

WESTERN AND PACIFIC TELE-MEETING
MINUTES for
August 26, 2010

Note: The NSPE WPR telephone conference system appears to be working effectively.

1. Welcome participants – S Leckband
Hawaii, Florence Ching; Alaska, Gerry Brown & Greg Latreille; California, Frank Fong (2nd half); Washington, Doug Hendrickson; Idaho, Greg Brands; Montana, Steve Smith; Nevada, Dave James; and NSPE President, Mike Hardy (1st half)
2. Minutes
 - No previous meeting minutes to review / approve
 - G Latreille volunteered to take minutes for this teleconference
3. Plus/Delta* Caucuses at Orlando
 - S Leckband looking for feedback. A plus is something that went well, was effective, we want to continue. A delta is something that should be changed or eliminated or a recommendation for improvement. (See attachments. Thanks Dave James!)
 - Most participants on teleconference were present at and participated in caucuses in Orlando
 - D James – liked that there were 2 opportunities for W&PR to meet at National meeting.
 - Susanne -- appreciated the introductions of individuals
 - Susanne – wished tape recorder for introductions
4. Treasurer - Status Transition (Sec/Treas not available)
 - S Leckband has located paperwork / material. Will mail to S Dyrnes. W&PR is solvent, but there will be some expenses coming through.
 - NSPE has a budget for regional teleconferences. W&PR will be using the NSPE system unless issues arise
5. Continue invitation to state officers including new officers – Utah?
 - Nancy Oswald (NSPE) provided updated lists of state delegates and officers this week to D James and S Leckband. Those lists have been forwarded to J S..... who will update our list-serv.
 - No contact from Utah in several years

- Last contact was overcommitted to participate and not satisfied with level of activity of USPE members in Utah
- How should we try to reach out to Utah members / officers?
- D James in contact with ASCE president Blane Leonard to try and spur involvement.

6. NSPE Status Report – Director D James

- Fall Board of Directors meeting is Oct 22. Team building on the 21st. States or regions invited to send resolutions to be discussed at meeting, must be submitted a month in advance (Sept 21).
- Question by S Leckband – any “wobble room” on deadline for sending in resolutions? D James understands that they start working on the agenda the day after the deadline. President Hardy noted that resolutions can come in a day or two late, and they will be included. This was asked since there is a W&PR teleconference scheduled for the 23rd.
- NSPE Board Members have been asked to participate in the USA Science and Engineering Festival at the National Mall Oct 23rd and 24th. D James not completely sure what they will be doing.
- NSPE will be asking all State Societies to sign new Affiliation Agreements with National – formalizes the agreement between states and national – result of a legal review conducted at National level. State-only membership is NOT required in this agreement, but there is a note that allows for it in the agreement if the state wants, consistent with the recent bylaw revisions.

7. State Reports – Participants – Needs, concerns, rallying points, et al

- Hawaii – economic situation really hurting things. City and state furloughs twice a week. Hawaii planning their annual golf tournament to support MathCounts, but anticipating reduced participation / funding.
- Alaska – G Latreille – not much activity over the summer, but starting to kick back into activity. Many activities and details to coordinate for joint W&PR meeting and Northwestern Region of ASCE student competition. Alaska no longer planning to do a fall seminar, but will plan two seminars for the spring. State board to put together a formal membership committee by October to help dwindling membership.

- Washington – economic situation a problem. State employees taking furloughs. WSPE – funding and personnel for society programs (MathCounts, etc.) still looks okay. They have asked Microsoft to sponsor and are waiting for their decision. One bright spot is \$15 billion Hanford remediation contract. Major commercial property seems stable (Concerns expressed at W&PR 2009 annual meeting.)
- Idaho – G Brands not much to report / little contact with state Board since National Meeting. Starting to plan out state annual meeting. Steve Loop is new Idaho delegate to HoD.
- Montana – Nothing to report. Economic situation hurting business.
- Nevada – D James This year’s MathCounts fundraiser raised money, but not as much as previous years. MathCounts is taking steps to reduce budget expenditures by reducing travel costs, etc. Asking for lower levels of sponsorship from a larger group of potential sponsors (past \$500-1000, now \$100-200). State does a free lunch for PE test participants – National has partially supported costs with a \$500 grant three times.
National conference coming to Nevada July 2011. State has a conference committee set up to work out the details of the meeting. NV wants to host one of the receptions, make it “fancier” and have Vegas-style entertainment. Also want to do engineering tours – Hoover Dam & new Black Canyon bridge. They are working on dinner recommendations and other suggested events for families. The official hotel is the JW Marriot Resort, 221 South Rampart Blvd., 8-10 miles from The Strip. Perhaps there is a shuttle to the Strip.
- California – F Fong nothing new except wrangling between governor and dept of labor. Bill to change the title for Registered Engineer still in an ongoing debate. Process to create a licensure exam for software engineering is in place. A series of meetings took place as part of the Orlando NSPE Meeting. F Fong will serve on the NCEES committee to create a survey to determine topics to cover on exam.

