

Section Meeting Minutes
ASCE ND Section Annual Spring Meeting
April 2, 2013
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Four presentations were held from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, which included the following speakers and topics.

Title: The Coteau Mining Story
Speaker: Don Steffen – Coteau Properties Company

Title: Storm Water Regulations and Procedures
Speaker: Dallas Grossman – NDDOH–Water Quality

Title: F-M Area Diversion –Design Topic TBD
Speaker: Lee Beauvais – Moore Engineering

Title: Illuminate Your Success. Plug In Project Management Principles
Speaker: Carl Sutter – Vice-President, McMahon Engineers; ASCE Region 3 Governor - Wisconsin

The Business Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM after the dinner.

1) Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes from the 2012 Fall Meeting held on September 27, 2012 were reviewed. Motion by Khan to approve the minutes, 2nd Walsvik. Motion passed.

2) President’s Report

3) Treasurer’s Report

- a. The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Motion by Walsvik to approve the treasurer’s report, 2nd Dick Anderson. Motion passed.
- b. The ND Section received a \$1,000 check for 2012 Section Renewal Race Winner, which was the second year in a row receiving this award.

4) Committee Reports

a. Continuing Education Committee Report

1. Tom Klabunde reported that they had 25 people attend the ASCE sponsored Lunch & Learn that Dave Sethre presented at on January 24 at Moore Engineering in West Fargo.

b. Membership Committee Report

1. The Section is looking for someone to volunteer for this position. Looking at getting some membership reports that show some info on where the members are mostly located, what age group they are, etc.. to help with membership recruitment efforts.

c. Volunteer Events Committee Report

1. The Board attended the NDSU ASCE Student Chapter meeting on March 27, 2013 to discuss ideas for a doing a joint project. The chapter came up with an idea to do a “Firm Crawl”. This would include having a group of civil engineering students that would go to 4 different engineering companies and learn about what they do. This event would help the student chapter recruit members while also allowing the ND Section members to volunteer their time towards a good event that helps students understand the profession. Recently, the student chapter has been having issues getting students to come to meetings, so this event will add to the benefit of being part of the student chapter.

d. Public Relations

1. The Section has been notified that ASCE National will soon have hosting capabilities, so the purchased website will be put on hold. It was also reported that Engineer's Week will be held on February 17-23 in 2014.

5) Old Business

a. Bylaw Updates

1. It was recommended by the Board to change to a 2 year term for officers. It was noted that FM Engineers also uses the sliding officers, as well as many other organizations. Motion by Gross as recommended, 2nd Dick Anderson. Motion passed.
2. It was recommended by the Board to have all officers slide positions starting with the Vice President, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer. Motion by Khan as recommended, 2nd Gross. Motion passed with 1 no vote.
3. The Secretary recommended making some changes to the election process to more accurately follow what is currently being done. The "Nominating Committee" was removed and would now allow any subscribing member to nominate another member to be included on the ballot, given they have received consent from that member.

6) New Business

a. Vice President Election

1. The previous member that was elected as Vice President could not be located, and appeared to have moved out of state. Nominations were opened for Vice President. Murali Vegi was nominated. Motion by Walsvik to appoint Murali Vegi to Vice President, 2nd Khan. Motion passed.

b. UND & NDSU Student Chapter Outstanding Student Awards

1. It was discussed that the Section will need recommendations on students to receive this award for both UND and NDSU. This award will be voted on at the Fall 2013 meeting.

c. ASCE National Officer Report – John Fraenhoffer, ASCE Region 3 Director

1. John reported that the ASCE Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. was a success. Members Brandon Oye and Tom Klabunde attended to represent the ND Section.
2. A major discussion at the National level is the "Raise the Bar" initiative. John will be preparing a resolution on the topic and would like the Section's input. The resolution will be put to a vote at the Assembly in Chicago in August.
3. John congratulated the students for all the work they do. John recommended inviting graduates to join and try to make it easy to join.
4. John thanked Don Anderson and Chuck Moretti for getting the ND Section going again.

d. ASCE National Officer Report – Carl Sutter, ASCE Region 3 Governor

1. Carl also reported on the Raise the Bar Initiative. The Wisconsin Section is questioning the push for this. They would like to see what everyone else thinks. The initiative attempts to define standard requirements to become a Professional Engineer.

e. NDSU Student Chapter Report

1. They held 3 meetings this past year. Last month they participated in the Steel Bridge competition and got 3rd place. The Concrete Canoe Team had issues when doing their mold and ran out of time and funding. They are planning an Annual Casino Trip. They are excited to start planning the "Firm Crawl" with the ND Section this upcoming year. They will also be volunteering for Cub Scouts Badge Day in October.
2. Charles Moretti reported that the UND Student Chapter is still holding business.

Don Anderson requested motion to close the business meeting at 7:25 PM. Walsvik so moved, 2nd Dick Anderson. Motion passed.