

NHSPE BOD Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 29, 2006

Meeting Attendees

Phil Decker, PE, esq	Joe Ducharme, PE	
Matt Purcell, PE	Dan Hudson, PE *	
Roch Larochelle, PE *	John DiGenova, PE *	
Paul Schmidt, PE*	Veronica Thibodeau, PE	
Bruce Smith, PE	Matt Low, PE *	

* Voting Board Members

Meeting Location – Fratello’s Restaurant Manchester NH

Roch Larochelle called the meeting to order at 4:10PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and vote to accept minutes from May 2006 BOD Meeting. Roch Larochelle motioned to accept the meeting minutes as modified by comments. Matt Low seconded the motion and the meeting minutes were approved by the group.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NHSPE Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers Treasurer’s Report

Presentations for today’s annual meeting and installation of Officer were discussed.

2. By-Laws and Constitution

Joe Ducharme reports that the new by-laws and constitution have been approved by the membership by a vote of 72 in favor to 1 opposed. The minimum number of votes to approve was established as 34 (15% of 225 members).

3. Qualification Based Selection Support

The group discussed the potential support for the NH Qualifications Based Selection Group. A brief history of the QBS group was presented by Paul Schmidt. Dan Hudson motioned to authorize the payment of \$250 to the QBS group. Paul Schmidt seconded and motion was approved.

4. UNH Liason Report

Bruce Smith previously distributed the UNH Liason Report (see Attachment No. 1). Bruce reports that a meeting with UNH has been set-up for 27 July 2006. Discussions concerning the licensure of UNH professors will be an important topic. Matt Purcell has agreed to attend and discuss the philosophy of Dartmouth College.

Roch Larochelle motions to adjourn, Matt Low seconds and the group approves. The meeting is adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,
John DiGenova, PE

**UNH LIASON REPORT
NHSPE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 29, 2006**

1. A professional seminar planning meeting was held at UNH on May 31st. In addition to Associate Dean Henry, the 4 department head Deans attended for UNH. A representative (Don Sherwood) from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) was also present. Roch LaRoche, Dan Hudson, Bill Straub, Veronica Thibodeau and Bruce Smith represented NHSPE. A productive discussion session evolved around how NHSPE could participate in a Profession seminar series. The original concept of 4 to 6 seminars was thought to be impractical due to the difficulty of getting voluntary student attendance across departments. Instead it was suggested that the effort be coupled with a job fair that is held each October and February. To test the concept it was suggested that a trial seminar be held during the October Job fair usually held on either a Tuesday or Thursday from about 12:30 to 2 pm. Several ideas were discussed about content, including Ethics, Future trends in Engineering; Environmental Concerns; Interactive Ethics Games; Globalization Issues; Legal and Liability issues, and Advantages of Professional Licensure. It was decided that NHSPE/IEEE should propose an October topic, and the deans indicated they could then incorporate the seminars into a senior project course. The seminar series could be lumped under the heading of "Future Trends in Engineering."

2. In addition to program hosting and speaker exchanges, UNH would like more help in student internships and NHSPE indicated more effort is needed to develop a policy to guide faculty about the lines between consulting and when there is a need for licensed engineer involvement.

3. The committee is now exploring coupling with other engineering societies, which now tend to only interact with their specialty departments. That would put NHSPE in the role of a speaker / subject agenda planner. That plan would be used to guide seminar content at the department level and enable a 3 to 5 year program map that would insure all students are exposed

to the right issues during 4 years of college. In that scenario, the Civil Engineering society would have the tightest ongoing coupling with NHSPE, but NHSPE would still be in a guiding role across departments. (IT came across clearly that getting attendance across departments would not be easy if not coupled with already scheduled events such as job fairs.) The subject content might well be the same across all departments, but the speaker presenters would probably be different. In this scenario the concept of 4 – 6 seminars per term is still feasible, but implemented one level down at the department level.

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