

NM ASCE Section Meeting Minutes

8 December 2025

Members Present: Gaby Guadarrama; Paola Bandini; Summer Herrera; Eric Soule; Claudia Wilson; Adilene Carrasco; XinXing Yuan; Ken Cooper

Board Members Absent: Zach Libbin; Fernando Moreu; Jesse Reinikainen

Approval of Previous Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's Report and Approval: Report submitted after meeting; see attached

Branch Reports: Non given

Younger Members Report: Gaby, Event held at Bosque Brewery was a success

Institute Reports: None given

Student Chapter Reports: UNM, competition teams are organized, no meeting held in December; NMT, planning golf tourney (28 March or 4 April)

Old Business

- Fall Section Meeting: 18 September is not a good date because of Region 6 event; 1/2 October dates not good due to Balloon Festival; 24/25 September are dates

New Business

- MRLC Support: Ken, Gaby (employer covering registration), and Adilene: registration fees and ground transportation; motion to reimburse \$325 registration and ground transportation/parking in Albuquerque and second - passed
- Recruitment of Section Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer
- NM Student Chapters eligible for Region 6 grants (see attached correspondence from Tara Hoke)
- Recruit committee to review NM Section Constitution and Bylaws and make recommendation

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- Recruitment of EWRI Technical Group Chair
- NM Section President Attendance at Student Symposium; motion to reimburse

President up to \$1500 to attend Rocky Mountain Student Symposium and
second - passed

Action Items: Xinxing to reserve meeting room with GAAR for fall conference

: Ken to write recruitment letter to fill Northern Branch and Section vacancies, and
recruit committee for Constitution and Bylaws review

Next Meeting: 12 January 2026

NM Student Chapter Grants



Ken C <nmfellow1852@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 1, 12:25 PM (2 days ago)



to thoke, NMDOT, Zachary, xxyuan117@gmail.com, Fernando, Jesse, Paola, Rebekah, esoule, asce.club@npce.org

Hello Tara,

In June/July, the NM student chapters were realigned to Region 7 from Region 6 for symposiums. The question has now arisen whether or not the chapters are eligible for Region 6 grants for non-symposium activities. The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology student chapter recently requested support to attend the upcoming Student Chapter Leaders Workshop in January. The Section's position is that the student chapters are still a part of Region 6 for all matters other than the spring symposiums and are entitled to apply for and receive grants from Region 6.

Please weigh in on this. Kindly contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter. I can also be reached at (520) 991-1048.

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RE: NM Student Chapter Grants        

 **Hoke, Tara**

Tue, Dec 2, 4:22 PM (3 days ago)



to me, NMDOT, Zachary, xxyuan117@gmail.com, Fernando, Jesse, Paola, Rebekah, esoule@unm.edu, asce.c ▾

Hi, Ken:

Thank you for your message. Yes, I would agree with you that the student chapter is still part of Region 6 for any non-symposium activities, so I certainly would support the Section's willingness to provide support for this chapter's participation at the MRLCs.

Thank you for asking, and have a great day!

Tara

Hello Tara,

Thank you for your response. Can I assume that since you feel the student chapters are still part of Region 6 for non-symposium activities that they should be eligible for Region 6 grants for non-symposium events and activities? ken

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 **Hoke, Tara**

Wed, Dec 3, 8:27 AM (2 days ago)



to me, Paola, Kensey, lgoldberg@bgeinc.com, susan@srothconsulting.com, tiffany.eng@gmail.com, ic.javier.h ▾

Hi, Ken:

Yes, that's correct. The student chapters were granted permission to participate in the Region 7 symposium, but they are still Region 6 schools (and eligible for any support that the Region would give to those schools).

Best wishes,

Tara