



Indiana Section Meeting Minutes
20 May, 2006 at 10:00AM to 12:00 PM
Home of Mr. Marvin Obermeyer, Cicero, IN.

Current Indiana Section Board:

President: Theresa Harrison, P.E.
Vice President: Dave Devine, P.E.
Treasurer: Jerry Frost, P.E.
Secretary: Eduardo Calderin
Past President: Marvin Obermeyer, P.E.
Past Past President: Tim Wells, P.E.
Webmaster/ Newsletter Editor: Ward Martin

1. The meeting was called to order by T. Harrison. All attendees know each other. Attendees present were T. Harrison, D. Devine, E. Calderin, M. Obermeyer, T. Wells, and Bill Dubois, P.E., President Metropolitan Indianapolis Branch.
2. The minutes of the 21 January 2006 meeting were reviewed. D. Devine asked that the minutes reflect that he was in Washington, D.C. for other ASCE business at the time of this meeting. M. Obermeyer motioned, seconded by E. Calderin, to approve the 21 January 2006 meeting minutes. All approved.
3. The agenda was accepted with an addition for item 6. f. Representatives for the Region IV meeting in August.
4. Reports
 - A. Secretary Report – There was no report.
 - B. Treasurer Report – E. Calderin presented handouts of the Section accounts and recent transactions. The current balance for the checking account is \$11,395.58. One check issued long ago has not been cashed. E. Calderin has attempted to contact the person to whom the check was issued but that person has changed jobs. ASCE HQ has changed the manner which dues are allocated to sections and branches. No disbursement of funds to the branches has yet occurred for 2005. E. Calderin will disburse these funds soon. The current balance for the Merrill Lynch accounts \$30,760.98. E. Calderin has organized information from when J.D. Taylor was serving as Section Treasurer. He will present this information to M. Obermeyer for review.
 - C. Vice President Report – D. Devine thank all present for their efforts working for the Section Annual Meeting. D. Devine attended the Illinois Section Officer's meeting in March while in Chicago.
 - D. Newsletter – There was no report.
 - E. Correspondence – Marvin has directed much information sent by e-mail from ASCE HQ on to the other officers. Marvin typically receives many e-mails each week and it is a challenge to keep up with all of it.



5. Old Business

- A. The first edition of the Indiana Infrastructure Report Card was released at the Annual Meeting. Due to the weather that morning and other confusion, no formal presentation occurred. Jim Lutterbach prepared a talk. Many copies of the report card were distributed to members at the Annual Meeting. Much discussion occurred regarding what to do next. D. Devine provided his perspective based on involvement with the Leadership Training in Government Relations, the ASCE Report Card on America's Infrastructure, and the Zone II Leadership Conference as well as contract with J. Lutterbach over the past months. M. Obermeyer summarized the discussion and offered that future work should occur as a group, it is important to consider the timing of the release particularly in consideration of when the Indiana Legislature is in session, the Section should consider partnering with other groups that have similar interests, and the press should be involved. Other points mentioned were to contact more of the Section membership, the audience of the information needs to be considered, include facts and talking points that could be picked up by the press, and that the timing for any impact on transportation infrastructure may have been missed or may not be appropriate due to the recent INDOT release of a 10 year plan.
- B. There has been some interest in membership about creation of a new branch in the southeast portion of the Section boundary, which is also the state. However, there is no recent news in this matter. B. Dubois mentioned that many of the branch boundaries may not be well suited to geography and membership.
- C. There was one submission from the Section to the Terrell competition. Zone IV will now conduct the Terrell competition since District 9 no longer exists.
- D. The agenda items Section Handbook, Officer Duties, and Travel Expense Policy were all included in the same discussion. M. Obermeyer will send an electronic copy of the Section Handbook that he has to the other officers. All Officers are to review the handbook for currency and accuracy. The handbook is an important resource for the Section, particularly when new officers begin their duties. The updated travel expense policy to reimburse officers for travel needs to be added to the handbook. If a new branch is created in the southeast then the handbook and the Constitution will need to be changed.
- E. See item D.
- F. See item D.

6. Old Business

- A. The University of Evansville ASCE Student Chapter was awarded an Honorable Mention award from the Committee on Student Activities. T. Harrison was included on the distribution list of the award letter. B. Dubois stated the Metropolitan Indianapolis Branch awarded, through ASCE HQ, American Consulting Engineers, Inc. with an award for their support of ACE Younger Members.
- B. The Internet service used by Ward Martin hinders effective preparation of the Section newsletter. DSL service is much more appropriate. A motion was made by T. Wells, seconded by M. Obermeyer, and approved by all that the cost of DSL service is to be included in the cost of preparation of the Section newsletter.



- C. The Section will need a new Treasurer soon. It may be best to get someone from outside the Indianapolis area to replace E. Calderin when he moves into the Vice President position. T. Harrison will contact a member who has shown interest in becoming more active. Other names of candidates were offered. All officers are encouraged to search for candidates and make nominations for Treasurer.
 - D. E. Calderin is making plans for the 2007 Annual Meeting. He has some speakers already arranged and volunteers to assist with exhibitors. The location will be in the Indianapolis area. Student attendance is encouraged. However, the cost of student attendance should be considered based on the large numbers of student reservations made at the last annual meeting. Other issues to consider for the meeting were discussed. The date of the meeting missing other events such as spring breaks for the universities with student chapters, the FE & PE exams, Road School, and Easter. Continuing education should be considered in future annual meetings, particularly when Indiana licensing rules require it for license renewal. Many nearby states already require continuing education. Annual meeting attendance will likely increase if continuing education is offered.
 - E. T. Harrison presented E. Calderin with a draft for a budget. The Section typically prepares an assessment of actual expenses vs. budgeted expenses. T. Wells stated that it would be wise to consider other options for investment of the funds that are currently in the Merrill Lynch account and that it is important to make sure that current officers and the treasurer know who to contact and how to access this account. Access to the funds, liquidity, was a main consideration when the account was opened years ago. Other investment options or diversification of funds may be better.
 - F. The Indiana Section will send representatives to the Zone IV meeting in South Carolina in August 2006.
7. The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM Saturday 19 August 2005 in Cicero, Indiana at Marvin's place.
8. A motion for adjournment was made by M. Obermeyer, seconded by E. Calderin, and approved by all.