

**Section Meeting Minutes**  
**ASCE ND Conference Call**  
**September 8, 2016**  
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**The Vice-President called the conference call to order at 12:00 PM.**

**1) Officer Reports**

- a. President: Tony was not present to report.
- b. President-Elect: Murali had no report.
- c. Vice President: Daba discussed the Grand Forks Fall Meeting –to be held October 27 at the Hilton Inn. Norma Jean will not attend as the primary speaker, but rather ASCE past president Bob Stevens will speak. Arrangements will need to be made to pick up Bob at the airport and bring to the half-hour FM-diversion meeting as well as bring back to Fargo after the Fall Meeting. Brandon mentioned that Don should be able to pick up Bob at the airport and will follow up (*9/9/16 update*: Don will be able to pick up Bob Stevens at airport and take him to various locations as planned). Alexa wouldn't mind tagging along to the UND meeting and will follow up with coworkers on coordinating the diversion meeting.
- d. Secretary: Nick discussed being able to report minutes to the board within one week after each conference call. He also discussed the ASCE Region 3 Assembly held in Chicago, IL., his participation in workshop meetings/presentations, networking, and the ASCE Grand Challenge (i.e. reduce life cycle costs for infrastructure 50% by 2025).
- e. Treasurer: Brandon provided an update on the budget: ~\$10k, but more details will be presented at the Fall Meeting in Grand Forks. Brandon will work with Nick on the Meeting Notice for the Fall Meeting.
- f. Past President: NA

**2) Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Continuing Education (Fargo and Grand Forks): Tom and Nick reported the July ASCE lunch and learn webinar being a success in both Fargo and Grand Forks locations. A plan to conduct a future lunch and learn webinar will be after the Fall Meeting either in November or the winter.
  - i. Nick mentioned the idea of rotating locations for different consulting firms to host as there was some engaged interest in this (such as AE2S in Grand Forks).
  - ii. Brandon and Tom concurred that KLJ would be a good venue for the next lunch and learn webinar in Fargo.
- b. Volunteer: Vicki was not present to report.
- c. Membership: Taylor was able to receive access to the FTP site and will discuss membership numbers with Matt.

- i. Jerod/Brandon noted it would be interesting to conduct statistics with numbers of membership (i.e. x amount of members are in this city or part of state, etc.).
    - ii. The statistics may allow our section to target who to potentially recruit for new or renewed membership.
  - d. Social: Jerod discussed the potential to have three social events (which should be plenty) throughout a year.
    - i. Engineer's week in February
    - ii. FM-Red Hawks baseball game
    - iii. Happy Hour (Brandon's suggestion)
  - e. Awards: Daba mentioned there is a UND student with a 4.0 GPA, past ASCE student president, is devoted to the steel bridge competition and a wonderful candidate. Dr. Katti or Dr. Khan from NDSU will need to select their student. Jerod will contact NDSU regarding this, and Brandon noted that the scholarship has increased to \$500/student.
  - f. Webmaster / Social Media: Alexa mentioned that the website will be updated with contents of new officers and potentially the new board meeting minutes (Spring/Fall meetings and conference calls).

### **3) Open Forum for Comments**

- a. Tom is attending the Midwest Workshop –Alternative Finance for Waterways Infrastructure in St. Paul, MN. There will be a strong focus on the P3 initiative. Jerod discussed that it would be great to have more ND Section ASCE board members attend to supporting our neighboring section.
- b. The group discussed the ASCE report card, and potentially having the state get involved more with infrastructure. Jerod mentioned the Upper Great Plains Transportation (an NDDOT/NDSU joint program) would be able to provide a lot of resources and information for a potential state report card. Daba mentioned that he will follow up with them for further discussion.
- c. Alexa mentioned that the “Dream Big” film has the “okay” to be shown on non-IMAX screens in Fargo and Bismarck from ASCE. The goal is to have it shown before the steel bridge and concrete canoe competitions (February or early March). Alexia is still waiting for a response from MacGillivray Freeman Films on exact logistics for screening.