

**November 12, 2015
HSPE Meeting Minutes**

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REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes passed.
2. Treasurers Report (Kurt)
 - o As of October, the balances were: \$2,132.06 checking, \$16,512.56 savings. There seems to be another account with \$448, Kurt and Curt will work together to figure this out. Kona-Kohala Chapter has their own account, but Big Island Chapter does not have their own.
 - o Signature authority has been transferred. Statements go to Kurt now, not Barry.
 - o Irina will keep everyone posted regarding updates to the legal process with the Maui's former treasurer.
 - o Budget Planning: Kurt and Curt to come up with a plan and present it to the board. Between \$2-3K a year have been spent during the last few years. Should be formalized and the sustainability of this should be discussed.
3. Discussions with HSPE Educational Foundation (HSPEEF) on the relationship with HSPE going forward.
 - o Curtis emailed Barry trying to begin a conversation and get everyone on the same page. Curtis to keep Mandy involved in the future in order to help establish this relationship.
4. Review and approval of revised HSPE bylaws and constitutional amendments. (Darren)
Last meeting we passed revisions to bylaws 9 and 11 but held off voting on changes to bylaws 7 and 10 regarding budgets, audit, and treasurer role pending further discussion.
 - o Mike Silva presented an idea to include a few items in the objectives of the constitution. It may be good to include a sentence or two about the math competitions and involvements with HSPE Educational Foundation.
 - o Bylaw 7 – No changes, just ensuring that we keep the discussion open and that the board abides to the current bylaws. Mike Silva suggested including language about who should perform the audit. He will formalize along with suggested constitutional changes and send in an email.
 - o Bylaw 10 – No changes. Irina suggested the board finds a way to keep historic records (annual treasurer reports) and share them with new board members as they join.

- Darren will amend the Bylaws to reflect the passed revisions to Bylaws 9 & 11 and will send out to the Board.
5. Group 1 Policies and Position Statements of NSPE - Discussion
Background: NSPE member input on the policy statement revisions is solicited until November 13, and a vote will be taken in the House of Delegates during the week of December 11-16, 2015:
- Policy 168 – Moved to discuss. Discussion continued via email.
 - Position 1737 – Motion to ask Majella to vote in favor of the changes was passed.
 - Position 1739 – Motion to ask Majella to vote in favor of the changes was passed.
6. Wiliki Article Ideas (All)

CHAPTER UPDATES

- Maui Chapter
 - Eweek Preparations started
 - Joint meeting with AIA and design professionals on November 18th, back to regular meetings in December, first Friday
- Big Island Chapter
 - none
- Kona-Kohala Chapter
 - none
- Honolulu Chapter
 - still looking for a representative to attend HCES meetings that are normally held in Honolulu

OPEN DISCUSSION

The PP168 discussion extended and the open discussion topic can be revisited next time. The topic was: The future of participation in NSPE governance: do we or don't we, and if we do, how do we pay for it?

Teleconference meetings are the second Wednesday of each month @ noon, this one was on Thursday, November 12 because of the Veterans Day holiday on Nov.11.

Next regular meeting would be on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

Minutes - ADDENDUM

Discussions as continued via email
following November's Meeting

Constantinescu, Irina

From: Curtis Beck <curt137inverse@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Mike Silva; Okimoto, Darren K.; Curtis Beck; Kurt Kunimune; Constantinescu, Irina; Mike Kamaka; Majella Stevenson; Marc Botticelli; Mandy Saito; Barry Nakamoto; William Hollingsworth
Subject: Re: HSPE telecon just concluded

I concur...

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To: "Okimoto, Darren K." <dokimoto@wsue.com>; Curtis Beck <cbeck@bowersandkubota.com>; Kurt Kunimune <kkunimune@bowersandkubota.com>; Irina Constantinescu <iconstantinescu@brwncald.com>; Mike Kamaka <mkamaka@bowersandkubota.com>; Majella Stevenson <mujtravel@aol.com>; Marc Botticelli <marc@wrsasolutions.com>; Mandy Saito <mandy@femaui.com>; Barry Nakamoto <barry.nakamoto@hawaiianelectric.com>; William Hollingsworth <hollingsworthengineering@gmail.com>; Curtis Beck <curt137inverse@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 11:18 AM
Subject: RE: HSPE telecon just concluded

The WP&R telecom just concluded.

I did not hear much opposition to PP-168. It sounded like most were happy to change the old policy by providing an alternate to the master's degree.

There may not be an opportunity to change the language. However, Committee on Policy and Advocacy (COPA) will be compiling the input received and distributing to the HOD this Wednesday. So it is more of a "wait and see" at this point for what comes from COPA.

