

WESTERN and PACIFIC REGION
2008 ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES

South Lake Tahoe, CA Embassy Suites

Convened: 9:00 AM by Chairman Frank Fong, P.E.

Agenda: A modified agenda was approved; see attached

Minutes: The minutes of the 2007 from Las Vegas, NV was approved as submitted

Region Director Report: Michael Hardy, P.E.

With the resignation of Ken Rigsbee, P.E., as President-Elect, this complicates the leadership rotation cycle. Brad Aldrich, P.E., assumes the President position and Sam Grossman, P.E., assumes the President-elect position assuming concurrence by the HOD in July. Michael brought up a consortium of engineering societies working on the topics of software engineering licensing, working with NCEES for uniform licensing requirements in all jurisdictions. The issues of CEU's and PDH's variations among states are a central issue. Stewart asked what is NSPE is doing in this area. President Bernie Berson responded with the NSPE work with NCEES to resolve these issues. A comment that consolidating requirements is much like the IBO codes example. Leckband noted that the UK Charter Software engineers are licensed. Miller asked about electronic sealing and NSPE's position. Kramer suggested making this a subject of a webinar.

Further, Hardy brought up additional topics to be handled at the upcoming BOD meeting. Among them are several bylaw changes including changes to Life Membership, student chapters, NSPE affiliates, addition of a parliamentarian, and notice requirement for both the BOD and the HOD

Leckband objected to the contents of the BOD minutes as not providing any definitive information. She also noted that she cannot get to the documents on the website. Kramer asked that the minutes mention the intent of the motions and actions. Stewart brought up the Civil Justice Association of California newsletter as a good example.

Hardy finished with the topic of the role of the regions that he instigated at the BOD to lead a discussion.

Interest Group Reports:

Theno reported on PEPP. He stated that PEP is trying to survive. In January, PEP had a products and services workshop with the Young Engineers. The Council of Principals meeting covered the topic of QBS Awards where PEPP is taking the lead this year. There is a Human Resources Roundtable this weekend; in the Fall there will be a meeting further west. The CFO activity is growing with a meeting June 12 to 14 tackling methods to deliver CFO packages. Theno invited others to visit the Council of Principals website. The EJCDC documents are being converted to a subscription basis. The Young Engineers are working with PEPP, but asking how to have a face-to-face meeting.

Fong reported on PEI noting a PEI Products award and that PEI is also working on the software engineer licensing issues.

NSPE President's Report, Bernie Berson:

President Berson began noting that the regions have an important role in NSPE, even without a formal model. He noted that the BOD meetings hold down reports to focus an hour and half to strategic discussions. He stated that NSPE are not fully cognizant of state concerns to the extent they should. The FDTF has some built in problems, to some extent, that are being worked out. Stewart asked how the strategic issues are identified; the Executive Committee continuously discusses and polls for issues to bring up in the meetings. President Berson noted that communications is a work-in-progress citing a consolidation of a couple departments in the NSPE staff into one department headed by Dave Siegel. He also noted that the website is in development acknowledging several comments to that effect. The Annual Conference is now on line for registration. President Berson mentioned a "Family Brochure" covering allied programs such as MathCounts, JETS, Bridge Building, and others. NSPE is attempting to set up alliances with corporations and universities as applicable. He stated that NSPE is highly regarded by other organizations, emphasizing a closer relationship with NCEES, a very important organization to NSPE's mission. Another organization is the Army Corps of Engineers where President Berson personally recruited the general as a NSPE member; he is working on the Navy equivalent. Gaining these individuals could significantly influence members from the groups. In this area, President Berson commented that the image of NSPE is missing from many people's consciousness.

Commenting on issues at NSPE HQ, President Berson stated that Executive Director Jacobsen declares that the AMS system is operating well. There are building problems, physically, with water in the basement. The topic of electronic communications with the HOD is a distinct possibility. Kramer asked if the state presidents list serve could be reinstated; President Berson believes so. Kramer also stated that the AMS net forum is a critical feature. NSPE is getting a bylaw review from Art Herold, Webster, Chamberlain and Bean, specialists in

association law, with respect to the NSPE incorporation papers, which happen to be in South Carolina. Kramer asked about state executive training with support from NSPE. President Berson brought up the topic of mobility and working with Canadian sources to improve this concept. President Berson asked how NSPE might involve young engineers more; Hardy forwarded the idea of donation of airline miles to assist young engineer travel.

Western and Pacific Region Round Table

The assembled group conducted a round table discussion on the mission and tasks for the Region. Several ideas were presented and refined, followed by a weighted vote for preferences. See the attached file for ideas and conclusions.

Lunch Presentation: Stock analysis and forecasting by Keith Butto of Les Navellier & Associates.

Distinguished Member of CSPE presentation, Les Turnbeaugh, CSPE
Turnbeaugh presented a program instituted within CSPE to honor individuals active within CSPE according to a specific set of criteria. CSPE envisions this award as a means to improve CSPE's image and as a potential recruiting tool. CSPE is merely presenting this as information to the WPR. See that attached information sheet.

Budget Discussions, Alan Werner, Treasurer.

Treasurer Werner offered two budgets, one with and one without dues collections. Discussion followed – Stewart wants to see budget items tied to specific action plan items; need to establish a separate Tax Identification Number; what is the value of an organized regional structure?

| MSP (moved, seconded, and passed): the Western and Pacific Region should remain as a distinct entity.

MST (moved, seconded, and tabled): The Western and Pacific Region should incorporate. (Additional information to be sought on pros and cons for incorporation.) Time line = two months.

MSP: Budget without collection of dues. See attached budget.

Operating Procedures Revision: Alan Werner, Secretary

Secretary Werner presented the Operating Procedures as previously distributed.

MSP: Adopt the revised Operating Procedures.

Following discussion: Drop dues from the Operating Procedures. This is generally discounted since it would hamper or prevent action by the WPR. Stewart: Create an action plan with budget breakouts. Kramer: need to functionalize expenses in reports.

Elections:

NSPE Regional Director Nominee: Steve Theno, P.E.

WPR Secretary/Treasurer: Alan Werner, P.E.

NSPE Candidate Selection Committee: Susanne Leckband, P.E.

NCEES B+30 Presentation, Craig Musselman, P.E.

Musselman presented the NCEES conclusions and recommendations for revised licensing requirements known as B+30. Discussion followed. A copy of the presentation is attached as a separate file.

Next Meeting: WSPE is the first choice in conjunction with its 2009 Annual Meeting; ISPE is an alternate choice for a Northern Idaho venue. Suggestion was made to see if WSPE and ISPE meetings could be combined with WPR meeting to achieve a critical mass and provide additional educational program.

Adjourned at 4:30 PM