

**ACEC-VT Executive Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2008**

Attendees:

Greg Edwards, *Stantec*
John Forcier, *Forcier and Aldrich*
Jon Lens, *Geo Design*
Robert Stevens, *Stevens & Assoc.*

Peter Boemig, *SVE*
Jason Gaudette, *GeoDesign*
Kevin Worden, *Engineering Ventures*
Blair Enman, *Enman Associates*

Topics and Items Discussed:

Guest Speaker

Nancy Mears – VGBN (Vermont Green Building Network)

- Architect, VTC Lecturer
- 200 individual members.
- Focus on education and outreach.
- Sponsors LEED workshops – Feb. 15th in Burlington.
- Considering regionalization of LEED certification.
- See vgbn.org and buildinggreen.com for more information.
- For used and salvaged materials see vbm.x.org and recyclenorth.org
- LEED certification:
 - Best preparation – Attend LEED review meetings, study guides, attend VGBN workshop.
 - Need to have broad knowledge of civil, site, structural and mechanical for exam.
- VGBN needs better networks to reach consumers.
- See VGBN website for workshops and events.
- If interested, contact Nancy to include business on green pages or for sponsorships.

1. Last meeting minutes – approved.

2. E-week Banquet

- a. Scheduled for February 22, 2008 at the Sheraton, South Burlington, VT.

3. Engineering Excellence Award applications

- a. Application by January 18th and boards by February 14th.

4. Engineer of the Year

- a. ACEC VT board voted to support Greg Goyette as “Young Engineer of the Year.” Jon Lens will provide supporting letter.

5. Day under the Dome

- a. May 29, 2008. Any support from members will be useful.

6. 2007-2008 Budget

- a. State index for dues remain unchanged.

7. Ownership Transition Survey

- a. Draft questionnaire was provided by Poulos advisors. Comments from members are requested.
- b. Decided to send survey to members to see what the response is.

8. Benefits survey

- a. Questioned if there is an interest in circulating a benefits survey form. Steve will work with accountant to develop a survey form.

9. Continuing Education Requirements

- a. An ACEC white paper, supporting continuing education requirements for professional registration, is asking for feedback by January 1st. BS + 30 college credits would be needed to sit for PE exam. Members pointed out cost and time of college credits. The purpose is to raise statue of engineer and additional credits may not do this. A motion was made to not support BS + 30 concept. A resulting vote was 4 to 4. Bob will draft answers to questions, distribute for comment and send them to ACEC National.

10. ACEC PAC

- a. Jon Lens requested members consider contributing.

11. Membership

- a. RSG ballot is out and members need to vote. VHB was approved as a member firm.

12. Seminars

- a. Jason Gaudette spoke with Vermont Business Seminars (UVM) and provided list of course offerings. Courses of interest:
 - i. Finance and Accounting Concepts
 - ii. Strategic Leaders: Organization performance
- b. Jason will research possibility and cost of ACEC specific seminar. Need two month's notice. Perhaps at VTC facility.
- c. Soil seminars will be two in spring and two in fall. Jon requested any input on potential sites other than VTC.

13. ANR Committee

- a. Next meeting is on February 13, 2008. Topic will likely be water supply. Peter will confirm with ANR.

14. VTrans Committee

- a. Next meeting is on March 12, 2008. Ad-hoc committee is pursuing meeting with contract administration.

15. Legislative Issues

- a. Riparian Buffer Zone – Members endorsed Bob's position provided in an email. Bob will finalize and Bob will pursue testifying with Bill Driscoll at AIV.
- b. Board approved motion for supporting Bob Sterci's response or testimony to proposed legislation.
- c. Phosphorous levels legislation. Current statute has requirements that are onerous and costly.
- d. H299 – New Neighborhood Initiative. Bill suggests development is limited to existing water and wastewater systems.

16. Finances

- a. \$17,773 in seminar account.
- b. Dues notices are out to members
- c. \$8,693 in checking account.

17. Next Meeting: February 13, 2008.