

Section Meeting Minutes
ASCE ND Section Annual Fall Meeting
October 24, 2019
Prepared by: Dylan Dunn

The President called the business meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

The President, Alexa Ducioame, opened the meeting with an introduction of all guests.

1) Approval of Agenda – Approved.

2) Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes from the 2019 Spring Meeting held on April 25, 2019 were reviewed. Alexa Ducioame asked for a motion to approve the minutes, moved by Alison Hanslip, 2nd Daba Gedafa. Motion passed.

3) President’s Report

- a. Alexa reported her experience at the Presidents & Governors Forum in Reston, Virginia. Sections in attendance were split by chapter size, large & small, due to contrasting difficulties in regards to participation & budgets. Alexa shared her interest in developing a succession plan for officer and membership continuation. Also a concept that was discussed at the Forum was a mentor match program that pairs profession members with student members to assist with interview preparation, transitioning into the professional environment, and networking opportunities.
- b. Alexa would also like to encourage involvement with student chapters, continuing contributions to student chapter meetings & speakers.

4) Financial Report

- a. Beena Ajmera presented the current financial report. Current Section balance is \$2,852.64
- b. Deposits (+\$1,806.76) included Section dues, sponsors, and spring meeting registration fees paid by the attendees.
- c. Beena presented ideas to increase balance including looking for additional sponsorships funding programs as opposed to cutting programs such as trips & events, having differing fees for members & non-members for the fall & spring meetings, and lastly possible awards for members to encourage participation & recognition.
- d. Alexa asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; moved by Yaping Chi, 2nd by Alison Hanslip. Motion passed.

5) Committee Reports

a. Continuing Education Committee Report

1. Jerry Gao removed himself for the Fargo Continuing Education Chair position due to time commitment. A call for volunteers to fill the position is out. The position would assist in securing speakers for the annual spring meeting.

b. Volunteer Events Committee Report

1. Not present for the business meeting.

c. Membership Committee Report

1. Dylan Dunn reported that he has not been granted access to membership data yet, but had request access weeks ago. No data to report.

d. Social Committee Report

1. Dylan Dunn mentioned the event held at Triple Ax in south Fargo on April 16. He will combine his roles as a Social Chair to help engage new membership. He mentioned a few ideas for social events such as bowling, and escape room, and happy hour.

e. Webmaster

1. Alison Hanslip mentioned the recent social media posts regarding the annual spring meeting, and to look for any future social events on social media.

6) New Business

a. UND & NDSU Student Chapter Updates

1. UND Student Chapter Leadership shared the UND will be hosting the Steel Bridge competition in the spring.
2. Chapter also is looking to retain student members by advising underclassmen on class schedule and social events in November & December, along with regular meetings.
3. Chapter's goal is to increase membership, goal of 1.5 times fall membership
4. NDSU Student Chapter Leadership shared that membership is up (140), but attendance is down (20-30).
5. Chapter's bowling social event only had 2 participants.
6. Chapter's outreach includes City Builders, elementary school children learn about building cities, event in November; also assisted with Boy Scout Merit Badge Day.
7. Alexa asked student chapters what ND Section could do to help? UND: connecting practicing professionals, speakers, transitioning to workplace, and how to handle workplace issues. NDSU: similar issues along with stress on repetitive speakers

b. ND Section presented North Dakota Student of the Year Award

1. Awards presented by Alexa to NDSU's Ms. Rachel Vogl and UND's Augustus Postiglione.

c. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC)

1. Conference hosted in Detroit Jan 10-11, joining Region 3, 6, & 7 to assist with leadership skills & tools for Section leadership. ND Section would send one representative.

d. Legislative Fly-in

1. Event to teach members to communicate to elected officials and their staff to promote ASCE initiatives to better the industry and society. The event is held March 11-12 in Washington DC.

e. Announcements:

1. Daba mentioned that UND is hosting the AISC (previously in conjunction with ASCE) Steel Bridge Competition and needs help with sponsors, judges, and volunteers. UND is hosting 8-10 schools for the Midwest Regional Competition.
2. NDSU is competing in Steel Bridge & Concrete Canoe. Concrete Canoe remains an ASCE event. UND is not competing in the Concrete Canoe competition.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The business meeting with followed by a presentation from Bennett R. Kubischta (Retire NDDOT) on *Building the Interstate in North Dakota – Crossing the Missouri*.