

Section Meeting Minutes
ASCE ND Section Fall Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2013
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- 1) The President opened the business meeting at 6:30 PM.
 - a. Introductions were done.
- 2) Previous Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the 2013 Annual Spring Meeting held on April 2, 2013 were reviewed and approved. Motion Khan, 2nd Gross.
- 3) President's Report
 - a. Don mentioned that the Board has been having regular meetings, which an update will be provided in their reports tonight.
- 4) Treasure's Report
 - a. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Continuing Education Committee Report
 - i. Tom Klabunde reported that they have done two Lunch & Learns with Dave Sethre on concrete topics.
 - ii. They would like to do four Lunch & Learns per year. They would like to hold a webinar at the end of October in Grand Forks and Fargo. They need someone in Grand Forks to help organize the event there. Also plan to have one in December.
 - iii. The main goal is to provide opportunities for PDHs.
 - iv. Done Anderson mentioned that these activities help attract new members.
 - b. Membership Committee Report
 - i. Matt Walsvik reported that he is looking at current membership. He mentioned we have a lot of Grand Forks members.
 - c. Volunteer Committee
 - i. Jerod Klabunde reported that the Section will be hosting an event with the NDSU Student Chapter called a "Firm Crawl" on October 10th at 6:00 PM. It will give students the opportunity to visit companies and see their work spaces.
 - ii. We expect three companies to participate in the Firm Crawl, which includes two consultants and one government entity.
 - iii. Currently the event is only with the NDSU Student Chapter, but will include the UND Student Chapter in the future if they would like to participate.
 - d. Public Relations
 - i. Brandon Oye reported that he participated in a Webinar with the National ASCE Office to discuss the new ND Section website, which was created

and hosted by National ASCE. He also reminded members to join the Facebook group named “ASCE North Dakota Section”.

- e. UND Chapter Report
 - i. The Chapter President reported that they had four meetings last year. They have already had their first meeting this fall. They are looking at bringing in AE2S. They plan to participate in Steel Bridge. They are looking at working on Outreach activities with Habitat for Humanity.
 - f. NDSU Chapter Report
 - i. Don Anderson reported that they had their first meeting last night. They are currently discussing Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge.
- 6) Old Business
- a. Bylaw Update
 - i. Brandon Oye is preparing a package of the proposed Bylaw revisions for ASCE National to review and approve.
 - b. UND & NDSU Student Chapter Outstanding Student Awards
 - i. NDSU has a recipient determined and will forward the information to Brandon Oye.
 - ii. No report for UND.
- 7) New Business
- a. Region 3 Assembly Report
 - i. Murali Vegi reported that he attended the Region 3 Assembly held in Chicago on August 16th and 17th.
 - ii. Each Section presented their Best Practices, and these items will be compiled in a book.
 - iii. The members at the Assembly were not in favor of the Raise the Bar initiative.
 - 1. It was discussed that you would need an Associate Master’s Degree with the PE Exam.
 - 2. All Sections denied the recommendation, so Region 3 is against the initiative. National is still pursuing the initiative.
 - 3. Dinesh Katti asked what the opposition was to the initiative. Murali reported that they are tying it to PE licensure, which wasn’t favorable and Region 3 recommended considering 5-6 years’ experience before taking PE exam.
 - b. Election
 - i. The Section is planning to hold an election at the Annual spring meeting.
- 8) The President requested a motion to close the business meeting at 7:04 PM. Motioned by Gross, 2nd Walsvik. Motion passed.
- 9) Nico Sutmoller from Insulfoam was the speaker for the evening. He discussed how Geofoam is used as a lightweight fill alternative.