

**ACEC - VT**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2008**

**Attendees:**

Greg Edwards, *Stantec*  
John McKernan, *Phelps Engineering*  
Steve MacKenzie, *DuBois & King*

Bob Stevens, *Stevens Associates*  
John Forcier, *Forcier & Aldrich*  
John Lens, *GeoDesign*

**Topics and Items Discussed:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Accounts Receivable: Dues from last year (\$850) will be written off after pursuing payment.
  - b. Consider policy of dropping membership after two quarters of non-payment of dues.
2. **Ownership Survey:** Will be sent out by Sue to members.
3. **Email Issue:** John will work with Sue to resolve.
4. **Day at the Dome:** May 29<sup>th</sup>. Sue will get coffee and donuts and Steve will confirm we will have large sign. Board members will contact others to attend. Bob will send out Outlook appointment.
5. **"Builders Summit":** John Lens attended. They discussed seeking a "comprehensive building code" including a Building Code Council. May pursue education program for school officials regarding procuring professional services.
6. **Seminars:**
  - a. Soil Seminar at VTC on June 12 and 16.
  - b. Holistic Engineering Seminar at UVM – Fall 2009
  - c. Sustainable Design Certification Program at Marlboro College – Fall 2008
  - d. Business Seminar – John Lens to speak with Melanie Burkins at UVM regarding possibilities.
7. **ASCE – BS + 30:** Promoting greater education for registration. No conclusion on supporting was obtained. May need more details to conclude if this is supplied by ACEC VT.
8. **National ACEC Conference:** John Lens and John Forcier will attend and meet with Vermont Congressional Delegates. They will seek more information on ASCE-BS+30.

**9. ACEC Meeting Attendance:**

- a. Consider plan to hire part-time executive director.
- b. Develop strategic plan or mission.
- c. Consider meeting time change.
- d. Speak with ACEC NH regarding what works for them.

**10. Legislative Issues:**

- a. Erosion Control – Legislation passed for increasing fines.
- b. School Construction Bill: Requiring bidding design services was dropped.
- c. H853 Phosphorous Discharge Levels: Passed House but now in Senate.
- d. Electronic submission of plans to ANR: Members have worked with ANR to seek concessions on current requirement. No additional action is proposed at this time.

11. **2009 Banquet:** Steve McKenzie will update membership list for dues purposes.

12. **Engineers Excellence Award Banquet:** June 5th at Davis Center, UVM. Steve will pursue inviting members of UVM engineering faculty.

**Speaker: Frank Cioffi, President; Dan Smith (Asst. Secretary)  
Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC)**

**Mission: Promote economic development of value added companies.**

1. Now focusing on Vermont branding as “green” economy.
2. Have strong government affairs group.
3. Promote “knowledge” based businesses.
4. Through study group, produced report with recommendations to promote “green” economy.
5. Seeking legislature to support more study and follow-up on workforce and training/education needs.