

ASCE Ithaca Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019

Meeting Location: meeting was held at the Blue Dolphin Diner in Apalachin, NY beginning at 6:00PM. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Meeting Attendees:

Lynn Yost
Benjamin Girtain-Plowe
David Herrick
Scott Frey burger
Kelly Sullivan
David Kennicutt
Gene Rood
Leslie Boulton
Brad Kubiak (via Phone call-in)

Minutes Taker: Leslie Boulton

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved by attendees. It was noted that a \$20 subsidy for the Watkins Glen activity scheduled September 27th had been approved via an email poll since the last meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. Officer Updates:

- A. Treasury update - (Dave Herrick) – Chemung Canal has changed the account address to 1 Winner’s Circle, Ithaca so that statements will come directly to Dave. He is having a difficult time reconciling the check book with the statements that he has as there are some missing. Dave plans to get into the online account to figure this out, and will be keeping both electronic and hard copies for easier transition to other treasurers. Current Checking Account Balance is \$5,284.97
- B. NYS Council Call -- (Dave K)
- Chris Carter from the Mohawk-Hudson section was designated as secretary.
 - There was no treasurer’s report as the treasurer was not on the call.
 - The Council is looking for nominations for Vice Chair – as Jason Haven’s term expires at the end of 2019. They need these nominations by the September meeting – intent was to solicit interest from the various sections as no other interest has been shown.
 - Council is also looking for a webmaster to replace the existing one. This does not need to be an active delegate – they are also looking to solicit interest from the sections.
 - There was no update on the infrastructure report card. A presentation of the format is planned for the September NYS Council meeting.
 - Next council meeting will be held in Saratoga Springs on September 13th from 5-8PM.
 - Via phone in Brad Kubiak talked about what to expect at these meetings.

2. Upcoming Events:

A. NYS Council and Region 1 Meeting:

Event is scheduled for September 13-15, 2019 in Saratoga Springs.

- Event will be attended by Dave K. and Beth Ann Smith

B. Watkins Glen International (WGI) w/ Pace Car rides:

Event is scheduled for Friday – September 27th with a pdh presentation to be provided by HUNT ENGINEERS.

- Ben needs to check on the age for “kids” versus adults for the registration form.
- Times need to be confirmed – pace car rides start at 4:30? Dinner at 5:00? Presentation at 5:30?
- With the agreed upon \$20 subsidy, adult tickets will be \$60 with the pace car ride and \$40 without the ride.
- Once this is finalized Dave K. will finalize the announcement and get it sent out.
- Chuck is coordinating the pdh presentation – so will make sure that presenters have everything that they need (projector? screen? etc.)
- There was discussion about doing a mailed flier announcement to notify all members about this event (as well as others discussed below). An expenditure of \$500 was approved to print and send this mailer out to Section members. We believe that Beth Ann is the one with current access to the membership mailing list, so Lynn will get this and lay out the steps to do a mailing.

C. Southern Tier Professional Development Symposium:

Event is scheduled for Tuesday - October 8, 2019 (7AM-4:30PM)

- Event is jointly sponsored by ASCE, NSPE-NY, ACEC, and ASHRAE – organizations will share expenses and any proceeds will be split between the sponsor organizations.
- A motion was made to pay for our share of the cost (estimated at \$3600 based on last year), and was approved.
- 6 pdh credits will be available for attendees to obtain – the Civil track will include Dave Kennicutt doing a presentation on navigating the federal aid process, a presentation by Shumaker Engineers on stream hydraulics, a presentation by Atlantic Testing, and a session on engineering ethics.

D. Cornell Resume Review:

Event will not be held this fall due to scheduling difficulties

- Cornell gave us very short notice of wanting to do this the week of Labor Day – which is a difficult time to get things scheduled due to vacations and school starting.
- We discussed the option of getting something scheduled in the spring (or right after the Christmas holidays) – and proving this to both Cornell and to SUNY-Broome at the same time. It is important to get a date set so that rooms can be reserved.
- After the resume review that was held at SUNY-Broome last spring, it was agreed that this should not be done as part of a class as it was last year – but as a separate event so that only those students interested would be in attendance.
- Kelly will be the primary coordinator of this event and she will loop in others as needed.

E. Volunteer/pdh Cornell University Botanic Gardens bioretention cleanup:

Exact Event Date is unknown – sometime in early November.

- Dave H is coordinating this event – and has sent an email to Kevin Moss regarding Student Chapter participation in this event.
- Dave will pass on the event date information when a schedule is established.

F. Curling Event:

Event will be at the rink in Lansing, NY. Next “Learn to Curl” events are scheduled for

Saturday – 10-06 from 7:30PM to 10:00PM

Saturday – 10-13 from 6:00PM to 8:30PM

Cost is \$35/person

- Dave H is also coordinating this event. He has spoken to the president of the curling club regarding the venue and about the above schedule information. He needs to find out how many people this venue can accommodate.
- We also talked about whether this event is too close to and clustered with other events we are organizing and/or involved with. The ability to have this curling training at this facility does not occur very frequently due to the use of the rink, so it may be months before a time would be available again, but Dave was going to ask about other scheduled times as well.

G. Other Event Ideas:

Lynn indicated that the section chapter used to do about 7-8 events each year (not in the summer) – but that things have evolved to a lot less meetings, events, and participation from section members. More recently we have organized a couple of informal events and then one larger event (Watkins Glen outing). Additionally, we co-sponsor the fall symposium and do an engineering week activity in February.

Some ideas of additional event venues include the following:

- Tour of Unilam in Unadilla
- Tour of the new Ithaca Water Treatment plant
- Tour/presentation of the rehabilitated Corning Truss Bridge
- Presentation of the NYSDOT I-81/Route 17 interchange project

3. Other Items:

A. Recruitment of New Board Members for Vacancies:

We will need to solicit for new board members, but the following agreed to stay on for another year:

Dave K: Communications – Webmaster person

Lynn Y: President

Dave H: Treasurer

Benjamin Girtain-Plowe: Secretary

There was some discussion about attending ASCE national leadership events and the value in attending these as board members. The next event the MRLC 2020 (Regions 1, 2, 4 & 5), scheduled in Philadelphia from January 31-February 1, 2020.

B. Next Meeting Date: Next Board Meeting will be scheduled in late October.