8. Regional Meeting Plans/Schedule – Alaska

- Dates are set: April 1st and 2nd. Students in host ASCE chapter have been busy during the summer with preparations. The schedule is being set as well as venues.

- W&PR will have board meeting, but will also integrate with student competition schedule to attend some events / competitions, be introduced to student participants and explain what they do, and attend joint banquet.
- Other events to include two seminars and a job fair. G Latreille and G Brown will work to get details squared away soon so reservations can be made.

9. Invitation for Sharing State-Only Plans, if/when

- S Leckband asked that any W&PR member states considering state-only membership keep D James and her informed. [Perhaps we can assist, but at least we can all learn from your experiences.]

10. Status State/National Agreements – D James

- (See item 6 – National Report)

11. Due Diligence Responses – Status?

- Any updates for Standard of Care issue? Any workshops?
- D James – a lot of interest in NV. Would like to invite G Brands to come present on the topic prior to / in conjunction with National meeting (July 2011). Brands open to these ideas.
- Can this be added to agenda for Regional meeting in Anchorage? Each state should gather info on status of Standard of Care in their state and bring topics to the regional meeting, including if Standard of Care is not an issue / why not? G Brands telephone number cell: 208 755 8279. Feel free to leave message.
- D James - Allen Pavelka, Design Manager Clark County Public Works, is very interested and is putting together a state conference on this that may take place in conjunction with National..

12. Meeting at Orlando – Plus/Delta

- + Meeting went very well. The seminars seemed pertinent for the topics of the HoD meetings. Particularly liked seminar that provided tools for how to develop membership and leadership in volunteer organization – completely different skills / tactics than non-volunteer org.
- + Meeting overall went very well, very good experience. National Board should be commended for the way the bylaw revisions were handled.
- Delta - Low attendance of younger members. Hardly a presence in any of the meetings – only saw them at PEPP dinner.

- Delta - Last two national meetings there has been minimal to no local attendance. A National meeting should be a wonderful way to get people involved / attracted to National. Nevada will be making a big effort to improve on this and include younger members.

13. Legislation – follow-up & new

- G Brands, Idaho – bill introduced to define overlap of architecture and engineering – unsuccessful thus far. Brands concerned that bill may be an attempt to fix what would be better fixed by redefining Engineering and Architecture in legislation. Joint committee of architects and engineers to craft the bill – not well received by some larger arch or eng firms. Similar bill passed in Utah – any other states have similar situation / bill?
(ID cont.) New legislation to increase number of stories of a building from 2 to 3 that an unlicensed architect / engineer can legally design.

14. Next Conference Call Tentatively Thursday, September 23, 2010

- Tentative schedule for remaining teleconferences: Nov 4, Dec 9. This may help reduce conflict with National Board of Directors meeting and holidays.

15. Any suggestions or comments about meeting, call Susanne at 480.694.9998

16. Plus/Delta for this conference call:

- + Went well
- + Quick
- + Significant
- +Efficient
- +Cheap
- +Stayed on track
- No Delta offered

Note: Dr. James, our Director, searched for and found a Plus/Delta chart, but discovered it isn't flexible. This is to give a flavor of what the chart would look like. Most of the information is in the body of the minutes above. The purpose of this tool is to quickly provide feedback for your officers so that they can keep doing what works and improve whatever isn't working. Thanks for your participation and patience.

NSPE MEETING EVALUATION:

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<p>Some material in Workshops highly applicable to what we do. Liked workshops that provided tools to build membership and participation in a volunteer organization</p>	
<p>Caucuses:</p>	<p>1. Better integration with younger member forum</p>
<p>It was good to have two caucus meetings</p>	<p>None mentioned except below</p>
<p>Personal introductions of delegates and guests</p>	<p>Tape recorder would have been good to document introductions</p>