



North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers
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Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2008

1. **Call to order** – The North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers Board of Director's meeting was called to order on April 2, 2008 at 5:07 p.m. by Michael Gunsch, President. Present were Michael Gunsch, President; Gregg Thielman, Past President; James Landenberger, Secretary-Treasurer; Tom Atkinson, Chapter 2 President; Kent Ritterman, Chapter 4 President; Kevin Nelson, NSPE House of Delegate representative; Brian Weiss, Don Andersen, Brad Aldrich, NSPE President-Elect, Dale Heglund, Tracy Eslinger, Mona Hurt and Nancy Buechler, Executive Secretaries. The Secretary declared a quorum, allowing the business meeting to commence.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Kevin added under New Business publishing of names.
Kevin moved seconded by Tom to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes of the previous teleconference held March 12, 2008. Brad asked that under Item 10.B it should state ASME is opposed and IEEE has taken a neutral position on the matter
Kevin Nelson moved to approve as amended, Brad seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Executive Secretary Report** – the Profit and Loss statement was attached to the agenda along with current balances. Membership was reviewed. Noted that thus far we had received \$1,625 in additional funds from National because of them inadvertently and inaccurately invoicing our membership dues, but this still did not accurately reflect the amount due, so we will need to stay in contact with National regarding final resolution of this matter. Brad Schmidt asked Tracy to report on the changes in membership numbers for Chapter 4. Tracy noted that they had a goal of 104 members and were currently at 96. They held a joint meeting with NDSU students and picked up about 21 students by offering to cover ½ the of the student dues through the Chapter.

Kevin asked if the member numbers included NDDOT - Michael stated they do not at this time as we have not yet received information on who is being assigned as members.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - James stated there was a question as to why the Scholarship revenue was listed as a negative. A motion would be needed to make an adjusting entry for Revenues and Expenses. Michael asked for a motion and/or authorization from the Board to make the adjusting entries as well as issue Chapter rebates which are listed on the agenda attachments. While this this is typically a formality listing these in the minutes is also provides information on each chapter's membership.

Kevin moved to approve the Executive Secretary Report, the Treasurer's Report, with adjusting entries and rebates. Tom Atkinson seconded. Motion carried.

6. **Chapter Reports** - hold for Annual meeting.



7. **Practice Division Reports** - hold for annual meeting.
8. **Board of Registration Update** - hold for annual meeting.
9. **B+30 Draft Resolution - Presentation to Membership.** Brad Schmidt put together the talking points to take to the membership on Friday. Brad Aldrich will present a summary of the issue to the membership and hopefully we will approve a formal resolution that can be sent forward to National. Brad Schmidt stated some of the B+30 talking points on the handout are to show support of National's Professional Policy No. 68, and also to encourage NSPE and ABET to move forward. Brad Aldrich felt the draft resolution developed following the Board of Registration meeting was well put together. He noted that approximately 20% of the engineers pursue a license - this is about Professional Licensure. B+30 would require 30 additional credit hours prior to obtaining Professionally Licensure - it doesn't need to be obtained right away. There appears to be some concern related to what is to be contained in these 30 credits. Brad Aldrich felt that one of the stumbling blocks seems to be in articulating how the hours are to be obtained i.e. college hours, CE, etc. however we need to uphold ourselves as a profession, not another technical trade. Brad Aldrich also encouraged us to have this resolution included as part of the National Delegates packets prior to going to the NSPE meeting in Portland. It was noted that using this route B+30 would still require legislative action in all 50 states to implement, which is a problematic issue. Brad Schmidt moved to forward the draft Resolution to our membership for consideration, James seconded. Kevin questioned Brad Schmidt if we had verified that the US Department of Labor does not recognize engineering as a profession. Brad S. stated he would do some research and also requested Brad Aldrich check with National to determine if they had that information from the webinar available.

Brad Schmidt moved to amend the motion and remove the section on the Department of Labor not recognizing engineering as a profession if he was unable to verify prior to presenting it to the membership. James seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

- A. **NDDOT Enterprise Program:** Brad Aldrich will check to see if he can sign the agreement. If not Michael will forward to National for signature and recording.
- B. **Bylaws and Operating Procedure Revisions**
 - a. Combine Professional and Public Relations Committee. **Kevin Nelson moved to amend and replace the current operating procedures with the revised combined Professional and PR Committee Operating Procedure. Gregg Thielman seconded. Motion carried.**
 - b. **Elimination of Section 8 in OP #9 - Discipline.** Kevin Nelson noted that this had been put in place with the theory that the State Society would write a letter on behalf of the non member in hopes of them joining which he felt was fallacious. **Kevin moved to approve the elimination of Section 8, seconded by James. Motion carried.**
- C. **Membership Email Lists - State Repository** - Michael asked that all local Chapter mailing lists be sent to the state office regardless if they are members or not. This can be utilized for sending out information regarding NDSPE as well as invites to the Annual meeting.



- D. Website Revisions.** Noted that National is creating a web site template that we hopefully we can utilize to update our state web site. Michael questioned the board on having the financials put on the website. The consensus of the board was that they could be placed on the website as long as no account numbers are shown.

11. New Business

- A. President's Report & Committee Reports** –The following reports are included in annual meeting booklets.
- Audit & Budget
 - Awards
 - Bylaws and Operating Procedures
 - Education, Public & Professional Relations
 - Publications
 - Membership – Jay Kleven noted that he had only received 7 responses from his survey that he had sent out. He will pass them out at the membership meeting also.

Brad noted that on Page 24 of the 66th Annual Meeting Minutes they do not read correctly – it was noted that the minutes were taken in chronological order which seemed confusing as the Chapter reports were intermingled with the votes for Board of Registration nominees. It was recommended that they be revised to place the votes section together and the Chapter Reports together and then clarify who the 4th person was on the voting portion as there were four nominees: Wayne Larson, Chapter 4; Gerald Floden, Chapter 4; Mike Murie, Chapter 1; and Dean Wieland, Chapter 1.

- B. Legislative Lobbyist.** Michael noted that Bonnie Staiger was hired by ACEC and discussed if we should share costs or get our own lobbyist. Kevin noted that there may be a conflict of interest. Kevin noted that the Board of Registration is also generally involved and they are not using Bonnie, discussion was to perhaps ask Todd Kranda with Kingsley, Kranzler and Klemin if he would represent NDSPE and the Board of Registration.

General consensus of the board was to have Michael visit with ACEC, then the Board of Registration to get a general feeling of where they are at with this issue. Michael will update at the May teleconference meeting.

- C. Publishing Names – Board of Registration.** Kevin reported that at this time North Dakota that does not publish disciplinary action and names of individuals. The Board of Registrations decided to approach the Professional associations to see what they want. Brad asked if it is currently public information, Kevin stated it was. Noted they could publish action taken as a result of the discipline as a deterrent as well as an educational and information source if some were unaware. Discussed publishing those without merit, but this was unlikely. Kevin noted if it was a complaint without merit or the individual had been exonerated they would then just publish the case number with no names or details. Kevin noted that another potential benefit is to show the public that the BOR is representing them.



Michael will address at the membership meeting on Thursday to get their input.

With no further business Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Thomas seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mona Hurt
NDSPE Executive Secretary



James Landenberger
NDSPE Secretary/Treasurer

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