

Section Meeting Minutes
ASCE ND Section Fall Meeting
September 22, 2011
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The 2011 Fall Meeting of the ND Section of ASCE was held at the Canad Inn in Grand Forks on Thursday, September 22, 2011. President Charles Moretti commenced the business meeting at about 7:30 pm.

1) Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes from the 2011 Spring Meeting held on April 19, 2011 were reviewed and approved. Moved by D. Anderson, 2nd by Khan.

2) President's Report

- a. Charles Moretti presented the president's report. He stated that he attended the ASCE Region 3 Assembly held in Chicago on August 12-13. Other sections in our region are organizing statewide student competitions. Charles said that he think we should look into doing something similar in our state with our section. He stated that we could look into the details at a later date.

3) Treasurer's Report

- a. Brandon Oye presented the treasurer's report for review. The total expenses were \$633.33. The total deposits were \$1,629.00. The ending balance as of September 22, 2011 is \$7,517.93. The financial report is attached to the minutes. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Moved by R. Anderson, 2nd by Walsvik.

4) Old Business

a. Continuing Education Committee Report

- i. The committee chair, Matt Walsvik, is currently looking for ideas for a continuing education event to plan. Discussion was to have at least 2 events per year.

b. Membership Committee Report

- i. Don Anderson, Dick Anderson and Dr. Woodbury reported there is not a lot of interest from people in Bismarck to start a branch section.
- ii. The Highway Engineering Group AAS is active in Bismarck. Revisit in 2 years.

c. Volunteer Events Committee Report

- i. The committee chair, Jerod Klabunde, was not in attendance. There was discussion on possibly doing a volunteer event in Minot to help with the flood cleanup.
- ii. Valley Middle School raised \$200 for Minot by washing cars.

d. Public Relations

- i. Don Anderson was named the Committee Chair
- ii. Brandon Oye requested to purchase the domain name www.ndasce.org for \$240.13 for 5 years for the future ND Section website. Moved by Dick Anderson, 2nd by Walsvik.

5) New Business

a. Awards Committee

- i. Discussion was that the award recommendations will come from the Civil Engineering Departments at NDSU and UND, so there will not be a need for committee members.
- ii. Financial support of \$500 each to UND & NDSU's student chapters was recommended. Moved by Khan, 2nd by Walsvik.

b. UND Student Chapter Update

- i. 40+ students attended the first chapter meeting. Doing a new outreach "concrete for kids". Working on the steel bridge.
- ii. They are planning a group trip to Minot with students from all engineering majors.
- iii. Sherlock Park burned down at the end of May, so a group plans to go out on Sunday to help rebuild it.
- iv. Also doing Lego League with kids.

a. Office Election schedule

- i. Brandon Oye recommended electing a President-Elect as required by the Section Bylaws.
- ii. Elections for all offices will be held at the 2012 Annual Meeting in the spring.

The business portion of the meeting was closed at 8:10 pm. Moved by Don Anderson, 2nd by Walsvik.

6) Presentation

- a. Eric Gannaway of Rhythm Engineering from Kansas gave a presentation on adaptive traffic control. This system is used on traffic signals which reduces number of stops, travel time through a corridor and frequency of crashes. Their company does not install the equipment, they only supply it. One disadvantage is that the system uses cameras, which has difficulty detecting vehicles through fog as opposed to pavement detector loops.