

NHSPE BOD Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 22 February 2007

Meeting Attendees

Matt Purcell, PE (Delegate)*	Phil Decker, PE, esq* (Director)	Ben Pratt, PE (Mathcounts)
Roch Larochelle, PE (President)*	Dan Hudson, PE * (President Elect)	Matt Low, PE * (Vice President)
Paul Schmidt, PE (Past President)*	John DiGenova, PE * (Secretary)	Frank Tilton, PE (Legislative Representative, Guest)
Erin Wood, PE (Editor, Observer)	Veronica Thibodeau Carter, PE* (Director)	Steve Lehmann, PE (Guest)

* Voting Board Members

Meeting Location – Center of New Hampshire (Radisson Hotel, Manchester NH)

Roch Larochelle called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and approve January 2007 meeting minutes.

Dan Hudson and Matt Low suggest changes to the January meeting minutes, noted. Phil motions to approve the January 2006 meeting minutes, Dan Hudson seconds and the motion is approved by the group.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer’s Report

- Dan indicates that Larry Dwyer will present a Treasurer’s report at the next meeting.

2. Society Governance

- Status of state membership application ~ working with national-see membership – Roch reports that he has been in contact with NSPE concerning the state membership application. Roch will follow-up with National.

3. Professional Development and Continuing Education

- February 28, 2007: NCEES Speaker for UNH – Paul reports that the NCEES speaker is set-up to speak at UNH.
- March 22, 2007: Red Hook social event – Veronica reports that details of the social event have been finalized for the 22 March social event at the Red Hook Brewery in Portsmouth. Veronica suggests raffling off of Monarchs’ tickets at the event. Roch and Veronica will follow up concerning the raffle.
- April 2007: New PE Dinner – Veronica reports that the meeting has been set-up. The location will be the Common Man in Concord. Edmond Bergeron, who taught ethics at UNH, will be the speaker.
- May 10 2007: IAC-Court Street Archeological Investigations – Roch reports that he has been in contact with Kathy Wheeler of Independent Archeological Consultants about speaking. The time and location of the meeting will be determined. John suggested a breakfast meeting. Roch will contact Kathy and ask what is a convenient time and location.

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4. *Public Image and Student Outreach*

- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship Report – Roch reports that we have collected about \$1,300 for the scholarship thus far (typically about \$3,000 to \$4,000). Based on finances, he thinks we could still give two awards this year.
- NH Math/Science Teacher of the Year Award – Dan reports that the NHSPE plans to make 3 awards (one for elementary school, one for middle school, and one for high school) tonight.
- Observer ~email distribution issue? – Dan reports that we have about 200 members and about 150 viable e-mail addresses. Dan suggests that if we do go to an e-mail distribution system we should still service the members would be like the hard copy in the mail. The problem will be tracking which members would like the e-mail and which members would like the hard copy. Dan is looking for a volunteer to track mailings.

5. *Government Affairs*

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives – Frank Tilton gave a summary of the active bills in the legislature that relate to the engineering field. Phil Decker reports presented a list of active legislation (Attachment No. 1). The bills of particular interest include HB593, SB212, HB310, and HB356.
- Government/Public Relations Campaign – Roch continues to work with National on the government/public relations campaign. This initiative seems to have no activity or support from National. Roch will follow-up with Stacy Ober to see if this program is still active.
- HB 170: Professional Membership on Regulatory Boards – Frank Tilton reports that this legislation was proposed and the house voted that it was “Inexpedient to Legislate.” Frank indicated that this probably meant that the bill would not pass.
- HB 103: Highway Fund Study Committee – Frank Tilton indicated that several Highway Fund bills will be submitted and that all but one will survive the house. A study committee will come together in May 2007 to report back to the legislature in November 2007 for recommendations.

6. *State Society Collaboration*

- October 2007 Conference Selected (Oct. 11, 2007 selected) – Roch reports that the Joint Society Conference scheduled for October 2007 is in the planning stage, further details forthcoming.

