

## **NHSPE Annual Planning Session Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, August 30, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Fratello's Restaurant, Manchester, NH

### Attendees:

Dan Hudson, PE (President)\*  
Roch Larochelle, PE (Past President)\*  
Matt Low, PE (President Elect)\*  
Larry Dwyer, PE (Vice President)\*  
Tom French, PE (Treasurer)\*  
Matt Purcell, PE (State Delegate)\*  
Veronica Thibodeau Carter, PE (Director)\*  
Gregg Comstock, PE (Director)\*  
Walter Durack, EIT (Membership)  
George Fredette, PE (E-Week)  
Craig Bailey, PE (E-Week)  
Erin Wood, PE (Observer)  
Paul Schmidt, PE

\* Voting Board Member

A number of programs were discussed at the Annual Planning Session and the following should be noted:

### A. Programs / Committees

1. Membership - A membership status report was provided. There is a desire to develop a State Trifold with assistance from NSPE. Matt P. will forward available information to Walter.
2. John Alger Memorial Scholarship - Fundraising efforts yielded lower returns last year. Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. Discussed possibility of expanding funding solicitation to non-built environment.
3. Teacher Awards - Working with NH Teachers of Mathematics to refine the program. Concerns include confusion with the Presidential Awards, as well as selection criteria and process.
4. MATHCOUNTS - Fundraising was an issue again last year. Mass mailings viewed as ineffective. Look to donors outside of engineering, including accounting firms, financial institutions, etc.
5. Legislative Efforts / Government Relations - Successful in efforts last session. Not feasible to hire lobbyist. Continue to notify and work with other interested parties to affect pending legislation. Press release was issued re: Matt P. election to Regional Managing Director position. Need to follow-up with Todd Thomas at NSPE regarding other

government relations efforts.

6. UNH / Younger Members - Will look to make presentations to UNH students in the Fall (Licensure topic) and spring (Ethics topic) again. Possible topics include 100 Years of Licensure and Incident at Morales. Back issues of PE magazine may be available for handout.

7. Observer - Potential articles for the next issue were discussed. Member profiles and/or articles written by senior engineers desired.

8. Public Relations Campaign - Dan to follow-up with NSPE on annual schedule and press release templates.

9. Joint Societies - Fundraising going well for October 11th conference. Possible future joint meeting with IEEE-NH. Society contacts need to be updated for this year.

10. QBS - Coalition meeting monthly to bimonthly. Mailing last November to all municipalities, school districts, and others and will have a booth at the NH Municipal exposition this November. Continuing to monitor and have dealt with two particular QBS issues in the last year

11. Website - Discussed current status and provider.

12. E-Week - Potential Keynote speakers discussed. Make effort to attract the building industry to exhibit.

B. Board Meeting Schedule - The Board decided to stick to the historic 3rd Thursday of each month meeting schedule.

C. Budget - Taxes done and annual report has been filed. The previous year's budget was reviewed. Larry and Tom will develop a budget for the 2007-2008 Administrative Year for Board review and approval.

**Motion made by Larry D. and seconded by Roch L. to approve Daniel Hudson, PE, Lawrence Dwyer, PE, and Thomas French, PE as signatories for the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers bank accounts.**

**Motion approved unanimously (8-0) by voice vote.**

D. National and Regional Issues - The July 07' NSPE Meeting in Denver and the upcoming November 07' Regional Meeting in New Jersey were discussed.