



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

Date: September 15, 2006

Meeting Held: Double Tree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City MI 48708

Meeting Called to Order: 7:45 AM

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Position</u>
Bryan Jennings, P.E.	President
Jerry Sivak, P. E.	President Elect
Rhett Gronevelt, P.E.	Vice President
Gerrad Godley, P.E.....	Treasurer
Maura Nesson.....	Executive Director
Mark Stemmer, P.E.....	District 7 Director
Thomas Walther, P.E.....	Chair – Region 3 Board of Governors

Absent:
Jim Grant, P.E. Past President
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 7:45 AM.
2. **Agenda** - The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and Bryan J. added New Business item "7. c)." They were approved unanimously (motioned by RG and seconded by JS).
3. **Past Meeting Notes** - The past meeting notes from the August 17, 2006 meeting were reviewed for changes to "7. a)." A motion to approved with updated were approved unanimously (motioned by JS and seconded by GG).
4. **Correspondence**

2006 ASCE Public Service Awards (via E-Mail) – Western Branch will submit application for the museum work they have done. No Action Required (NAR)

5. Treasurer's Report

- a) **Financial Report through April 2006** – Treasure report of Section budget through July 2006 was reviewed (motioned to approve by JS and seconded by RG).
- b) **Membership & Dues Status** – Report was generated and submitted with financials at the August meeting, next report expected in December 2006.

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) **Annual Meeting - Saginaw Valley Branch** – The Annual Conference is in progress. Discussion was mentioned for next years event, that the rotation is scheduled for Ann Arbor Branch, more discussion will follow as to the format and location for the next Annual Conference at a later Board meeting.
- c) **Michigan Youth Engineering & Science Expo (YES)** – \$3,500 invoice has been received and paid by the ASCE MI Section. Tom M. and Maura N. will attend meeting for event. Banner was sent out for review, Bryan J. made comment that "Michigan Section" should be added underneath the ASCE logo, comment will be sent to Tom M.
- d) **Starting/Reviving a Branch – NW Michigan** – Contact was made by Gerrad G. to Troy P. Troy is in progress of getting things started in the Traverse City area. Gerrad G. will stay in contact as progression continues and keep the Board updated.
- e) **SE MI Branch Diversity Conference** – Update to the Oct. 4, 2006 conference, a reminder E-Mail was sent out by Maura N. on September 13, 2006. (NAR)
- f) **Inland Investment / Scholarship Funds** – Gerrad G. has been in contact with Michael Dagher and everything is in process at this time. Gerrad G. will keep the Board updated as things progress and will help with the transition with the new treasurer, Michael Thelen.
- g) **ASCE Report Card for Infrastructure** – No new information, Tom W. to send examples of what has been done by his Section... 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.

7. New Business

- a) **Landscape Architects Seeking Licensure** – Currently Landscape Architect's (LA) registration is a "Title Act," LA's are trying to get legislation to move it to a "Practice Act." The current right up of the bill would expand the "Scope of Services" that a LA could provide. Based on some discussion between MSPE and the LA's with legislation, currently some LA's are working outside the limit of the laws.
- b) **MSPE Legislative Committee Meeting 9/13/2006** – Currently, there are three bills in Senator Kipper Committee, the increase penalties for practicing with out license (Supported by MSPE), issues of Interior Designers(not supported by LA), and the LA

issue of licensure (not supported by MSPE). MSPE feels that the first issue for increase penalties is not worth allowing the other two items to go through, so MSPE will hold out for better language in the bill. An update by Maura N., lobbyists met recently and the LA's have agreed to drop the grading and storm water management out of the bill.

- c) **New Board Member** –Lansing-Jackson Branch member Michael Thelen was nominated and elected for the section Treasurer. Bryan J. to send letter of congratulations and invite to next regular Board meeting in October.

8. **Next Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held 5:30 PM on October 24, 2006 at the MSPE/ASCE office on 215 Walnut Street, Lansing, MI.

- 9. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM (motioned by JS and seconded by GG).

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