



St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: September 13, 2018, 7:30 am

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

Meeting Attendees: Shari Cunningham (Chair), Pravin Jha (Secretary/Treasurer), Dennis Boll, Jeff Fouse, Ken Berry, Lyle Simonton, Travis Kassebaum, Chris Matthews, Jake Schaeffer (Vice – Chair, Phone), Pat Kinsella (Phone), Kent Wray (Phone), Rolando Luna (Phone), Nick Roth (Phone)

1. Scholarships:

- a. Lyle updated that three applicants are selected for 2018 Alizadeh Scholarship. Funds awarded to each applicants are respectively \$6000, \$4000 and \$2000.
- b. Pravin updated about GeoConfluence Research scholarship. No applications were received till date.

2. Geo-Structures Confluence 2018:

- a. Speakers and exhibitors updates were presented.
- b. Discussion was held on list of topics of Cross USA Lecture to be presented by Dr. Paul Mayne at the conference. Topic numbers 4 and 9 showed general interest. Pat to check how long topic 9 would take and decide accordingly.
- c. SIUE students request for registration waiver for 7 students at Geo-Structures Confluence which will be equivalent to \$525 was discussed. It was decided to communicate with them that \$350 is likely to get approved. However, final decision will be made by next meeting depending on the requests from other schools by the deadline Oct 4.

3. Webinars:

- a. A brief general discussion of next fiscal year webinars was held. No decisions were made.

4. Visit by ASCE President Elect:

- a. A discussion was held for organizing possible events during ASCE's President Elect February 2019 visit to MS&T and St. Louis region.
- b. Dr. Luna from St. Louis University (SLU) suggested of hosting a student interaction event at SLU and invite students from SIUC, SIUE and UMSL.

5. Finance Update:

- a. Running monthly ledger was presented by Pravin.
- b. Discussion on Edwards Jones transfer was held and it was decided to move \$4000 to Edwards Jones account.

- c. It was decided to pay the deposit to St. Charles Convention center for GeoStructures Confluence 2018.

6. Budget Discussion and Approval:

- a. A draft budget for fiscal year 2019 was presented by Pravin.
- b. Discussion was held. It was suggested to keep it in line with 2017 budget.
- c. It was decided to decrease Edwards Jones transfer to \$5000.
- d. With these changes made, budget was approved. Budget will be submitted to ASCE treasurer for review.

7. Next meeting:

- a. **Date and Time:** October 5, 2018 at 7:30 am
- b. **Location:** Geotechnology, 11816 Lackland Road Suite 150, St. Louis MO