

ASCE ND Section Fall Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 25, 2014
Hilton Garden Inn, Grand Forks ND
Prepared by: Brandon Oye

- 1) The President opened the business meeting at 6:50 PM.**
 - a. President requested introductions

- 2) Previous Minutes**
 - a. The minutes from the 2014 Annual Spring Meeting held on April 17, 2014 were reviewed. Motioned to approve by Walsvik, 2nd Tony. Approved.

- 3) President's Report**
 - a. Don will be out of state through April. Officers are doing a good job keeping things going. The Section held a Firm Crawl last fall with the NDSU Student Chapter. The Annual Spring meeting in April offered 4 PDHs with speakers.

- 4) Treasure's Financial Report**
 - a. The treasurer's Financial Report was reviewed and approved.
 - i. Deposits \$1,309.00
 - ii. Withdrawals \$1,412.45
 - iii. Ending Balance \$9,473.47

- 5) Committee Reports**
 - a. Continuing Education Committee Report**
 - i. Tom Klabunde reported that they have an ASCE Webinar set up for October 22 at Moore Engineering from 11:30 – 1:00, offering 1.5 PDHs. The topic is How to Prepare a Convincing Presentation. He will send out an email to the members to notify them of the Webinar. Will be charging a fee for lunch food, but not for the Webinar cost.
 - ii. Will talk to Minot members about hosting a webinar.
 - b. Membership Committee Report**
 - i. Matt Walsvik reported that each day we are getting more interest from western part of the state to see if the Section is active on that side of the state. He has told those members that we hold two meetings per year on the east side of the state. He has encouraged them to join and get involved. John Fraenhoffer is helping him explain the benefits to those people.
 - ii. Current Membership based on general location:
 1. FM Area – 112 members
 2. Minot – 22 members
 3. Bismarck – 55 members
 4. Williston – 11 members
 5. Small Towns – 29 members
 6. Total of 246 members

- iii. Matt is looking into ideas to get student chapter members involved once they graduate. The first year is free for members.
- iv. Scott Whaley stated he could help with looking for members in that area. Not sure if American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) is still going strong or not.

c. Volunteer Committee

- i. Brandon Oye reported that a Firm Crawl will be planned by Jerod Klabunde again this fall.
- ii. The UND Student Chapter reported that they did a Firm Crawl with KLJ and AE2S in the spring. They may look at doing it again in the fall.

d. Webmaster

- i. Tony Eukel took over managing the ASCE ND Section website from Brandon Oye. Tony would like to get profile pictures and general section pictures up. He plans to do the updates this winter.

e. ASCE Region 3 Director Report

- i. The National level is pushing to integrate International Sections to a stronger degree. India Section operates 4 branches. Trying to deliver more services to India.
- ii. ASCE National has a new website that is more user friendly.
- iii. ASCE National now has a National Speakers Bureau. They will be proposing a funding mechanism. The Section will be able to bring talent in once a year to Section meetings. This needs to be approved by the Board yet.
- iv. John stated the Society is looking healthy. John will be here for one more year. Chris Rousseau will likely be the new representative for the ND Section.

f. UND Chapter Report

- i. Matt gave an update on the Chapter activities. They were involved with Habitat for Humanity, did first Lego League, Science Fair Judging. Participated in Steel Bridge in Platville, WI. Did not qualify to place, but held 3rd most weight. Only two teams qualified.
- ii. He talked to a freshman orientation class and they are interested in doing concrete canoe. They haven't done it in 10 years, but they need more people interested to do it.

g. NDSU Chapter Report

- i. Don Anderson stated that the Chapter is doing well. They just held a Chapter meeting last night.

6) Old Business

a. UND & NDSU Student Chapter Outstanding Student Awards

- i. The recommended recipient for the NDSU Student Chapter is Ryan David. Ryan has held several leadership positions including current President, Social Chair, and Steel Bridge Co-Captain.
- ii. The recommended recipient for the UND Student Chapter is Jackson Knudtson. Jackson is part of the Steel Bridge Team and is currently serving as the ASCE Vice President for the Steel Bridge Team.

- iii. A motion was made and approved to award \$250 to each recommended recipient.
- iv. Jarath stated that we used to do 2 student awards per Student Chapter.

7) New Business

a. Bylaw Updates

- i. An attorney for ASCE National has reviewed the bylaws and updated them to be more consistent with the current requirements for Constitutions and Bylaws of ASCE. John Frauenhoffer recommended they be approved contingent the Board's review. Motioned by Oye, 2nd Klabunde. Motion Passed.

b. Committee for Exciting Ideas!

- i. National ASCE can help fund Student Outreach. All kinds of tools in ASCE. Legos and toothpicks. Discussed have a Student Outreach Committee, that Dinesh Katti would get together. John Frauenhoffer will get Dinesh in contact with ASCE National. It was discussed that other groups have these types of activities, including toothpick bridge, Boy Scout Badge Day. We need to find a place where our Section fits in.

- 8) The President requested a motion to close the business meeting at 7:30 PM. Motioned by Walsvik, 2nd Vegi. Motion passed.
- 9) Travis Petschl from First State Tire Recycling was the speaker for the evening. He discussed the utilization of tire shreds as a sustainable product for engineering applications in projects.