

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

Present: Dr Ravi Yellavajjala, Aaron Anderson, Shannon Fisher, Leelan, Murali Vegi, Alexa Ducioame, Daba Gedafa

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Murali Vegi):
Looking at starting a Bismarck branch & gained Shannon as a new board member
- b. President-Elect (Daba Gedafa):
PDHs were sent out for the Spring meeting. Expenses were much less than last year. We had a larger room, but could have had more attendees.
- c. Vice President (Alexa Ducioame):
Working with Brandon to set up ASCE collaborate for the board. We can store board member responsibilities, bylaws, etc. here & use for board conversations
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze):
Not present. Alexa volunteered to take minutes.
- e. Treasurer (Navaratnam Leelaruban):
Current balance is \$10,930.75. We switched the credit card to online statements and no longer have to pay the monthly fee of \$5. Alexa sent Leelan her Fly-In reimbursement request today. Daba is not requesting any reimbursement from the Section.
- f. Past President (Tony Eukel):
Not present

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks):
Neither were present
- b. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck):
Vicki was not present. Shannon very recently became a chair. Looking to host a continuing education or social event in Bismarck to recruit new members.
- c. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks):
Neither were present
- d. Social (Jerod Klabunde):
Not present
- e. Webmaster / Social Media (Alexa Ducioame):
Alexa mentioned that members can help spread the word about ASCE through Facebook. Invite friends to like the page. Like, comment, and share posts to increase visibility. The contacts information has been updated on the website and most

pictures were taken in the ASCE polo. Tom is working on obtaining shirts for the new members. Once we have pictures of all members, they will be added to the website.

- f. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye):
Not present
- 3) NDSU ASCE National Steel Bridge Competition (Ravi Yellavajjala):
NDSU organized the regional competition this year and their team got 2nd place, qualifying them for the national competition. The national competition will take place in Corvallis, Oregon over Memorial Day weekend. Registration was \$95/person, more than they expected. They requested \$750 from the Section and it was approved.

In the future they are looking to have more of a connection between the student chapter and the Section. Planning a fall membership drive where companies and NDASCE would be invited to network.

- 4) Open Forum for Comments