

**NHSPE Board of Director's Meeting  
Thursday, February 20, 2003  
Center of New Hampshire Board Room**

Meeting attendees

- William Straub
- Joe Ducharme
- Paul Schmidt
- David Eckman
- Robert Couture

An abbreviated meeting was held at the Center of New Hampshire Board Room prior to the yearly Engineer's Week banquet. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

**Review of minutes for previous meeting on January 22, 2003**

The meeting minutes from the January 2003 meeting were reviewed. One comment made by David Eckman requested that the sentence under the Treasurer's Report that reads "Our funds have increased over the past few years." be changed to "Our funds have leveled off over the past few years."

A motion was made by Robert Couture to accept the minutes as amended and Joe Ducharme seconded. The meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

**Observer Report**

Joe Ducharme stated that the latest Observer was in the mail and that he had received his copy in the mail earlier in the day. This is the first mailing of the Observer that has been put out by JD Maze.

There will be one more mailing of the Observer in the spring. It was pointed out that the timing needs to be coordinated with the yearly meeting so that NHSPE ballots for the upcoming year as well as bylaws for the NHSPE Education Foundation could also be included in the mailing. This requires that the mailing go out at least 30 days before the May Annual meeting.

The discussion then went to possible NHSPE candidates who could be nominated for the upcoming year. It was agreed that at the upcoming March meeting of the Board of Directors, this issue would be discussed with the intent that the list of nominations would be essentially finalized at the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dave Eckman did not have a formal report but stated that bills are coming in and being paid. This is the busiest time of the year with billing activities for MATHCOUNTS and the Engineering Week banquet coming in. He will present a written report at the March meeting.

### **Report on the February 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Joe Ducharme summarized the results of this meeting held at the Common Man restaurant. Overall, the presentation on snow making was well received and approximately 27 people attended. \$722 was brought in and the cost for the room was \$75. Overall, NHSPE lost \$80 on this meeting. Joe Ducharme had certificates for documentation of the PDH for the meeting and would hand out to those people attending the Engineer's Week banquet. Also, the raffle for ski tickets raised \$89 for the NHSPE scholarship fund.

### **May Annual Meeting**

Bill Straub stated that Matt Purcell was still pursuing getting a national representative from NSPE to attend and speak at the May meeting. We still intend to hold a joint meeting with the Vermont professional engineers.

### **NHSPE Board Nominations for Next Year**

A follow-up discussion brought up the recommendation that a short one paragraph statement be put together for each of the NHSPE Board of Director's positions and that these descriptions could be placed on the NHSPE web site to solicit interest.

ACTION: Bill Straub agreed to draft a paragraph for each position and forward to the NHSPE board members for their review and comment.

### **NH Engineering Board of Licensure – Opening for August 2003**

Bill Straub discussed how Ed Kelly is "term limited" and will be leaving the NH PE board later this year. Bill has received two letters soliciting NHSPE support proposed candidates to replace Ed Kelly. The two candidates requesting support are Jeff Tirey (expertise in structural) and William Smagula (expertise in Mechanical) A discussion followed touching on the current makeup of the PE Board in terms of area of expertise (such as civil, structural, mechanical, etc.) and opinions as to what type of expertise would best compliment the board. It was also pointed out that Jeff Tirey had been supported by NHSPE for a previous board opening. David Eckman brought up the question about how PEs in NH break down in terms of expertise.

ACTION: David Eckman agreed to contact Louise Lavertu, Executive Director for the NH PE board to see about obtaining this information. David will forward the results to the NHSPE board members for their information.

ACTION: Bill Straub will contact each of the above candidates and invite them to come and meet the NHSPE board members at the March meeting. This will give each person an opportunity to make a brief introduction to the NHSPE board members.

### **New PE Dinner in April**

Joe Ducharme discussed the following details about this upcoming meeting:

- Has finalized Deborah Grubbe as the speaker.
- Joe has called the Court Yard at Marriot and they have the following available:
  - No room charge.
  - Section off a part of the ballroom that would seat up to 100 people.
  - Meals price ranges form \$22 to \$26.
- Joe plans to present the finalized details to the board members at the March meeting.

ACTION: Joe Ducharme will contact Louise Laverti to discuss coordination with the NH PE board and also discuss which organization contacts the new PEs to extend them invitation.

ACTION: Bill Straub will take over the responsibility for sending out the mailing announcing the meeting.

ACTION: Bill Straub will pursue other NH engineering societies that could be included in the meeting mailing announcement to solicit their attendance.

### **Scholarship**

Approximately 5 applications have been received to date for the NHSPE scholarship. Applications will be taken until April 15<sup>th</sup>. The announcement for the scholarship winners will be at the May meeting. Currently plan on awarding two \$1000 scholarships.

### **NH colleges – Faculty Engineering Registration Status**

Bill Straub noted that this item had been discussed by the board earlier in the year, but no action ensued. The discussion that followed touched on questions about how such an inquiry by NHSPE would be received and that faculty PE registration would be expected to “encourage” students to begin pursuing licensure by taking the fundamentals exam. It was noted that in the past, NHSPE would sponsor a type of luncheon at UNH to bring in students for a discussion of licensing (free pizza was the draw). Currently, it is believed that the NH PE board members have a day each year where they go to UNH to discuss licensure with the students. The discussion then shifted to ways that NHSPE could reach students to encourage and inform them about licensure. Bill Straub suggested drafting a letter to UNH contact asking for their opinions on how NHSPE could organize a forum to reach students. An appropriate time frame might be September.

ACTION: Bill Straub will draft a letter to Robert Henry and Art Greenberg at UNH to get their input/recommendations on a forum that NHSPE could use to reach college students.

## **MATHCOUNTS**

The NH state finals will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth State. Lee Carroll is looking for NHSPE members to come and help out. Please contact Lee if you can help.

## **NSPE Lifetime Membership**

Bill Straub mentioned that Holly Gallagher had sent information requesting life time membership status for Ron Ford. Ron was previously active in NHSPE for many years. Bill stated that he would get more details on this item.

## **March NHSPE Board of Director's Meeting**

The next meeting of the NHSPE board of directors will be held at 6 pm on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Turner Group offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Couture P.E.