

**NH Society of Professional Engineers  
Board of Directors Meeting**

DATE: <u>January 17, 2008</u> 6:00 p.m. to 8:00pm (3rd Thurs. of Each Month)  Location: CLD Consulting Engineers 540 Commercial Street Manchester, NH 03101	Dan Hudson, PE (Pres)*	Gregg Comstock, PE (Dir)*
	Roch Larochelle, PE (Past Pres)*	Steven Lehmann, PE (Dir)*
	Matt Low, PE (Pres Elect)*	Paul Schmidt, PE
	Larry Dwyer, PE (Vice Pres)*	Craig Bailey, PE (E-Week)
	John DiGenova, PE (Sec)*	
	Tom French, PE (Treas)*	
	Walter Durack (Membership)	
	Phil Decker, PE (Dir)*	
	Veronica Thibodeau-Carter, PE (Dir)*	

*\*Voting Board Member*

Dan Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. A summary of the items discussed is presented below.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Review and approve November 2007 meeting minutes - The Meeting Minutes from the November 2007 BOD meeting were reviewed. Phil motions to approve the November 2007 meeting minutes, Veronica seconds and the motion is approved by the group.
- No December Meeting (inclement weather). Email votes and reports attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

- Signatories – Tom reports that accounts are all updated and signatories set for the year. Data entry is nearly up to date. Profit/loss statement is reviewed by the group. Roch motions to approve the Profit/Loss Statement as presented by Tom, Matt Low seconds and the motions are approved by the group.

**2. Society Governance**

- NHSPE Education Fund Bylaws and Operating Procedures – Dan reports that the NHSPE Education Fund needs to change our bylaws and operating procedures. Dan notes that the Education Fund is set-up as a second entity for tax purposes. Matt Low will follow-up on the update of the bylaws and operating procedures. Dan notes that a vote of all members is required to update the bylaws and operating procedures.

**3. Professional Development and Continuing Education**

December 11, 2007 – Northern Wood Power Project – Dan reports that the meeting was a success.

- February 6, 2008 - Annual NHDES Update – Dan reports the room at the Holiday Inn in Concord is reserved and the meeting announcement will go out shortly. The speakers will be Ridge Mauck and Paul Courier.
- February ??, 2008 (NHSPE Ski Social) – Veronica reports that she has obtained pricing from several ski areas for a weekday informal ski outing. She is open to suggestions concerning a date for the outing. After discussion, it was concluded that night skiing/tubing may be better attended. Veronica will pursue the night skiing option further.
- February 21, 2008 - E-Week Banquet - Brian Brenner, Keynote Speaker – Craig reports the following:
  - The Center of New Hampshire will donate a one night stay for two for the scholarship
  - Right now 15 vendors will attend.
  - Student Chapters at UNH and Dartmouth will also attend.
  - Prices for the rooms have increased in the past years due to increasing costs. Consideration is being given to a new venue for future years.
  - Requests have gone out to other societies to fund the hors d'oeuvres.
  - George submitted a new release to the Union Leader.
  - To avoid confusion a map of the set-up areas will be given to each of the vendors.

Roch motions to approve \$225 for the Engineers Week Banquet to fund the cocktail hour, Phil seconds and the motions are approved by the group.

- March 20, 2008 - NH National Guard Headquarters – Tom reports that an attendance list will be required to tour the NH National Guard Headquarters at least 2 weeks in advance of the event (no alternate attendees).
- April ??, 2008 - New PE Dinner – Dan reports that the Joint Board has offered to find a speaker for the event, if required.
- May ??, 2008 - Rock Slope Stability by Jay Smerekanicz of Golder Associates – Dan reports that a date has not been set for this event yet.
- June 27, 2008 - Annual Meeting – Dan reports that the location of the annual meeting will be Merchants.com Stadium and that Bernie Bursen (NSPE) will be the guest speaker. Larry sent-in the check to reserve the meeting room.

#### **4. *Public Image and Student Outreach***

- NHSPE John Alger Memorial Scholarship Report – Larry reports that we have collected about \$2,000 thus far. Veronica suggested leaving pamphlets out at the Eweek banquet explaining the significance of the scholarship.
- Teacher's Award Report – Matt Low reports that we will skip the award this year while we reorganize. Information was sent out to other societies for obtain backing and suggestions. Responses from ACEC, SENH, etc. have been received and other responses are expected to trickle in.
- MATHCOUNTS Report – Greg reports that fund raising is underway. Tom will report next week concerning totals. Dan indicated that he spoke with Ben and that the Mathcounts competition will be held at Plymouth State University of 8 March 2008 and that we need a replacement for the Seacoast coordinator.
- UNH Outreach
  - Spring Ethics Presentation - February 26<sup>th</sup> – Roch reports that Art Swartz will speak at UNH on 26 February 2008.
  - Spring Career Fair - February 27<sup>th</sup> – Help is needed for the Spring Career Fair at UNH. Matt Low and Steve have volunteered to help Roch at the NHSPE table.
- Observer – Dan reports that the Observer will be mailed in the next week or so.
- Time Engineers Video Game - Matt Low reports that he will give a full report next meeting. Dan indicates that we will investigate further whether we should promote the game as an engineering resource for kids.

#### **5. *Government Affairs***

- Legislative Tracking Initiatives Report – Phil presents Attachment No. 1 to the group for discussion.
- QBS Report – Matt Low reports that the QBS website is not operational.

