

Section Meeting Minutes
ASCE ND Section Annual Spring Meeting
April 16, 2015
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Four presentations were held from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, which included the following speakers and topics.

Title: Dickinson Water Reclamation Facility
Speaker: Karla Olson, PE, Apex Engineering Group

Title: Effective Drainage Solutions – Corrugated Steel Pipe and Bridges
Speaker: Brad Shaffer, PE – Sales Manager, TrueNorth Steel – Corrugated Pipe

Title: Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke Ring Levee
Speaker: Chris Gross, PE and Andrew Aakre, PE – Project Managers, Moore Engineering

Title: Direction Drilling and Sewer Rehabilitation
Speaker: John Frauenhoffer, PE – Region 3 Director of ASCE

The President called the business meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

The President opened the meeting with introduction of all guests.

1) Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes from the 2014 Fall Meeting held on September 25, 2014 were reviewed. Motion by Woodbury to approve the minutes, 2nd Walsvik. Motion passed.

2) President's Report

- a. Don thanked the officers for keeping things going while he was gone. He feels we have a great technical program going, which is a great service to our members. He had a goal for members to bring more people to the next meeting.

3) Treasurer's Report

- a. The Section's balance is \$11,263.98. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

4) Committee Reports

a. Continuing Education Committee Report

1. Tom Klabunde reported that they held a Lunch & Learns on October 22, 2014 (How to Deliver a Convincing Presentation) and February 19, 2015 (Benefits of Pavement Reclamation).
2. Don mentioned that ASCE has PDHs that you can get through the website.
3. Goal for Continuing Education Committee is to provide opportunities to get half your required PDHs as part of your membership.

b. Membership Committee Report

1. Matt Walsvik report that we have 2 Life Members, which include Dr. Lawrence Woodbury and Dr. Anderson. The criteria is age 65 and paid dues for 35 years. Matt listed some current Life Members. Matt stated that Mark Bittner will become a Life Member in 2016. Plan is to invite new Life Members to the Annual Meeting. Would also like to list current Life Members on the website.

2. Matt received a list of graduating seniors from NDSU. Was unable to get a list from UND Secretary. Plan to send graduates our benefit sheet encouraging them to join the ND Section.

c. Volunteer Events Committee Report

1. Jerod Klabunde reported that the Firm Crawl was held in February at Houston Engineering and the City of Fargo. President of the Student Chapter said it was a success. Plan to continue to do it annually.

d. Webmaster

1. Tony Eukel is looking for a volunteer to take his position as Webmaster to continue to update the ND Section website. Brandon will send out an email requesting a volunteer to take this position.

5) Old Business

a. Bylaw Updates

1. ASCE Nationals is providing an update to the Bylaws, which includes significant formatting updates to ensure consistency in all Bylaws. The plan is to review and approve the revisions at a Board Meeting, then inform the Region Director of comments or approval.

6) New Business

a. Social Committee Chair Needed

1. Looking for a Social Committee Chair person. Discussed possibility of doing a social event at an FM RedHawks baseball game or a Golf Tournament. Members can contact Brandon Oye or Jerod Klabunde if they can volunteer for that position.

b. West Region Surface Transportation Workforce Center

1. Brandon handed out a sheet that explains this center. The Western Transportation Institute at MSU-Bozeman (in partnership with North Dakota State University) was recently selected by the Federal Highway Administration to lead the **West Region Surface Transportation Workforce Center**, one of five such Centers established nationwide to provide for a more strategic and efficient approach to transportation workforce development. The Centers will serve as a resource to support, grow and maintain a skilled and career-ready transportation workforce in their respective regions. They are looking for members to assist in their efforts.

c. UND & NDSU Student Chapter Outstanding Student Awards

1. It was discussed that the Section will need recommendations on students to receive this award for both UND and NDSU. This award will be voted on at the Fall 2015 meeting.
2. A motion was made by Jerod Klabunde to increase the award amount from \$250 to \$400 for one student at each Chapter, 2nd by Walsvik. Motion Passed.

d. ASCE Legislative Fly-In

1. Jerod Klabunde and Chris Gross attended the ASCE Fly-In in Washington, D.C. on March 24-26.
2. Got briefed on federal issues, 3 different bills being discussed in legislature
 1. Fixing the Highway Trust Fund: Supporting the UPDATE Act
 - a) Recommending an increase to the Federal Fuel Tax. Increase \$0.05/year for 3 years, then index with inflation.
 - b) The Fund will be insolvent later this year.
 2. Water Resources Reform & Development Act implementation
 3. Fixing the Highway Trust Fund: Surface Transportation Reauthorization
3. Held meetings with Senator Hoeven, Senator Heitkamp, and the Chief of Staff for Representative Cramer
 1. Each office was supportive of infrastructure
4. ASCE has two full time Federal Lobbyist

5. ASCE has a Key Contact program to keep members informed on Legislation that is important to our profession. It will recommend you to contact your congressman on these issues. Jerod recommend that we need to try to be informed on political decisions that affect our profession. \$2.6 million per year is spent on generating info for State and Federal officials to educate and get them information.
 6. We will be looking to send two members to the Fly-In in March 2016. All costs are paid by ASCE to attend. More info on the Fly-In can be found at <http://www.asce.org/fly-in-attendees/>
- e. NDSU Student Chapter Report**
1. The Chapter volunteered on 2 major projects, which included the Kindred Middle School Popsicle Stick Competition and the Engineering Expo Day in Barnsville. They also assisted in the Annual Boy Scout Day to talk about engineering topics.
 2. The Chapter was going to participate in the Concrete Canoe competition this weekend in Sioux City, IA.
 3. The Chapter did not participate in the Steel Bridge competition this year. A couple members attended to observe. They will be getting help from a Graduate student who assisted in a past National Championship team. They should see success in the future.
 4. They would like to continue to do the Firm Crawl annually and help advertise it to the students.
 5. The Chapter continues to hold monthly meetings with speakers.
 6. They held a Town Hall meeting got discuss the future of the Engineering Department.
 7. They would like to have a ND Section member come in at the end of each year to talk about what the ND Section does, including the Annual Meeting and the ASCE Fly-In. They may want to participate in the social activities. They are still looking for speakers for the Fall meetings.
- f. ASCE National Officer Report – John Fraenhoffer, ASCE Region 3 Director**
1. John reminded the Section that 1st year of new members transitioning from students is free, then a graduate scale after that.
 2. The Region 3 Assembly will be held on August 14 and 15 in Minneapolis. Sustainability and the Rating Tool will be discussed. It will include 6 PDHs.
 3. John congratulated the officers on a fabulous job with the Annual Meeting.
 4. John asked all attendees to volunteer to do one thing to benefit ASCE. That could include helping with the website, sponsoring a location for the Firm Crawl, or helping organize a social event.
- g. Officer Elections**
1. Don opened Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President. There were no new nominations. There was a unanimous vote to re-elect Brandon Oye as Secretary-Treasurer and elect Daba Gedafa as Vice President.

Don Anderson requested motion to close the business meeting at 7:12 PM. Walsvik so moved, 2nd Vegi. Motion passed.