

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Daba Gedafa): Daba opened the meeting at 12:05 pm. He mentioned key topics such as the report card, meeting with key committee chairs from the district. Daba posed a topic for the Board to consider regarding the Gas Tax initiative to raise from 23 cents to 30 cents. This bill was rejected but perhaps this issue could be posed to our members to get their viewpoints on the bill. Brandon suggested to potentially reach out to the bill sponsor. One other topic include the possibility of opening up a chapter in the western part of state. A Lunch and Learn presentation could be arranged, potentially with the Region 3 governor to kickoff this initiative.
- b. President-Elect (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa mentioned that we will need to set a date for the annual spring meeting. Jerry noted that the drone speaker is not available on April 18 and 25. Alexa will check other venues (besides Hilton Garden Inn) for a potential host site. We are still brainstorming potential speakers including DOT for automated vehicles, innovation topics.
- c. Vice President (Tom Klabunde): Not present
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nick mentioned that he will no longer run for Secretary after the spring meeting. As such, a nominating committee will include Don Andersen and other to seek out nominations for key Board positions at least 21-days prior to spring meeting (tentatively towards end of March).
- e. Treasurer (Yaping Chi): Yaping reported that the Section balance is \$3,985.82. Report card related items such as the design, hotels, etc., are the more recent expenditures. There will be a future bill at ~\$300 for report card brochures.
- f. Past President (Don Andersen): Not present.

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye): Brandon updated the Board on the report card efforts. The report card was released on January 29 with a fairly decent turnout of attendees (20-30 members). Key topics included advocacy training, and the report card committee met with legislators. Brandon is looking at decommissioning the efforts for this initial report card, and will write notes for lessons learned on roles/responsibilities. The next report card effort will be in 2023 (i.e. 4-years from this one) and in 2021 a new report chair will be elected to build a new committee team. Brandon is willing to advise/assist as necessary with the new report card, and he mentioned that ASCE National was very helpful with the whole process.
- b. Continuing Education (Jerry Gao, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Jerry mentioned that the Drone presentation is a possibility for the spring meeting. One other possible presentation is the report card as a means to inform our members of the progress and specific categories which were graded.

- c. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck): No specific topic was discussed but Alexa mentioned “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day” is coming up in the near future and would be worth looking in to.
 - d. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): Taylor mentioned that he will be gone for an extended period of time, will turn over the membership duties to Dylan Dunn so Dylan will serve as the joint Membership/Social chair.
 - e. Social (Jerod Klabunde and Dylan Dunn): Dylan attended the MRLC and brought back ideas regarding social media. The MRLC presented key topics such as report card design.
 - f. Webmaster / Social Media (Alison Hanslip): Alison will post photos on the report card release event on the webpage and will attend the Legislative Fly-In event with Daba in March.
- 3) Open Forum for Comments (none). Meeting was adjourned just prior to 1:00 PM.