

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Tony Eukel): Tony was not present for the call.
- b. President-Elect (Murali Vegi): Murali opened up with discussion regarding the 2017 ASCE Legislative Fly-In. Daba mentioned he and Alexa would be interested in attending. Daba will go as the state advocacy captain. ASCE National pays for a minimum of 2-people separately from the state; captain pays separately.
- c. Vice President (Daba Gedafa): Daba called the meeting to order shortly after 12:00 PM. Daba filled out the form for the 2017 ASCE Legislative Fly-In and mentioned about advocacy.
 - i. Daba noted that there should be no problem for our section to fill out two spots. We can have three from our section attend (not including the advocacy captain).
 - ii. The timeline is March 14-15, 2017 with arrival back by 8 pm. The deadline to apply is December 5, 2016.
 - iii. We will need Brandon to look into a budget for the state advocacy captain expenses for this trip. Daba wants to make sure the Fly-In doesn't count towards the section's expenses.
 - iv. Murali asked about reimbursing the three people (max) to go. Daba noted he would cover any extra expenses if three people go (on his behalf).
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nick noted that he will place names for each officer and committee chair for the agendas moving forward, allowing for easier tracking on the call.
- e. Treasurer (Brandon Oye): Brandon was not present for the call.
- f. Past President (Don Andersen): Don was not present for the call.

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Tom was not available for the call. A future lunch and learn webinar will be on the horizon this winter. Daba mentioned for Grand Forks that AE2S and EAPC would be good future locations, to mix up the attendance and engage members to join the section. Nick will work with I-Hsuan to plan a future activity this winter but asked other officers to keep an eye out on any future webinars that would be of interest to the section/members.
- b. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider): Vicki was not present for the call.

- c. Membership (Taylor Braaten): Taylor was not present for the call.
- d. Social (Jerod Klabunde): Jerod mentioned about the networking event held this week for the Fargo Brewing Company (Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30 pm). This was shared on the ASCE ND Section Facebook page by Alexa. 15 people have signed up and Jerod mentioned 10 more could sign up. Daba mentioned that there needs to be more social events in Grand Forks such as bowling, hockey events, etc. which could help engage in membership and fun for our section.
- e. Awards: Not applicable to this conference call.
- f. Webmaster / Social Media (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa mentioned about the “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day” event being held during E-week. “Dream Big” showing is tentatively narrowed down to after E-week (Feb 19–25) and before Steel Bridge Competition at NDSU (March 2–4), 2017. Alexa has been in contact with Gwen Hearn, the Outreach Coordinator for DiscoverE. Planned locations for “Dream Big” showings in North Dakota include one at NDSU and the other at a local theater in Bismarck.

3) Open Forum for Comments

Notable topics of discussion included the following:

- WDAZ interview on the UND and NDSU student chapters for the Grand Forks Annual Fall Meeting.
- Lining up a date for the Spring Meeting. The goal is to not double up and plan concurrently with the NDSPE meeting. Also, a bigger room is desired for this next Spring Meeting as well as lining up national or regional speaker(s).
- ASCE ND Section Report Card. Murali, Tony, and Brandon met with the Transportation Research Institute and they can help supply our section with data for the report card. Murali noted that we need to pick a timeframe for our section to handle the report card and assign a person who can take charge and lead this effort to make it happen. We are tied to our financial status, and this effort is currently on hold.