out what else is going on
- Committee to study business regulation in NH – 2 changes – (1) SPCC plans currently required to be certified in NH not be required to be certified (2) don't want engineer to certify AST tank designs
- Potential Mechanic's Lien Change –
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7. **State Society Collaboration**

- November - 4-6 - NE Regional Meeting; Sturbridge, MA – 35 people total; small turnout because NY had event the same day; Kelly Norris (Exec. Director of NY) can help us get NY certification for our CEU's if we want to – may help attendance

8. **Membership**

- Membership Report (Walter D.) student membership dropped off, but not major revenue source; 9 delinquent members, 36 dropped members (5 deceased, 18 6-mos. drops), 6 new members since May

Demographics:

Membership type: general downward trend through all categories except for fellow memberships which is up; national – memberships generally down 5-10% per state; downward trend from February to November 2011 is startling; may be some effect of economy

W. Durack will contact national to see if they are seeing similar trend recently

Age: 65+ increase; 35-65 decrease; <35 slight decrease, fairly steady

Generally: 35-65 age crowd who are licensed members are major loss

P. King will contact some of delinquent members he knows personally

L. Dwyer will email letter template to P. King for new members

D. Hudson - Martha going to use Constant Contact – she'll need membership email lists for this

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

10. **Other-** applications due in beginning of January

- **EOY** – J. Beaudet and D. Hudson working on it
- **YEOY** – L. Dwyer working on it with contact

Regional meetings – future – next year RI, then DC, then Maryland; we should get on the list for the future

J. Beaudet motion to adjourn; all in favor

Next meeting: December 14 at Golder Associates 6-8pm

E-Week meeting: December 14 at Golder Associates 5:30-6pm