

## ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

### 1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Tony Eukel): Not present.
- b. President-Elect (Murali Vegi): No updates provided.
- c. Vice President (Daba Gedafa):
  - i. Daba opened meeting at 12:03 pm. Daba motioned to approve the minutes from last section board meeting on March 9, 2017. Motion was moved by Murali, and everyone 2<sup>nd</sup>. March 9<sup>th</sup> board minutes were approved unanimously.
  - ii. Logistics of the Legislative Fly-In meeting held in March were described. The keynote speaker is 1 out of only 2 professional engineers in Congress, and he mentioned that funding is needed for infrastructure improvements.
  - iii. Daba and Alexa went to Capitol Hill to meet Congressman Cramer, Senator Hoeven and Heitkamp.
  - iv. Lastly, ASCE National Report Card is at an overall D+. Daba noted that clean water and drinking water are the primary focuses on infrastructure improvement, among other categories. These improvements would be funded to the states through a municipal bond tax reform. Congress is trying to be proactive in funding and improving the grade.
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze):
  - i. Nick mentioned that the ASCE Spring Meeting notice was sent to all section members. The Vice President and Treasurer ballots for 2017-2019 will be brought to the Spring Meeting for the section to vote upon.
  - ii. Nick will bring minutes recorded for the Fall meeting on October 27, 2016 along with the Agenda for each section member to follow.
- e. Treasurer (Brandon Oye): Not present.
- f. Past President (Don Andersen): Not present.

### 2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Tom was not present. I-Hsuan mentioned there may be some interest in having a speaker from East Grand Forks discuss a geotechnical engineering topic to the Grand Forks region as a Lunch-and-Learn event. I-Hsuan will follow up with more details. Daba pondered if this speaker could also present in Fargo as well for a Lunch-and-Learn event.
- b. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider): Not present.

- c. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): Not present.
  - d. Social (Jerod Klabunde): Not present.
  - e. Webmaster / Social Media (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa was not present for the call but provided the following updates via e-mail:
    - i. Dream Big was shown 24 times in North Dakota reaching 2,200 viewers (90% were 18 or under) from over 20 cities. This is thanks to 9 companies/organizations that put time into planning events.
    - ii. Photos from the Legislative Fly-In as well as an ASCE article quoting Daba are posted to Facebook.
- 3) Open Forum for Comments: none were provided.