

**AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES of Vermont**

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**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2007 MEETING**

**Suzannah's Restaurant @ Hilltop Inn, Barre, VT**

**PRESENT:** Bob Stevens, John Lens, Steve Mackenzie, John Forcier, Mark Bannon, Tom Boll, Blair Enman, John Perry, Tom Nesbitt, Bron Spencer, Andrew Ruth

**Topics & Items Discussed:**

*March Minutes were Accepted and approved.*

*The Communication File was distributed for members to review*

**1. President's Report:**

There is much room available in the Negotiation Seminar being offered on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board is interested in learning about member interests for seminars.

Do we want more technical versus management type seminars?

We have 2 sessions of the soil Seminar and they are filling up fast. At time of print we have opened up a third session. There are a few slots available on Tues., May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Membership:**

John Forcier reported that there has been quite a bit of action this past month regarding membership:

Weston & Sampson are new members

Conley & Assoc. is new members (they were previously Affiliate members)

GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc. is a new member

Erikson is interested in becoming a member

Resource Systems Group is interested in becoming a member

Nobis Engineering, Inc is interested in becoming an Affiliate Member

**3. Announcements**

Day Under the Dome: April 19, 2007, 8:30 @ the Card Room, VT State House

EEA Banquet: June 22, 2007, we are setting up a speaker now; please mark you calendars.

ACEC's National Meeting is May 6-10 in Washington, DC

John Lens & John Forcier are both attending. Please contact either of them if you have issues you wish them to take to our National representatives.

**4. Legislative Issues:**

Bulletin 3.5

John Lens reported that Chris Eckman is pursuing further discussion with the AG to present ACEC's position on this issue and negotiate more equitable language or indemnification.

ACEC National Legislative Support (Roger Jordan) advises this is a national trend (more onerous indemnification terms)

## Statute of Repose

Architects/Surveyors/Engineers hired an attorney to evaluate the potential for successful legislation. The attorneys agreed to start the grass root campaign after the legislative session is over and they will be submitting a proposal for approval before any work begins.

Have statewide sessions to evaluate grass-roots interest and identify case history examples which show that this legislation is needed.

ACEC/VT still intends to seek a meeting with the Governor to present risks of this issue to ACEC Vermont engineering firms.

## Copyright Language

Blair Enman: documents are currently being published on the ANR website

Bron Spencer; Original language from ANR is simple and provides permission to ANR to use engineer's plans for administrating their programs..

"Portal" language notifies viewers of restriction on using the documents they obtain from the ANR website.

ANR is also proposing new water supply rules regarding subsequent wells.

Attending members agree'd to get:

- short permission by engineers to ANR
- ANR portal

Bob Stevens, Blair Enman and Bron Spencer will contact attorney Kunin on this. They will ask the attorney for appropriate text on engineer's documents to protect copyright.

## Disciplinary Action Legislation

This is now being promulgated by ANR as a follow up to S27 legislation for on-site septic systems.

These are the new Water & Waste Water rules that have just been approved by ICAR. Members should review the draft rules and send any comments to Peter Boemig so that we can prepare a position paper for next month's meeting.

It was decided to have a standing committee follow this legislation and prepare a position paper on this from ACEC/VT. Peter Boemig to be the lead contact on this as he is the ANR liaison for ACEC/VT. Members should send their comments to Peter.

The next membership meeting will be May 11, 2007 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm at the Hilltop Inn in Barre, VT.

**The agenda is also attached, please RSVP now on whether or not you will be attending the meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>! RSVP to [acecv@aol.com](mailto:acecv@aol.com)**