

ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Friday, January 15th, 2021 – 12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Call

Prepared by: Ravi Yellavajjala

In attendance: Beena Ajmera, Yaping Chi, Alexa Ducioame, Dylan Dunn, Tom Klabunde, Dorafshan Sattar, and Ravi Yellavajjala. (In attendance: Samuel Larson (UND rep.), Mary Balek (NDSU rep.))

Call to Order and Welcome: Vice-president, Been Ajmera, called the business meeting to order (12:03).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved (6 yay, 0 nay)

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved (6 yay, 0 nay) (Alexa - motion to move, seconded by Yaping)

Financial Report: Treasurer Sam Wilke: Not available

Continuing Business

- **Virtual seminar:** (Jan 22nd) Yaping sent the updated seminar flyer to Beena. Alexa will set up Eventbrite. Alexa will put the zoom link on the Eventbrite. Ravi will circulate the announcement.
- **ND ASCE/ NDSPE Joint Spring meeting:** Dr. Wei Lin from NDSU is willing to present a COVID related presentation as a part of Lunch and learn series or the NDSPE/ ASCE joint spring meeting. A majority is in favor of having Dr. Lin for the Spring meeting. Final decision is to have Dr. Lin for the spring meeting.
- Let us wait until the end of the spring meeting to announce another Lunch and Learn talk – Tom and Alexa.
- Is there a possibility for having a session wise registration – Beena
- Yaping – a session wise registration is implemented for a previous conference and we do not know how it worked.

New Business:

- **ASCE GeoInstitute chapter:** Beena initiated ASCE regional GeoInstitute professional chapter. This chapter will have separate membership and will work towards advancing the geotech professional activities. Activities will include monthly Geotech talks. This institute will serve as a connection between academia and regional industry. Alexa suggested Beena to Contact Dr. Anderson in case she needs some help with setting up the institute.
- Contacts and ND ASCE board member list updated by Yaping.

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Committee Chair Reports:

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- Membership/Social
- Continuing Education
- Volunteer
- Webmaster/Social Media
- NDSU student representative (Mary Balek): NDSU ASCE is in its transitional phase. COVID had a Big impact as most of the current activities are online and over zoom Making the activities less personal. However, officers are meeting in-person.
- UND student representative (Samuel Larson): Attracting the freshmen and sophomores is getting lot tougher, added Sam.

Announcements:

- National Geo wall competition has been canceled.

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