

April 30, 2009 Telemeeting Notes

Attending:

CA	2
HI	1
ID	1
WA	3

1. WPR Initiatives (at least 15 minutes for three topics)

- Promotion of committee & task force membership

President Elect Sam Grossman related the shift in committee and task force emphasis to limit scope and life span for most activities, to reduce staff support costs as a consequence. All groups need to have a business plan to enhance the value to P.E.'s. If an individual has an interest in a specific group, they should contact the chairman to offer to assist. A list of committees/task forces with current chairman is expected in the near future.

- Issues of importance to WPR forum (caucus)

The issues identified at this time are:

- National-State Agreement
- State-Only Membership
- Engineers Losing Employment
- EPA Action on Green House Gasses

- Continuing Education stance – state survey

Fong stated the region needs to link this issue to the providers. Three states are known to mandate continuing education – Nevada, Montana, and Oregon. Greg Brands informed that Idaho is implementing continuing education; further, the Northern Idaho Chapter has an action plan to assist its members. The Region should put together an action plan.

2. Selection of Candidate Screening Committee Member

California has not yet taken action on a member selection

3. Bank Account Signatures and Treasurer Report

The shift of the financial accounts has occurred.

4. Report on April BOD Meeting

Werner gave a thumbnail relation of BOD actions from the April BOD teleconference.

5. State-National Agreement - Roles and Responsibilities
Different agreement for smaller state?

Executive Director Larry Jacobson stated that the modified agreement is a straight forward statement of the relative roles of the national and the state organizations. It does not mandate additional requirements on the states, but does serve to highlight the actions the state should be taking for themselves, such as officer liability insurance. The national insurance policy does not cover the states for programs that are not national oriented, such as MathCounts.

6. State Only and National Only Membership - White Paper?
Further discussions as desired

The present state of the state-only issue created some spirited discussion. Two speakers stated that implementing state-only membership in selected states would erode the basis for NSPE as a national organization. From the BOD teleconference, Werner gave a short rationale given by Kansas which is contemplating state-only membership. Werner also stated that he had a proposal that was two years old that would serve as a “straw man” paper.

7. Agenda Topics for Annual WPR Meeting: Set agenda for May

The agenda items listed for the Annual Meeting are:

Initiatives

- National-State Agreement
- State-Only Membership
- Engineering Employments – Status and Plan
- EPA Action on Hazardous Emissions – WPR Action
- Election for WPR Chairman

8. Updates on WPR meeting joint with WSPE - May 15-16

Werner presented the present details.

9. WPR Side Meeting at St. Louis?

The group agreed that a side meeting would be beneficial.

10. Ken McGowan gave a thumbnail of legislative actions in Washington State.