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St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: December 7, 2018, 7:30 am

Meeting Location: Geotechnology, 11816 Lackland Road Suite 150, St. Louis MO

Meeting Attendees: Shari Cunningham (Chair), Jake Schaeffer (Vice-Chair), Pravin Jha (Secretary/Treasurer), Dennis Boll, Chris Mathews, Dr. Abdolreza Osouli, Dr. Ronaldo Luna, Lyle Simonton (Phone)

1. Finance Update:

- a. Pravin updated monthly running ledger and Geo-Structures Confluence 2018.

2. ASCE Section New Website:

- a. ASCE St. Louis section is planning to come up with a new website and is open for suggestions.
- b. Pravin suggested to have a section which showcase the past and future events of the chapter.
- c. Dr. Osouli suggested to have technical links and calendar of events on the website.
- d. It was also suggested to have some sort of notice board.
- e. Dr. Ronaldo suggested to have more interactive website with some sort of forum.
- f. Dr. Osouli suggested to open up a Facebook or LinkedIn page for G-I chapter which can be more interactive.
- g. Chris offered to volunteer for starting and running a LinkedIn page for St. Louis G-I chapter.

3. Webinars in February:

- a. Registration will be opening up soon for 2/1/19 webinar on topic 'Observation method for scour: A new tool for the bridge engineer'.
- b. Venue will be at the Geotechnology.

4. ASCE Luncheon in March:

- a. Suggestion open for speakers and topics.
- b. Speaker needs to be confirmed by February 1, 2019.
- c. General discussion was held on several possible topics and speakers.

5. Case Histories Night:

- a. It was suggested to set a date which is far from the date of GeoMO and avoid spring break for schools.
- b. Jake to check with Engineer's Club.

6. Election:

- a. It was informed that there will be a general election in spring for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

7. Continuing Education – SIUE/SLU:

- a. Dr. Ronaldo and Dr. Osouli proposed continuing education training program for young professionals in collaboration with SIUE and SLU.
- b. It will be a face to face learning workshop event of 1 or 2 days.
- c. It was decided to send a survey/questionnaire through G-I to consultant/contractors to see if there is an interest in the program.

8. Next meeting:

- a. **Date and Time:** January 11, 2018 at 7:30 am
- b. **Location:** THD Design Group, 148 Chesterfield Industrial Boulevard, Suite E, Chesterfield MO 63005