

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Murali Vegi): Murali opened the call at 12:00. He touched on the 2017 ASCE Region 3 Assembly topic and mentioned that 7-8 states attend, report their best practices. He mentioned whoever has not attended in the past should attend this in the future. This year's assembly will be held in Detroit, Michigan on August 4-5. Murali asked if Shannon or Leelan would be able to attend.
- b. President-Elect (Daba Gedafa): Daba was not present for the call.
- c. Vice President (Alexa Ducioame):
 - i. Webinar Discussion on Struggling Sections and Branches (see Section 3b. Open Forum for Comments)
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nick completed the draft notes for the annual meeting.
- e. Treasurer (Navaratnam Leelaruban): Leeland provided a brief update on expenses (as of May 3, 2017) to NDSU (\$750) and the recent social event (\$270).
- f. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye): Brandon was not present for the call.
- g. Past President (Tony Eukel): Tony was not present for the call.

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Tom and I-Hsuan were not present for the call.
- b. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck): Shannon was present for the call and touched on the Struggling Sections and Branches Webinar, as noted in Section 3b. Open Forum for Comments.
- c. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): Taylor mentioned that the member numbers are holding still at the moment.
- d. Social (Jerod Klabunde): Jerod was not present for the call, but Murali mentioned that an upcoming Red Hawks Baseball Game (June 27) was to be held. Taylor noted that 18 people were signed up and he will pick up tickets.
- e. Webmaster / Social Media (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa noted that she needs new members' pictures for the webpage.

3) Open Forum for Comments

- a. Murali learned Luminare animation at a workshop. He mentioned this could be used as a tool to teach kids who are interested in engineering, perhaps as a CAD program.

- b. Alexa discussed on the Struggling Sections and Branches webinar. The following key items were mentioned:
- i. Western ND Branch. John Fraenhoffer called lots of people in the past to help revive the ND Section, but we need to get others involved to make it work.
 - ii. A possible 3rd meeting or 1-annual meeting alternating between each branch per year.
 - iii. Shannon discussed the possibility of hosting an event in Bismarck between 4 or 5 people to gather interest in events to do for networking.
 - iv. Alexa mentioned certain events such as a pizza party reimbursement, continuing education, or STEM might gather interest and engage the community.
 - v. We are trying to gauge how social events go for the Bismarck branch to see how the annual meeting planning activities should proceed.
 - vi. A discussion of a joint NDSPE and ASCE meeting or social event was discussed. Murali suggested to discuss with Chris (FM-Engineers) to get his thoughts on this joint effort as he is part of NDSPE.
 - vii. ASCE student chapter lunch opportunities were discussed. This would require planning with NDSU, perhaps a monthly BBQ meeting or it could be towards the end of the school year during graduation to further engage their interest in ASCE as members in their careers.
 - viii. Training opportunities for students can also engage their interest. Our Section could train in modules, such as MODFLOW or Luminat.
 - ix. We are planning on sending a membership survey to our Section to see what works for folks at annual meetings (e.g. do they like dinner meetings, are they attending for just pdhs, etc.).
 - x. Leadership time-frame. Elected officers between Treasurer, Vice President, President Elect, and President serve two-years each for a total of 8 years. This is a major time commitment. Our Board is looking at the Section bylaws and evaluating the best procedure to potentially adjust this to 1-year for each term (4 years total commitment). This also means we have to recruit new members who will be willing to help out the Board.