

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

Date: January 22, 2003

Meeting Location: The Turner Group Offices
Locke Road
Concord, New Hampshire

Members Present:

Matt Purcell	John Alger
Erin Darrow	Mike DelloIacono
Joe Ducharme	Bill Straub
George Fredette	Bob Couture
Roch Larochelle	Dave Eckman

Minutes review from December 18, 2002 meeting

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

Promote Professional Development and Education

Education Committee

M. Purcell led an interactive discussion to facilitate brainstorming ideas for future seminars. The board worked as a team to develop possible curriculums for Professional Development opportunities.

Speakers for these topics are needed. Please see Matt with any suggestions and ideas.

Provide Membership Level which enhances NHSPE's viability as an organization

Membership

Many Engineers join NSPE and NHSPE because they know someone else in the organization. One-on-one communications can be the most effective way to generate interest in NHSPE.

Observer Report

The Observer winter issue has been delayed. Articles are due to P. Schmidt by the end of next week (January 31st).

New Contract with Jmaze Design for The Observer

M. DelloIacono now has a contract with NHSPE to publish The Observer.

Replacement for P. Schmidt

We are still looking for someone to take over P. Schmidt's position as Newsletter Editor. If you know of an engineer who might be interested in taking over as Newsletter Editor for NHSPE, contact Paul or B. Straub.

Maintain a Workable and Effective Organizational Structure

Treasurer's Report

D. Eckman provided written reports which he explained. Our funds have leveled off over the past few years. Also, we have enough money this year for two \$1,000 scholarships; the past two years NHSPE has sponsored two \$500 scholarships.

National Engineers Week Planning

B. Couture made a motion the NHSPE donates \$200 for the reception hour for the National Engineers Week Banquet Exhibit. J. Ducharme seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Fredette reported on the Engineers Week Planning, which he's been coordinating. We are looking forward to a pleasant reception and exhibit. The dinner will be buffet style this year, which should be efficient and a good opportunity to meet other engineers.

The New Hampshire Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers will be participating in the National Engineers Week festivities with NHSPE, as well as the American Society of Civil Engineers. However, the Society of Mechanical Engineers has chosen to not be involved this year.

We discussed the invitations for the Banquet. We are inviting the following people:

- The MathCounts winner and his parents. This year's winner is from the Richmond School in Hanover.
- Arthur Greenburg, the Dean of the University of New Hampshire College of Engineering and Physical Science
- Lewis Duncan, the Dean of the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College
- Louise at the NH Joint Board
- Maurice Goulet, a New Hampshire State Representative active in the aspects of professional licensure
- Sandi Skalkeas from The Union Leader

J. Alger will coordinate with G. Fredette to arrange for the Engineer of the Year and the Young Engineer of the Year to have their photos taken with the governor.

Exhibit Progress

B. Straub and his secretary are in the process of coordinating Exhibitors for the Banquet.

Roch is working with his secretary for a PSA and Press Release. He has sent money to pay for the exhibition space at the Steeplegate Mall. The set up will be on Friday night, February 14th, after the mall closes at about 9:00 PM. This year, we will have between 8 and 10 exhibitors.

February 5th Meeting – Snowmaking

On Wednesday, February 5th, NHSPE will be sponsoring a dinner and talk about Snowmaking Technologies to be held at the Common Man Restaurant in Concord. We had to pay a \$75 room fee, at a discount because we are a not-for-profit organization. Additionally, there is no bar fee.

National Report

B. Straub has received a request from National for national committee participation. He encouraged everybody to get involved. The deadline for committee nominations is February 7th.

NSPE Annual Winter Meeting – San Francisco, California

B. Straub and M. Purcell discussed the Annual Meeting. There was a focus on public relations and media contacts. Leadership Training was also offered. There were various Engineers seeking political support in their campaigns for national offices. NHSPE does not have a strong affiliation with the current people running for National offices. A good string of leadership at the national level was also reported.

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

Legislative Report

J. Alger distributed a written report that he presented to the Board. J. Alger is now serving as the Vice-Chair of the Education Board. He discussed various issues, such as the payment by towns for students who are home schooled. We also discussed the state budget and noted that we ought to make sure that there will be adequate funding for sufficient staffing of the P.E. Board.

Promote the Ethical Practice of Engineering

New P.E. Dinner Ideas

Debra Grubbe can come to speak at the New P.E. Dinner in April. We will cover her travel expenses. We are considering inviting Northeast Regional Vice-Presidents. There are two Vice-Presidents for the Northeast. One serves the southern part of the region, which extends to Delaware. The other typically represents the northern part of the region. Since the Northeast is a large geographical region, the administration is set up to represent fairly.

Summer Golf Outing/Joint Meeting with Vermont Chapter

There has been an interest expressed for a joint NH/VT Chapters NSPE Meeting. M. Purcell is coordinating with the Vermont Chapter of NSPE. Matt suggested that we hold the meeting at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont. Traditionally this has

been the location of this NH/VT Golf Outing. This meeting had been an annual event in the past, but has not been held for a number of years. Matt is also looking into the possibility of having Terry Hembliger, the first woman president of NSPE, come to speak at the summer meeting.

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

Engineer of the Year/Young Engineer of the Year

Harold Turner has earned the honor of New Hampshire Engineer of the Year 2003. Cynthia Carlson has been selected for the New Hampshire Young Engineer of the Year 2003. Each of their applications was passed around the table for review.

Strengthen the Public Image of Professional Engineers in the State

Math Counts Status

Ben Pratt is coordinating with Lee Carroll as he prepares for being the state coordinator of Math Counts. Ben has been involved with this program and has worked with Lee for a number of years.

NHSPE Scholarship – Status and Planning

The mailings for the scholarship have been sent out. The applications are due April 15th. There will be a fundraising raffle at the winter meeting. Matt will provide ski tickets, which are always popular around here, as the raffle prize. There will also be a raffle at the Engineers Week Banquet. This year NHSPE is sponsoring two \$1,000 scholarships.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, to be held at 4:00 PM, preceding the Engineers Week Banquet at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester.

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