

Meeting Action Items Summary

1. MP to contact Green Buildings speaker.
2. MP to contact VSPE regarding the Annual Meeting.
3. PS to include the NHSPE Officers Ballot in the next newsletter mailing.
4. CM to draft a letter of support for George Cromby for MP to send out.
5. GF to collect and deliver outstanding payments for E-week event to DE.
6. DE to complete budgets for next meeting.
7. HG to provide financial reports from National to DE.
8. BOD members to notify LC of anyone interested in the State MATHCOUNTS Director position.

Minutes of the Meeting:

Meeting held at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, New Hampshire, on March 28, 2002.

Attendance:

JA - John Alger
BC - Bob Couture
LC - Lee Carroll
ED - Erin Darrow
JD - Joe Ducharme
DE - Dave Eckman
GF - George Fredette
JH - Judy Houston
HG - Holly Gallagher
CM - Craig Musselman
MP - Matt Purcell
BS - Bill Straub

Not present:

MD - Mike DelloIacono
RL - Roch LaRoche
PS - Paul Schmidt

Meeting called to order at 5:14 PM by MP.

HG is not present so ED is taking minutes.

Annual Meeting

- There are two possible options at this time for the annual meeting:
 - A joint meeting with the Vermont NHSPE Chapter could potentially be held at the Lake Morey Resort for some golfing.
 - Could hold a meeting on Lake Sunapee.
- To rent a boat to hold a meeting on Lake Sunapee, there are also two options:
 - Rent part of the boat for a cost of \$35 per person, for less than thirty-five people and share the boat.
 - Rent the entire boat for a cost of \$35 per person, for a minimum of thirty-five people. The cost of renting the entire boat is \$1,225.
- A consensus for trying to rent the entire boat on Lake Sunapee is reached; however, the challenge will be attracting the minimum of thirty-five people for the meeting.
 - It was suggested that a technical presentation could potentially draw more people. MP knows of a Green Buildings speaker, Mark _____, who would be interesting.
 - JH suggested that NHSPE invite the Structural Engineers of New Hampshire.
 - MP suggested that NHSPE invite the VT Chapter to the boat meeting.

MATHCOUNTS

- Congratulations extended for another successful MATHCOUNTS. Thanks to LC.

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- Plymouth State College awarded \$2,000 scholarships to the top three students participating in the MATHCOUNTS program, in efforts to accentuate academics at the college.

Scholarship

- \$1,500 was raised so far for this year's scholarship.
- NHSPE just received a \$100 contribution from Ed Bergeron of H. Edmund Bergeron, Civil Engineers.

The Observer

- JH reported that the publication of *The Observer* has been delayed by about one week because Paul and his wife just had a kid. Congratulations to Paul on his new baby boy!
- The Observer should go out next week so as to have adequate time for the ballot.

New Business

CM has two items that he would like to bring up to the board.

- George Cromby, the Director of Public Works for the City of Nashua, NH, has been nominated for the top ten works leaders in the United States by A.P.W.A.
 - G. Cromby was looking for a letter of recommendation from NHSPE for this award.
 - However, this past Monday, George Cromby was awarded the honor of being one of the top ten works leaders in the U.S.
 - Still, Craig Musselman is requesting that NHSPE send a letter of support for George Cromby. A general consensus to do so was reached. CM will draft up a letter for MP to sign.

MP cannot be present for the discussion of the next issue. BS led the remainder of the meeting. HG arrived and took the rest of the minutes.

- CM spoke in support of the nomination of Bobby Price for President of NSPE. He said that State Society boards and nominating committee members are getting deluged with "applicants". However, if a nominating committee member participates in a discussion, that member would probably have to step down from the committee. CM was asked to speak for Bobby Price and not compromise MP, a nominating committee member. Due to MP's position as NHSPE President, the NHSPE BOD may not be able to send support for BP, but individuals are welcome to send letters of support to David Wahl, Chair of the Nominating Committee. CM solicited info about other candidates. He knows of 3 people: BP and Art Dewitt, who have PE board and NCEES experience, and the third person, a female, whose accomplishments are not known by CM. BP, whom CM knows personally, served on an NSPE practice committee, NCEES, and on the ASCE Education committee.
- JA asked about the time commitment required for the NSPE President position. CM responded that BP is retired, so he has the time available.

NHSPE Nominating Committee:

- JH read the list of nominees for NHSPE officers, as they will appear on the ballot. The ballot will be sent with the next issue of the *Observer*. JH introduced ED, nominee for NHSPE Secretary. HG spoke in support of ED, noting that she is an active member with ASCE.

Government Affairs related to Professional Engineering issues:

- JA: Legislative Report
 - Not certain whether the Governor will veto the redistricting.
 - SB 378 – Landscape Architects Bill was killed.

Treasurer's report:

- DE reported that the tax forms have been filed.

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- Engineers Week Banquet and Exhibition resulted in a net loss of approximately \$500.
- DE gave a copy of the NHSPE, 501C6, and the NHSPE Education Fund, 501C3, documentation to HG to keep available for public review. The Education Fund book contains a draft set of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- DE said he plans on completing the budgets in the first week of April.

Provide Membership Level, which enhances NHSPE's viability as an Organization:

- HG reported that she is stepping down from the Secretary position and will continue with the Membership Committee.
- NHSPE membership remains steady at approximately 215 members. NH is one of the few states that have not declined in membership numbers. National has suggested that more effort be put into keeping members because recruiting 15% and losing 10% may cost more than recruiting fewer new members and retaining the current membership.
- The New P.E. Dinner has been a successful event that other State Societies have decided to try.

Next BOD meeting will be held at FIRST Place on April 17, 2002 at 6:00 PM.

HG moved to adjourn the meeting. JH 2nd. Vote approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM to attend the New PE dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Darrow, E.I.T., and
Holly C. Gallagher, E.I.T.
NHSPE Secretary