



ASCE MICHIGAN SECTION
2005-2006 Board Meeting No. 10
MEETING NOTES

Date: August 17, 2006

Meeting Held: 215 N. Walnut MSPE/ASCE Office

Meeting Called to Order: 5:44 PM

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Position</u>
Bryan Jennings, P.E.	President
Rhett Gronevelt, P.E. (via phone)	Vice President
Gerrad Godley, P.E.....	Treasurer
Maura Nesson.....	Executive Director
Laurie Kendall.....	Scholarship Committee
Michael Dagher.....	LPL Financial Advisor

Absent:
Jerry Sivak, P. E. President Elect
Tom Maxwell, P.E. Secretary

Meeting Notes (note item nos. correspond to meeting agenda):

1. **Call to Order** - Bryan Jennings called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM.
2. **Agenda** - The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and BJ added New Business item 7 e. They were approved unanimously (motioned by RG and seconded by GG).
3. **Past Meeting Notes** - The past meeting notes from the June 29, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously (motioned by GG and seconded by RG).
4. **Correspondence**

SPAG Grant Update confirming submittal (via E-Mail) – Shannon Baber received the MI Branches Reports. No Action Required (NAR)

ASCE Annual Conference – Chicago (via E-Mail) – GG mentioned that the Section should look at supporting the Section Board members in attending this event. BJ will plan on adding it to the next meetings agenda. NAR

ASCE Annual Report Reminder (via E-Mail) – NAR

Annual Report Compilations (via E-Mail) – FYI from National as to what other states are doing. NAR

Diversity Award Nominations – SE Branch will be having a diversity Conference this October 4, 2006. This award is fitting to what the SE Branch is doing. Deadline for submittal is October 1, 2006. The contact for the SE Branch is Dave White.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a) **Financial Report through April 2006** – Treasure report of Section budget through July 2006 was reviewed (motioned to approve by RG and seconded by GG).
- b) **Membership & Dues Status** – Report was generated and submitted with financials.

6. Old Business

- a) **ASCE World HQ Orientation** – submitted w/ Maura's name – confirmed registration for Maura. She will fly-in on Sunday, November 5, attend the meeting on Monday November 6, and return that Monday evening.
- b) **ASCE-MSPE-ACEC Visioning Session** – Next meeting TBD.
- c) **Annual Meeting - Saginaw Valley Branch** – The Branch Officers continue moving forward on the Annual Conference in preparation of the event. The Branch wanted to get information on the awards, Bryan J. to contact Gale V. One item missed for this years event was the Order of Engineer ceremony
- d) **Franklin Meyer Service Award** – Bryan J. will start developing award since J. Grant has stepped down at this time. It was suggested that the award be a way to push for support of a new Frank Meyer Scholarship. The Annual Meeting would be the appropriate time to start the drive. Bryan J. was going to meet with J. Sivak and contact Larry Jedele to discuss presentation at Annual Conference and to look into a Plaque, possibility with Frank's picture on it.
- e) **Michigan Youth Engineering & Science Expo (YES)** – \$4,000 has been committed by ASCE MI Section. Paul Wade to be the contact person.

7. New Business

- a) **Inland Investment / Scholarship Funds** – Michael Dagher, LPL Investments financial advisor, attended the meeting to show the Board what his final concept of the Scholarship Investment Plan would look like. Provided was an update to the Hartford / Franklin / Inland investments, the following were the recommendations suggested:

Combine the two Fifth/Third accounts – these funds will be put into the Franklin Income Fund, which provides a consistent monthly dividend and a conservative investment mix.

Keep the Inland accounts – currently these accounts are paying an 8.3% dividend.
Consider liquidating 70% of the Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund – invest this into Franklin Income Fund as well, the combined investment will exceed \$100,000 and allow the investment to be made at the first breakpoint discount.

Keep the remaining Hartford Capital Appreciation – this will be kept from growth.
Review and monitor investments performance & dividend payouts annually.

Rhett G. called a motion to accept the scholarship investment plan by Michael Dagher, with LPL Investments and to process the funds from Fifth/Third to the newly formed LPL account to set up the proposed Scholarship account (motioned to approve by RG and seconded by GG).

- b) **ASCE Report Card for Infrastructure** – No new information... ACEC/MSPE to get assistance with this task force of volunteers. Looking for ASCE to take the lead. Jim Hegarty offered assistance with the current Dam status in Michigan. Dick Skalski offered to assist with the current status of the roads. Need to form a TF of volunteers from each division on the report. Objective is to complete the report by Feb. 2007. Rhett G. has contacted ASCE for advice/guidelines. Bryan J. to contact ACEC/M for assistance to begin.
- c) **Starting/Reviving a Branch – NW Michigan** – Troy Naperala has contacted the ASCE MI Section to help get his area branch up and running again and is asking for help (08/07/2006). Maura N. will send out from the FTP a list of current members in that Branches area. Gerrad G. will contact Troy directly to help get him started and answer any of his questions. The Board believes that this is not only good for the NW Branch, but for the entire ASCE MI Section to have more active members.
- d) **SE MI Branch Diversity Conference** – The ASCE Southeastern Michigan Branch invites you to attend the First Annual Diversity Conference on October 4, 2006. Please join us for this dynamic event that will prepare and position you for tomorrow's workforce. Dennis Archer is this year's Keynote Speaker. The Registration form is attached for your use. We welcome your participation and hope to see you at the conference.
- e) **New Board Member** – Lansing-Jackson Branch member to be nominated for newest section Board member. Michael Thelen was mentioned for the nomination or Branch President to nominate member. Ballot will be mailed out by Maura N.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held 7:30 AM September 15, 2006 at the MI Section 2006 Annual Conference in Bay City.

9. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM (motioned by GG and seconded by RG).

These notes are intended to be a summary of those items discussed. Any corrections and/or comments should be noted to the writer as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerrad A. Godley, P.E., M. ASCE
Treasurer

p.c.: all board members