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 applicant 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