

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

Minutes: December 18, 2002

Meeting Location: The Turner Group Offices
Locke Road
Concord, NH

Members Present:	Paul Schmidt	John Alger
	Erin Darrow	Mike DelloIacono
	Joe Ducharme	Bill Straub
	Holly Gallagher	Bob Couture
	Roch Larochelle	

Minutes review from November 18, 2002 meeting

Corrections to the minutes were discussed. The minutes were accepted as amended.

“Promote Professional Development and Education”

Education Committee – Plan for Seminar

The speakers for the January seminar fell through. Right now we are looking at a March timeframe for a seminar, possibly including a speaker from R.S. Means, among others.

“Provide Membership Level which enhances NHSPE’s viability as an organization”

Membership Committee

H. Gallagher reported on various items. If someone wants to be a member of NHSPE in order to receive the newsletter, they cannot if they do not meet the NHSPE membership credentials. She reported that we need to keep track of members, and reported delinquent memberships. The overall membership of NHSPE has decreased in the past year.

In efforts to recruit new members, B. Straub wrote up a letter that was sent to every engineering firm in New Hampshire that accompanied an invitation to the UNH dinner meeting held at the beginning of December.

Observer Report

M. DelloIacono is considering taking over The Observer. The next issue will go out just before Engineers Week, in the beginning of February, so as to inform the membership of activities and the various Engineers’ Week happenings.

In order for M. DelloIacono to take over as the editor of The Observer, we would amend our current contract with J. Maze.

B. Couture made a motion to authorize Paul Schmidt and Bill Straub to negotiate a contract with J. Maze, using the current budget as the guideline, to include The Observer. E. Darrow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Schmidt announced that the deadline for articles and advertisements is January 6th.

“Maintain a Workable and Effective Organizational Structure”

Fall Membership Meeting – Kingsbury Hall Presentation – December 4, 2002, at UNH

A very successful and pleasant meeting was held including a very good presentation about the Kingsbury Hall expansion at the University of New Hampshire. About 35 people attended the dinner. The meeting cost \$29.00 per person for a buffet; we did not break even.

January Membership Meeting – “Snowmaking Technologies”

We are thinking about having a meeting that would be held on January 23rd or 30th and include a half day of skiing and then a presentation. Possibilities are going to be investigated. The main highlight of this meeting will be a talk about snowmaking technologies.

Engineers Week

B. Straub will forward contact information to J. Alger. George has sent a message that “...it all is coming together.” Roch is working on the mall display.

Engineers Week – Dinner Exhibitors

H. Gallagher has a database developed of past exhibitors. She mentioned that it can be difficult to get exhibitors and we are already pretty late this year. In the past, exhibitors were usually already booked by January.

B. Straub suggested that a mailing be sent out. H. Gallagher noted that this technique does not work. She said that it is a lot of work to coordinate the exhibitors and requires that someone be able to take phone calls during the work day.

B. Straub suggested that we set a cost for the exhibitors, which may be a bit of a risk, but a worthwhile investment. He donated the time of his secretary to arrange the Engineer's Week exhibitors, and will plan on a mailing going out at the end of the month. H. Gallagher will coordinate with Jan.

Other Meetings – Possible topics and schedules

Discussion in regard to holding a meeting in coordination with the Society of Women Engineers.

Annual Meeting – January in San Francisco

B. Straub and M. Purcell will represent NHSPE at the Annual Meeting to be held in San Francisco in January of 2003. B. Straub will represent as the New Hampshire Section President, and Matt Purcell is serving on National Committees.

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

Legislative Report

J. Alger reported that there are a lot of new bills, and more to come as the window was still open. He discussed various political happenings. Governor Benson reportedly wants to cap tax increases to 3%. Abortion may come back as a big issue. J. Alger will be serving as the Vice-Chair of the Education Board. He also noted that there is a bill that has been submitted for studying a dam in Wentworth, which is part of a network of dams that were built earlier in the century, including the dam in Warren, New Hampshire.

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

Engineer of the Year/Young Engineer of the Year

General Discussion

“Strengthen the Public Image of Professional Engineers in the State”

Math Counts Status

Ben Pratt of Peterborough is going to be the new Director of Math Counts. L. Carroll's dedication and service to make Math Counts succeed is greatly appreciated.

NHSPE Scholarship – Status and Planning

\$2700 was in the fund account reported at the time of the meeting. There are still two other meetings, with their respective fundraisers, yet to go, before the scholarships will be awarded.

Other

National Committees

B. Straub encouraged us to get involved in the national committees, especially if we are going to be attending the pertinent meetings.

Next Meeting

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Next meeting to be held at the offices of the H.L. Turner Group in Concord, in January, date to be announced.

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