

Board ACEC – VT

Meeting Notes October 10, 2007

Attendees:

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

Topics and Items Discussed:

1. **Speaker: Poulos Advisors:** Kyle Abrahamovich, Peter Stevens, Financial Planning Services. Specialty is working with business owners for succession planning, pension plans, tax reduction, group benefits, and insurance.
2. **ACEC Education Policy:** This policy supports requirements for 30 college credits needed in addition to BSCE to qualify for PE registration. The concerns about this were: affordability, suitable education resources & value to clients. Members should provide input to Bob Stevens to consider relaying to ACEC National Board on this. The board will consider a need for a position paper
3. **2007- 2008 Budget:** Steve McKenzie will provide to the board for review and discussion.
4. **Salary Summary:** Steve will distribute forms to members.
5. **Engineering Excellence Awards:** Steve will distribute nomination forms, with submittals on Jan 9th. Steve will also organize judges. Comments included considering alternative locations & avoiding having the event held on Friday.
6. **VTrans Committee Update:** 4 members of ACEC VT will develop & provide comments to VTrans regarding their QBS request for proposals format.
7. **Seminars:** Two (2) more soil seminar courses are scheduled for this fall. Notices have been distributed.
8. **ACEC National Conference:** John will bring handouts from courses and seminars for members to review and consider.
9. **Membership:** John will follow up on firms attending VTrans Meetings as well as firms expressing interest in the past.
10. **ANR/ACEC VT Meeting:** Meetings notes will be distributed and posted on the ACEC

Website. To provide comments on the Draft: New Waste Water Supply & Waste Water System Rules, contact John Forcier. Next meeting - December 12, 2007.

11. Next Meeting: November 14, 2007 at UVM. Time to be determined. Topic to include: reviewing UVM's Engineering College direction.

12. Future Meetings: The ACEC National Council Chair elect has offered to speak at a future meeting. Bob will follow-up & schedule. Other potential topics/ speakers include:

- a.) Roundtable discussion on financial Issues
- b.) NRCS: Lake Champlain Clean Up (Tom Villars)
- c.) Secretary of Vermont Transportation
- d.) Magistrature Issue speakers

14. Meeting Attendance: To increase attendance, all directors will contact three (3) others to solicit input on attendance & upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2007