#### **6. *State Society Collaboration***

- October 9, 2008: 2nd Annual NHJES Conference - Roch reports that 3 people attended the meeting. ACEC will look into sponsorship. NHJES is looking for speakers for the meeting and that they need flyers for the meeting. Dan will look into the flyers. SENH has concerns about how the funds from the meeting will be managed and if this group will become a registered entity. Roch strongly disagrees that the group should be registered. The next meeting will be held on 7 February 2008 in Concord.

#### **7. *Membership***

- Membership Report – Walter reports this month that membership is increasing. No formal (written report) is available this month. Walter would like to have a standard notebook of letters that will be sent out if members are late in payment (as a reminder).
- Development of State-Centric Tri-fold – Dan reports that Matt Purcell is working on the tri-fold.

Roch motions to adjourn, Phil seconds and the group approves. The meeting is adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectively Submitted.

John G. DiGenova, P.E.

Scholarship report is as follows:

1. Donation request letters have been out for a few weeks. I've received donations from 10 firms, but have not deposited the checks yet.
2. Update was sent to Erin for the Observer.
3. Discussed the mailing of announcements to schools with Fred Douglass. He's on board to do the mailing again. I have sent him the updated flyers. Apps will be due 4/11/08.

Larry

**Mathcounts:**

52 schools registered (normally have ~ 55).

Funding: Responded to a request for more information from Irving Oil (we sent them a funding request letter last month) - will follow up on this and other funding request letters sent the last few months. As previously reported, Lee Carroll and Ben Pratt have sent out their funding request letters. Emailed Bob Baskerville to see if he needs any assistance with sending out letters – no response – will follow up with call. Need to check with Larry/Tom to see if any money has started coming in.

**Professional Dev and Continuing Education**

Speakers set for Feb 6 for "NHDES Update" (Collis Adams – Wetlands, Ridge Mauck – Alteration of Terrain, Paul Currier – water quality standards)

Gregg

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NHSPE Board  
**FROM:** Phil Decker, PE, Esq.  
**SUBJECT:** Report on Government Affairs/Legislative Tracking Initiatives  
**DATE:** 12/20/2007

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### **NH Administrative Rule Changes**

The Joint Board of Professional Engineers proposes to increase the biennial fee for all individual licensees to \$150, which is an increase of \$20. The application fee for licensure will go up to \$150 from \$100, and the exam fee will go up to \$225 from \$160. The Joint Board has proposed the increases in the Rulemaking Register because Engineering Credential Evaluation International no longer exists, and has been replaced by Professional Engineering Education Services. A hearing on changes to rules Eng 302.02, 302.03, and 302.04 will be held at the Joint Board office, 57 Regional Drive, in Concord, on 2/15/2008 at 9:30 AM.

### **NH HB 1282**

In the state General Court, HB 1282 has been introduced amend the pre-engineering technology curriculum in public schools to include grades 6 – 12, and not just high school. The bill is in the House Education Committee.

### **NH HB 582**

HB 582, relative to a bridge over the Merrimack River, is left over from the 2007 session. In this bill, \$7.1 million is appropriated for preliminary engineering over four years.

### **NH HB 1295**

HB 1295 establishes a commission to study issues related to storm water. One of the members must be a representative of ACEC. The bill is in the Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee.

### **US HR 3634**

The U.S. House introduced the STEP Act: The Strategic Technology/Engineering Program Act of 2007. The bill would determine the eligibility of individuals for student loan forgiveness for PEs and engineering students to provide incentives to pursue engineering education. Presently, the bill is in the House Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

### **US HR 2067**

Finally, the Good Samaritan Protection for Construction, Architectural, and Engineering Volunteers Act remains alive but in the House Committee on the Judiciary. This bill is H.R. 2067.

**December 2007 Membership Status Report**

**5 New Members Have  
Joined This Month**

Totals Sorted by Membership Type

Month	Member Type				Total
	Licensed	Member*	Fellow	Student	
May					0
June					0
July					0
August	205	23	1	5	234
September	207	23	1	5	236
October	207	23	1	5	236
November	210	22	1	4	237
December	213	21	1	5	240

\*Non-Licensed

Totals Sorted by Membership Status

Month	Membership Status			Total
	Standard	Life	Retired	
May				0
June				0
July				0
August	190	42	2	234
September	192	42	2	236
October	192	42	2	236
November	193	42	2	237
December	196	42	2	240

Young Members\*

Month	Young Members
May	
June	
July	
August	26**
September	27**
October	26**
November	---
December	31**

Delinquent Members

Month	Delinquent Members
May	
June	
July	
August	8 (3 Six Month Free)
September	9 (5 Six Month Free)
October	6 (3 Six Month Free)
November	11 (8 Six Month Free)
December	19 (14 Six Month)

\*Under 35 before 1/1/2008

\*\*Estimated Value-missing data

Dropped Members

Month	Dropped Members				Total
	Cancelled	Deceased	No Pay*	Upgrade	
May					
June					
July					
August	2	2	38	2	44
September	2	2	38	2	44
October	SEE LIST ON NEXT PAGE				
November	SEE LIST ON NEXT PAGE				
December	SEE LIST ON NEXT PAGE				

New Members

Name	Company	Join Date	6 Month Free
Richard Beati, PE	Maynard & Paquette Engineering	12/11/2007	YES
Kristopher Houle, EIT	University of New Hampshire	11/16/2007	YES
Brian Gilman, PE	Sno-Matic Controls & Engineering	11/13/2007	YES
Jeffrey Duncan, PE	---	11/13/2007	YES
Wendell Smith III, PE	Haley & Aldrich, Inc	11/13/2007	YES