7. *Membership*

- Membership Report – Dan reports that membership is down slightly (see Attachment 2).
- Statewide Mailing (National Reimbursement/Board Action) – Roch reports that we will have future discussions concerning the statewide mailing to increase membership.
- Matt L. reports that the NHSPE travel mugs have arrived.

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Matt Purcell motions to adjourn, Phil Decker seconds and the group approves. The meeting is adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John DiGenova, PE

ATTACHMENT NO. J
2/22/07

MEMORANDUM

TO: NHSPE Board
FROM: Phil Decker, PE, Esq.
SUBJECT: Report on Government Affairs/Legislative Tracking Initiatives
DATE: 02/22/2007

- E-Week: Pres. Bush published a letter 1/24/2007 supporting National Engineers Week. The US House passed HR 59 on 1/31/2007 supporting National Engineers Week.
- HB 170: Majority of Members of Public on Most Professional Boards. A standing-room only crowd attended the committee hearing on 2/8, including Larochelle and other representatives of NHSPE. Almost all spoke against the bill. The bill's sponsoring Rep, Tim Robertson, confessed he was not fully aware there were members of the public on the boards. The committee discussed it in executive session this morning, and it is due out of committee 3/22/2007. It is expected to be held INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.
- HB 593: Increases Penalties for Unauthorized Practice of Engineering. Public Hearing: 3/8/2007 10:30 AM LOB 306. *ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM PHIL D.*
- HB 103: Establishing a Commission to Study the State Highway Trust Fund. PASSED by the House on 2/15/2007.
- HB 388: Establishing the Position of Fire Protection Engineer. Public Hearing was 2/16/2007, and executive session was this morning.
- SB 212: Adds Home Inspectors to Professions Overseen by Joint Board. Hearing: 3/7/2007, Room 100, State House, 3:00 p.m. *ADDITIONAL INF. FROM PHIL*
- HB 880: Requiring DRED to Commission and Fund a Feasibility Study by UNH Chem. Eng. Dept. on Production of Alternative Forms of Energy Using NH Natural Resources. Bill introduced 1/31/2007, and no scheduled hearings yet.
- HB 582: Relative to a Bridge over the Merrimack. Bill would apportion \$7.1 million for preliminary engineering work. The public hearing was this morning.
- SB 125: Joint Board to Certify Architecture Firms. OUGHT TO PASS 3/8/2007.
- HB 476: Requires PUC Engineer Member to Have Public Utility Experience. Due out of committee today.
- HB 499: Changes Industrial Research Center to Innovative Research Center, and Changes Purpose. The IRC can now provide intellectual property training, *inter alia*. No hearings scheduled.
- HB 310: Allows Municipalities to Regulate Wind Turbines Used for Home Energy Production. Towers must be certified by licensed PE. Due out of committee today. *ADDITIONAL INFO FROM PHIL*
- HB 356: Relative to Requiring a Comprehensive Impact Report Before a Municipality Approves or Disapproves a Proposed Development Project. The report may require engineering input. Public hearing was this morning. *ADDITIONAL INFO FROM PHIL*
- HB 833: Requires State Contracts for Engineering and Other Services over \$35k be Performed Within the United States. In committee. No hearings scheduled.

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NHSPE MEMBERSHIP:

2006	Export Date	Total Members	Licensed Members	Life / Retired Members	Young Members	Student Members
Jan						
Feb						
Mar	3/29/2006	219	191	47	33	4
April	4/17/2006	224	195	46	34	6
May	5/18/2006	226	196	43	30	6
July	7/17/2006	229	200	44	32	6
Aug	8/31/2006	233	202	46	32	7
Sept	9/15/2006	233	202	47	32	7
Oct	10/11/2006	233	200	47	32	7
Nov	11/16/2006	236	203	47	33	7
Dec	12/13/2006	235	204	44	36	7
Jan	1/17/2007	239	206	44	35	7
Feb	2/22/2007	227	197	44	29	5

