

## ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

### 1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Murali Vegi):
  - i. Murali discussed life members to reserve spot for annual Section meeting (April 26). The Section is willing to cover life members registration expenses but not for their guests.
  - ii. Murali discussed about the ASCE Dream Big DVD public school distribution. Deadline for distribution is April 15.
- b. President-Elect (Daba Gedafa):
  - i. Daba discussed the social event held for the UND hockey game.
  - ii. Daba to compile list of questions to send out regarding having our Section sponsor the ASCE Geo-Institute.
- c. Vice President (Alexa Ducioame):
  - i. Alexa was able to get some speakers lined up for the Section meeting. Shannon suggested a speaker who could discuss the Fargo Wastewater Treatment plant. Final topics could be 1) ethics, 2) MNDOT, 3) Metro COG, and 4) wastewater.
  - ii. Alexa to attend the OPAL awards in Washington D.C. but not the Legislative Fly-In.
  - iii. A nominating committee is in order to help seek out candidates for the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary roles this year. Tony and Brandon have been selected as our Section's nominating committee. Murali mentioned that Nick and Leelan have been nominated as the incumbents for Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Alexa to send out Google survey to the Section for voting on the nominees.
  - iv. Alexa motioned to approve having guests and friends attend the Section meeting. Motion was moved by Daba, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick, and approved unanimously by the Board.
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze):
  - i. Nick discussed the ASCE Legislative Fly-In and that he will send Brandon a fundraising budget for the state report card.
- e. Treasurer (Navaratnam Leelaruban):
  - i. Our Section has a bank balance at \$9,700. The two latest reimbursements are for Jerod (Fargo social event) and Shannon (MRLC).
- f. Past President (Tony Eukel): Not present.

### 2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye): Not present.
- b. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks):

- i. Tom broached the topic of whether the Section can post job ads to ASCE ND Section website. The Board needs to determine ASCE National policy. Perhaps ASCE can charge a fee to accommodate such a request. Tom will reach out to National office to review their policy.
    - ii. Tom will set up Lunch and Learn webinar in Fargo this month and will touch base with I-Hsuan for the Grand Forks logistics.
    - iii. Tom has lots of ASCE t-shirts including a recent order for Dylan Dunn and Allison Hanslip.
  - c. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck):
    - i. Discussed an upcoming volunteer event (March 27): “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day”.
  - d. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks):
    - i. Not present for the call.
  - e. Social (Dylan Dunn, Fargo):
    - i. Not present for the call.
  - f. Webmaster / Social Media (Alison Hanslip and Yaping Chi):
    - i. All meeting minutes are on website.
- 3) Open Forum for Comments
  - a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.