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# NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

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*The Mission of the New Hampshire Council of Professional Geologists is:*

- to strengthen and advance the geologic sciences as a profession;
- to promote the protection of public welfare and the environment through the professional practice of geologic sciences;
- to promote high standards of ethical conduct within the profession of geology;
- to promote the legal standing of geologists and their ability to practice geologic sciences in New Hampshire; and
- to promote the licensing of geologists in New Hampshire through statutory regulation.

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***Next NHCPG meeting is 5:30 pm, January 5, 200 at NHDES  
this will be a very important meeting for planning activities for the new year.***

## ***Bill to License Professional Geologists receives Committee Approval***

On October 5, 1999, amendments to Senate Bill SB-181 were brought before the New Hampshire Senate, Executive Departments and Administration Committee. Prior to the hearing, the committee members were provided a package which included geologist licensure support letters from NHDES; NHDOT; State Geologist Gene Boudette; Brian Fowler (Chairman of the Geologic Resources Advisory Committee); The American Groundwater Trust; The Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests; Sanborn, Head and Associates; Haley & Aldrich; Jaworski Geotech, Inc.; Aries Engineering, Inc.; NHCPG; and the NHGS. Tim Stone, Paul Sanborn and NHCPG lobbyists Teresa Rosenberger and Greg Smith were present representing NHCPG. Phil O'Brien was present representing NHDES, as well as several engineers and their lobbyists. Testimony in support of geologist licensing was presented by Tim as chairperson of NHCPG Legislative Committee. No other attendees requested to present testimony. The only question asked by the Senate committee was regarding how the exam was to be developed and the passing grade established. After a brief discussion regarding the process of adopting the ASBOG exam, the Senate committee members voted five to zero in favor of the Bill; thereby, sending the Bill on to the entire Senate for a vote most likely in early January 2000.

The Senate hearing was the culmination of seven months of meetings and revisions within the Joint Working Group (JWG) convened by NHCPG to resolve issues raised by the engineering community associated with the Bill. The JWG consisted of representatives of NHCPG, the NHGS, the NH Department of Environmental Services, and professional engineering organizations such as the Consulting Engineers of NH, the NH Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. The JWG met with the objective of developing a consensus Bill which would establish the licensure of professional geologists to benefit the citizens of New Hampshire and compliment, without conflict, the engineering statute and profession. The members of the JWG met four times between March and September, and were very successful resolving a variety of issues such as the overlap of the professions of geology and engineering, and the benefits of licensure versus certification. The

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As of November 30, 1999, NHCPG membership consists of **35 Corporate Leaders** and over **150 Individuals!** We have not had a newsletter since May ('sorry), but *new* Corporate and Individual sponsorships are below. The NHCPG welcomes all and gratefully thanks *everyone* for their support!

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There are currently more than 140 'Individual' members. Since the last newsletter, twenty-two new members have been added to the list. Their membership is greatly appreciated. [Ed. Note: I have listed the new members in the sidebar to the left.]

**NHCPG TREASURER'S REPORT**

30 September 1999

Starting Balance		\$ 0.00
Income:		
	Membership Dues	\$20,145.00
Expenses:		
	Postage	391.02
	Copying	930.86
	Bank Fees	15.36
	Lobbyists Fee	12,657.73
	Incorporation Fee	30.00
	Functions	90.00
Total.....		14,114.97
Ending Balance as of 30 September, 1999.....		\$6,030.03
Bank account balances, as of 30 September 1999.....		\$6,030.03
Respectfully Submitted, Gretchen Rich, NHCPG Treasurer.		

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NHCPG believes that the JWG was successful in developing the amended bill due to the open dialogue between the engineers and geologists, and the spirit of cooperation and good faith with which the consensus building process was approached. Such consensus is further exhibited by support received for this Bill from the NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Department of Transportation, and many consulting firms which employ both engineers and geologists.

Assuming the Bill is passed by the Senate in January 2000, it will soon after come before the House of Representatives where indications to date are that many Representatives support the Bill. However, due to the size of the House of Representatives, the largest in the nation with 400 members, MUCH WORK LIES AHEAD to inform them of the role of geologists pertaining to public health, safety and welfare.

NHCPG would like to thank all of those who worked so hard to get us to this point. However, there still is a long way to go and NHCPG hopes that members of NHGS and nonmember geologists will show their support joining the NHCPG or by renewing their membership for next year. The NHCPG also encourages members to request that their employers demonstrate support for the licensure of geologists by becoming corporate sponsors. Individual membership or corporate sponsor application can be requested by contacting Dorothy Richter, President of NHCPG, at 603-893-9944.

Please note that the official bill can be downloaded from the State's excellent website:  
[www.state.nh.us/gencourt/bills/99bills/sb0181.html](http://www.state.nh.us/gencourt/bills/99bills/sb0181.html)

## *2000 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT*

NHCPG Ballot for January 2000 Election.

The NHCPG Nominating Committee nominates the following slate of officers to be elected to lead the NHCPG for the year 2000:

President: Dorothy A. Richter

Vice President: Walter C. Carlson

Secretary: Gene Simmons

Treasurer: Gretchen Rich

In addition, the current Board of Directors has agreed to stay on for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder, Chair

Ken Milender

Dave MacLean

NHCPG Nominating Committee 2000

[Ed. Note: The election will be held at the January 2000 meeting. Please attend. Nominations for the above-indicated offices will also be made from the floor.]

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It would seem appropriate that membership renewal begin with the January 5, 2000 meeting. NHCPG is a non-profit organization with no paid officers, etc. The only costs are for lobbying and newsletter printing and mailing. However, there will be a significant cost for obtaining and using the ASBOG test for licensing.

### ***NHCPG Meeting Schedule***

Regular meetings of the NHCPG are held monthly at the NHDES offices on Hazen Drive in Concord. Please come to any or all of the meetings. The meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Be there on time, however, because the building is locked so you will need to be let in. So — mark these dates on your calendar [Ed. Note: These meetings will continue and emergency meetings may be needed as the legislature works through its agenda. More than ever, your attention and assistance will be very critical.]:

February	Wednesday, 2nd
March	Wednesday, 1st
April	Wednesday, 5th
May	Wednesday, 3rd
June	Wednesday, 7th

Note: meetings scheduled after June will be in a later newsletter.

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