

Indiana Section Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2002

ATC Associates Inc.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

In attendance were:

Ali Abufares
Ward Martin
David Kollmeyer
Dave Warder

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M.
2. The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved.
3. Minutes of the June 1, 2002, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with one minor modification.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report, which was prepared by Tim Wells, was distributed and approved. The balance in the checking account as of August 23, 2002, is \$15,166.55, and the Merrill-Lynch Ready Assets Balance, as of July 26, 2002, is \$29,272.12, for a total of \$44,438.67. The report was approved as submitted.
 - b. Vice President's Report – Ali Abufares reported that the total income from the 2002 Section Annual Meeting was \$14,237 (\$9,405 from registrations, \$1,500 from sponsors and \$3,332 from exhibitors). The total expenses for the meeting were \$13,286.17.
 - c. Newsletter – Ward Martin reported that he continues to need page sponsors for the newsletter. His letters to engineering firms on this subject did not provide positive results. Ali Abufares agreed to send a letter to engineering firms who supported the annual meeting. Ward indicated that October 18 is the deadline for information to be included in the November newsletter. He indicated that he needs input from the Indiana branches for the newsletter. Ward reported that the website will now include board meeting minutes and that he has created a page for each of the Indianapolis technical focus groups.
5. New Business
 - a. Status of 2003 Annual Meeting – Tim Wells sent information indicating that plans are to have the 2003 Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the University Inn & Conference Center in West Lafayette, Indiana. The board approved this meeting time and date, and instructed Dave Warder to notify Tim to proceed with these plans.
 - b. Appointment of 2002-2003 Section Officers – The following Officers Slate was approved:

Past-past-president	David Kollmeyer
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Past-president
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Dave Warder
Ali Abufares
Tim Wells
Marvin Obermeyer
Theresa Harrison

- c. Zuhdi's grant request – Dave Warder received a request from Zuhdi Aljobeh of Valparaiso University for financial assistance in a Higher Education Institute for 20 middle-to-high school students for two weeks in the summer of 2003. This is part of a proposal to ASCE headquarters as part of ASCE's promotion of civil engineering to prospective students. The tentative institute budget is \$15,000, with \$5,000 to be provided by ASCE headquarters, and an additional \$5,000 from Valparaiso University. Zuhdi's request is a grant of \$5,000 from the Indiana Section. While the board agreed that this is a worthwhile venture, it approved a grant of only \$2,000 due to the limited financial resources of the Section. It was suggested that Zuhdi approach the Northwest Branch for additional support.
- d. Honorary membership nomination for Stuart Walesh – Dave Warder received a request from Professor Jeff Russel of the University of Wisconsin for Section support for the nomination of Stuart Walesh of Valparaiso, Indiana, for honorary membership in ASCE. Ward Martin reported that Mr. Walesh was a student at Valparaiso University in the 1960's and later a faculty member at Valparaiso University. He now is a private consultant. No one present at the board meeting was familiar with Mr. Walesh's involvement in branch or section activities, nor were any familiar with his qualifications to be an honorary member. It was agreed that, while the board would support the nomination of Mr. Walesh with a letter of recommendation, it does not have sufficient knowledge of Mr. Walesh's qualifications to prepare the application. The board asked Dave Warder to contact Mr. Russel and report the results of these discussions.

6. Old Business

- a. Status of Section monetary reserves – David Kollmeyer indicated that he will form a committee to study this issue and develop recommendations for the board.
- b. Section bylaws – David Kollmeyer and Dave Warder agreed to investigate existing bylaws (if any) and standard operating procedures and to develop and/or update the Section bylaws.
- c. Joint Society Governmental Affairs Committee – Dave Warder reported that he has been advised that this committee no longer exists.
- d. District 9 Council replacements for Mike Wenning, Giovanni Puccini and Tom Descoteaux – Dave Warder indicated that Matt Crane, Chris Gwaltney and Robert Houghtalen have agreed to be replacements for Mike, Giovanni and Tom, respectively. The board approved the nomination of all three nominees.

7. The next board meeting will be November 16, 2002, at the offices of ASA Engineering at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Warder, President