

ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, December 12th, 2019 – 12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Call

Prepared by: Ravi Yellavajjala

In attendance: Beena Ajmera, Yaping Chi, Alexa Ducioame, Dylan Dunn, Zack Vicki Schneider, and Ravi Yellavajjala.

Call to Order and Welcome: Vice-President, Yaping Chi, called the business meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved (Yaping)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved (Yaping) seconded by Dylan Dunn (6 yay, 0 nay)

Financial Report: Treasurer Beena Ajmera reported the bank balance of ND ASCE Section (\$3,610.86).

Continuing Business

Why Join ASCE flyer: President Alexa Ducioame has no new updates on this.

ASCE website headshots: Alison Hanslip updated the website.

Thank you card to Fall meeting speaker and sponsors – President-elect Tom Klabunde will handle this.

PDHs – Yaping will handle this.

Continuing education chair: Nick Moore from Sandman SE declined to serve as the continuing education chair. Alexa proposed Mr. Mitul Andrews from Bismark for this service position. Alexa will update the board members on this in the next conference call.

New Business

ASCE fly-in: Alexa agreed to communicate the fly-in opportunity to the report card members. Dr. Mijia Yang (NDSU) agreed to utilize this opportunity and completed the application (communicated to Ravi).

ASCE/ NDSPE joint spring meeting: In the past conference call, Alexa proposed to organize the spring meeting jointly with ND Society of Professional Engineers (NDSPE). In the December call, Alexa re-proposed organizing the spring meeting jointly with NDSPE and suggested that we can organize it separately in 2021 if the joint meeting is not successful in 2020. She (Alexa) mentioned that this joint meeting will give our ASCE members more networking opportunities, a better price per PDH, and more PDHs in one single meeting. She also noted that the joint meeting may attract more participation, and reduce financial burden and responsibilities on ASCE board and members, respectively. Beena suggested that the profit sharing and a co-chairship should be negotiated before ND ASCE agrees to co-organize the spring meeting. Alexa proposed a 50-50 share in profits as a reasonable bargain. As a response, Yaping mentioned that the ND ASCE section did not make any profit from the previous meetings due to high food cost and rebate provided to students. To a question asked by Vicki Schneider, Alexa responded that the NDSPE Fargo meeting generally has 30-40 participants. Ravi suggested that the registration fee should be heavily subsidized to encourage students attend the meeting. He (Ravi) also cautioned that ND ASCE members may

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find NDSPE membership more valuable when compared to ASCE membership after the event. Alexa moved a motion which is contingent up on further details namely, 1) acceptable profit sharing and 2) free/ subsidized registration for students. Ravi seconded the motion. (5 Yays, 0 Nays, Beena left the meeting). Motion moved.

NDSU ASCE: Zack Nellermoe and Ravi brought to the attention of the board members that they are in need of judges and speakers for the ASCE regional concrete canoe competition that is being hosted by Dorddt University (Iowa, April 16-18). Alexa wanted to know more details about this competition and criteria for judges and areas for speakers. Ravi agreed to write an email to the NDSU Concrete canoe team co-captain Arianna Christian and put Alexa in the loop. Ravi requested Dylan to serve as a judge. Dylan's acceptance is pending.

Committee Chair Reports

- a) Report card chair**
Brandon Oye is not available
- b) Continuing education chair**
I-Hsuan Ho is not available
- c) Volunteer committee chair**
Vicki Schneider has no updates
- d) Membership/ social chair**
Dylan Dunn now has the ND ASCE member database.
- e) Webmaster/ social media chair**
Alison Hanslip is not available
- f) NDSU Student representative**
Zack Nellermoe has no updates
- g) UND Student representative (not nominated)**

Announcements

Alexa reminded all the board members to pay their unpaid ASCE annual membership dues.

Adjourn

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.