Thanks,
Mike

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Subject: RE: HSPE telecon just concluded

Since there is a WP&R conference call tomorrow, could we first scope out the thoughts from the other western states regarding PP-168 and then discuss further within the HSPE Board?

Thanks,
Darren

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Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 8:04 AM

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Kurt and all,

Just to clarify, PP-168 is not a new professional policy of NSPE, it has actually been there for 15 years, and the proposals before us are amendments to the PP. I fully agree, and most if not all of those on the call yesterday agree, with your position that a master's degree should NOT become an educational prerequisite for engineering licensure. However, voting "no" would KEEP the following text in PP-168: "...additional requirements could include a master's degree or equivalent." The revisions proposed would change the word "could" to "should" and the words "...a master's degree or equivalent" would be deleted.

I think what has made many of us uneasy (correct me, anyone, if I misunderstand the sentiment of the group) is the statement in paragraph 2: "Therefore, NSPE supports the concept of engineering licensure candidates meeting additional academic requirements as a prerequisite for licensure and practice of engineering at the professional level." As you point out, the membership is not convinced that the existing academic requirements has resulted in a decline of the quality of licensed PE's. Not only within our HSPE group, but as you look at the comments of NSPE members across the country, many are commenting that NSPE and NCEES have not made the case that the quality of professional engineers is declining to the extent that would require the additional academic prerequisites.

Unfortunately, and Mike Silva has made this point very well, is that although we could try in the HOD debate to suggest revisions to the text, we may not be successful in this. This is because often what happens is the NSPE leadership wants the "heavy lifting" work to develop the policy language to occur within the LQPC and thus steers the HOD to a vote on the language recommended by the LQPC rather than opening up the whole policy to more revisions by the delegates.

That said, I'm not convinced that a "no" gets us anywhere except to keep the master's degree prerequisite as part of the policy. Clearly, we need to press the LQPC to justify the entire rationale behind the policy statement. But many of you seem reluctant to vote "yes" because it continues an unpopular policy. But here is what I will suggest: Although I don't yet know how the states of the Western & Pacific Region will vote, I have come to trust the process that occurs in the Regional discussions when policy debates come before it. What I am sure of is that the Regional representatives will caucus prior to the vote and will give this a complete and open, honest discussion. I suggest that we continue to take a non-binding vote of the HSPE as we decided yesterday, but that we also empower Majella to participate in the Regional discussions with the flexibility to vote with the Regional majority if the discussion warrants it.

Curtis

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From: Kurt Kunimune

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Curt:

Since I didn't vote during the teleconference call, I would vote "nay" on PP-168; that is, "no" to requiring a masters degree in engineering as a requirement to become licensed.

What is the reason for PP-168? Has there been a decline in the quality of licensed engineers lately? If anything, perhaps engineers with a masters in an engineering program should have some of the time required to work under a licensed engineer decreased from 4 years to 3 years, or something like that. Thank you

From: Curtis Beck <curt137inverse@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 1:23 PM

To: Darren K. Okimoto; Mike Silva; Irina Constantinescu; Mike Kamaka; Majella Stevenson; Marc Botticelli; Mandy Saito; Barry Nakamoto; Kurt Kunimune; William Hollingsworth; Curtis Beck

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My, my, my! I apologize that we had that little "interference" problem there towards the end of the conversation. Here is what we accomplished however regarding the NSPE policy statement revisions:

PP-1737 and PP-1739 - Board approved recommending a "yes" vote by Hawaii in the House of Delegates;

PS-168 - there were three "yes" votes and one "nay" vote; however, given that Kurt, Mike K, Majella, Marc, Mandy, and Bill were not on the call at the time of the vote, and given Mandy's request to be allowed to provide input by e-mail, we decided to keep the discussion open a few more days in hopes of reaching a consensus. I have attached the NSPE statement of process and timetable for reference. The HOD will vote on these issues by electronic ballot during the period December 7-11. If possible I would like to complete our HSPE Board e-mail vote by November 30. In the meantime, the floor remains "open" for comments or questions...please e-mail these out to the e-mail list above. Mahalo.

In other agenda items, I need to clarify with Kurt the identity of the checking account that holds \$448, and the two of us need to come up with a budget for FY 2015-16. I also need to speak with Mandy about setting up a folder in "Google Drive" to house key HSPE documents that need to pass from one Board to the next. I will also include Mandy in any e-mails or discussions with Barry on the matter of the going-forward relationship of HSPE to the HSPEEF.

I hope I captured the essential points of the meeting, in addition to the minutes that Irina took. Next meeting is December 9. Mahalo.

Curtis