

**NHSPE BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2006**

**Meeting Attendees**

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| Bob Couture, PE *     | Joe Ducharme, PE    |  |
| Matt Purcell, PE      | Dan Hudson, PE *    |  |
| Roch Larochelle, PE * | John DiGenova, PE * |  |
| Paul Schmidt, PE*     | Ben Pratt, PE       |  |
| Larry Dwyer, PE *     | Matt Low, PE *      |  |

\* Voting Board Members

Roch Larochelle called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

**BOD Meeting Guest Attendees**

Phil Decker, Bruce Smith, Veronica Thibodeau, Craig Bailey

Roch Larochelle welcomed the guests and summarized the activities of NHSPE.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Review and vote to accept minutes from February and March 2006 BOD Meetings. Dan Hudson motioned to accept the meeting minutes as modified by comments. Roch Larochelle seconded the motion and the meeting minutes were approved by the group.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

- Larry Dwyer presented the Profit/Loss Detail for the Period July 1, 2005 to April 11, 2006 for review.

**2. Society Governance**

- Update to By-Laws/Constitution – Joe Ducharme and Bob Couture report that legal review comments have been received (4/12/06). The comments will be incorporated into the documents for board review. The legal reviews (Sheenen Finney Bass and Green) did this work pro-bono. It was agreed to allow them to place an advertisement in the Observer at no charge for their generous efforts.

**3. Professional Development and Continuing Education**

- May Meeting (CTAP) – Joe Ducharme reports that the meeting will be held on 10 May 2006 at the Red Blazer in Concord. All NHSPE members will be sent e-mail notices. The group reviewed and approved the e-mail notice. A non-member rate of \$5 more than the member rate was agreed to.
- Annual Meeting Planning (Kathryn Gray)- June 29 – Roch Larochelle reports that the annual meeting will not be held at the Fisher Cats Stadium. Roch will secure a room at Fratello's in Manchester.
- "Engineer your way to Success" bulk purchase and NHSPE pins – Roch Larochelle reports that NHSPE bookmarks, PE Magazines, NHSPE pens, lapel pins, and book purchase (Engineer your way to success) are in the process of being ordered from National. Also, Roch is pursuing some postage reimbursement. Coordination is through Filicia Ross of National. Standard NHSPE letterhead should be received from National in the near future.

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

- MATHCOUNTS/FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES – Ben Pratt reports that all competitions are complete except the National competition. The NH competition consisted of 56 teams and 144 students. A check from National was received for the amount of \$1,840. Roch Larochelle suggested (as previously discussed) that a few of the coordinators be assembled for a meeting in May. The purpose of the meeting would be to brainstorm about funding for MATHCOUNTS. Bruce Smith suggested letters to the local Chamber of Commerce asking for mailing lists of small business owners for potential backing of the MATHCOUNTS funding initiatives.
- AASHTO TRAC Competition – Dan Hudson reports that Belmont High School was selected by AASHTO to compete at the National level. Belmont High School was looking for sponsors to pay for the students to attend the National competition. The group generally viewed the competition as a positive outreach program to get students involved with engineering. Dan Hudson will investigate the sponsorship details (who to pay). Various levels of sponsorship were discussed. It was concluded to help this group and the dollar amount will be discussed and voted on via e-mail in the upcoming weeks.
- NHSPE Scholarship Report – Larry Dwyer reports that 40 applications had been received and reviewed and that 4 students have been selected for the \$1,000 scholarships. Larry indicated that the letters have been sent to the recipients.
- UNH Meeting with Jeff Russell (ASCE) – Paul Schmidt reports that the April 12 meeting at UNH was a success. A major discussion point was potential for additional academic requirements for the engineering profession and licensure.
- Observer – Dan Hudson indicated that Erin Wood has all the information to publish the Observer and that the next issue will be released in the next few weeks.

**5. *Government Affairs***

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives – Dan Hudson reports that SB17 needs to be reviewed further. SB17 would create an appeals board made up of 3 individuals from NHSPE.
- LA Initiatives Final Report – Paul Schmidt reports that a few Senators do not like the bill and that the Land Surveyors Association is opposed to the bill as currently drafted.

**6. *State Society Collaboration***

- Not discussed at this meeting

**7. *Membership***

- National Funding Support – Matt Purcell reports that some funding is available from National. The membership drop list was released last week. The list should be reviewed.

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

- Regional Nominations– Matt Purcell reports that there is no action yet.

Matt Low moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. The motion was seconded by Roch Larochelle and approved.

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**Miscellaneous Activities Outside of April 13 2006 BOD Meeting**

■ **Dan Hudson E-Mail Vote 5/1/06**

Fellow BOD Members,

I move that we donate \$250 to Belmont High School in support of their attendance at the national TRAC competition finals, as discussed at the previous BOD meeting. The donation will go directly to the school and be used to offset a portion of their airfare costs (see correspondence below).

Dan H.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Wormald [<mailto:rjworm@netzero.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 1:43 PM

To: Dan Hudson

Subject: Re: TRAC Sponsorship

Dan,

I am sorry that it has taken so long for me to get back to you about the donation. I just wanted to make sure that we were handling donations properly.

Any donation can be made payable to Belmont High School you could send the check care of Randy Wormald

Belmont High School  
c/o Randy Wormald  
255 Seavey Rd  
Belmont, NH 03220

We are still in need of funds for our airfare so that is how your donation will be used. Your help is greatly appreciated. If there is anything that you need from our end, let me know.

Thanks again,

Randy

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Dan Hudson Motions  
Paul Schmidt Seconds the Motion  
Discussion  
Motion is approved

Respectfully submitted,  
John DiGenova, PE