

Section Meeting Minutes
ASCE ND Fall Meeting
October 20, 2015
Prepared by: Brandon Oye

The President called the business meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

The President opened the meeting with introduction of all guests.

1) Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes from the 2015 Spring Meeting held on April 16, 2015 were reviewed. Motion by Anderson to approve the minutes, 2nd Gross. Motion passed.

2) President's Report

- a. Tony reported that he is happy to see at good turnout for the meeting. Tony mentioned that he joined the section in 2010 to fill the role as Vice President. Since then, John Fraunhoffer, the Region 3 Director, helped build the Section back up. We are always looking for more members, specifically in the western part of the state. We are looking for more volunteers to help with Section activities. There are great opportunities to attend regional conferences and the ASCE Legislative Fly-In were we send 2 members to Washington, D.C. each year to meet with legislators.

3) Treasurer's Report

- a. The Section's balance is \$10,569.51. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Gross to approve the minutes, 2nd Vegi. Motion passed.

4) Committee Reports

a. Continuing Education Committee Report

1. Tom Klabunde reported that we typically hold a couple webinars (Lunch and Learns) each year in November and February. We are currently looking for a Grand Forks Continuing Education Chair, and any other possible locations. ASCE allows our Section to pay for one webinar that we can view at 3 different locations. These Lunch and Learns also help get non-members involved. We need to identify a date in November to hold another event in an additional location, possibly Grand Forks. We typically try to utilize a company's office space, but have reserved hotel conference rooms. Any members interested in helping with this effort in additional locations should contact Tom Klabunde.

b. Membership Committee Report

1. Matt Walsvik reported that he checked online today at the membership numbers. There has been an increase in members in the FM area. Gained a few members in the Minot and Bismarck area. Currently at 252 members.
2. Matt noted that we have 2 Life Members at the meeting tonight, which include Dr. Lawrence Woodbury and Don Anderson. We plan to recognize Mark Bittner as a new Life Member in 2016 at the Annual Meeting. There are no other members close to becoming a Life Member soon.

c. Webmaster

1. Tony reported that he hasn't been able to update the website. Alexa Ducioame said she would be willing to become the Webmaster. She has been the Webmaster of other organizations. She is looking at adding photos of the officers.

d. Volunteer Events Committee Report

1. Jerod Klabunde reported that we have fairly small participation rate of active members in the Section based on total members. We've been able to work jointly with the NDSU Student Chapter to host Firm Crawls to provide the students opportunities to tour different companies. The UND Chapter also held their own Firm Crawl. We are planning a 2015 Firm Crawl in Fargo, but need to schedule a date that coincide with the Chapter meeting date. The event has been successful for the NDSU Chapter.
2. Vicki Schneider has accepted the position of Volunteer Events so that Jerod can move into the Social Chair position. Vicki submitted for a STAY Grant and received \$950 to help pay for expenses for the Firm Crawl for both NDSU and UND. The grant will be used for food and gift cards. The gift cards would be used to draw additional attendees to the Firm Crawls.

e. Student Chapter Updates

1. Keith Korman, the UND Chapter President, reported on the activities of the Chapter. They have currently held two meetings. The first meeting was just introductory on what the Chapter does. The second meeting was with Strata Corporation, which has started an internship program. They will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity this Saturday. They are getting ready for the Midwest Regional Conference in the Steel Bridge Competition. They are just getting started on design phase and will hopefully have it done by the end of the semester. They are working on fundraising for the expenses of the competition. They are working the Firm Crawl with some companies. Keith thanked the Section for the assistance of the STAY Grant. Tony reiterated that they can contact the Section for assistance with anything.

5) Old Business

a. ASCE Region 3 Assembly Report

1. Daba reported on the Region 3 Assembly that was held in Minneapolis on August 14-15. The Assembly focused on Sustainability. They recommend members become an Envision Sustainability Professional (ENSVP). You can get 60 credits under 5 titles. You can take the exam after receiving a certain amount of credits. The cost of the education is \$150 for government employee, or \$450 for non-government employee. The exam cost is \$200. Projects seeking an ENVISION certificate must be submitted by an ENVSP and verified by an ENV Verifier assigned by the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure.

b. UND & NDSU Student Chapter Outstanding Student Awards

1. Brandon explained that the \$400 Award is to recognize one student member from each Chapter (NDSU and UND) that is active in the Chapter activities, has great character and is doing well in school. We are looking to try to do more with this award to recognize these members. Daba invited Bjorn Nybru to the Section meeting to receive the award for the UND Chapter. Bjorn has been the Vice President for the Steel Bridge design team. Has been an outstanding student in class and a person of good character. He will be graduating in December.

6) New Business

a. Upcoming Conferences/Events

1. ASCE Legislative Fly-In

- a) Looking for one non-officer to attend the ASCE Fly-In in Washington, D.C. on March 15-17. Currently Murali Vegi plans to attend. ASCE National and the Section will cover the expenses to attend. Please let Brandon Oye or Murali Vegi know if you are interested to attend.

2. ASCE Multi-Region Leadership Conference

- a) The Conference is being held in Chicago on January 15-16. Looking for two members to attend this conference, typically potential officers that want to get involved in the Section. ASCE National and the Section will cover the expenses to attend. They may discuss several items including sustainability, Legislative items, upcoming events that ASCE plans to host and Best Practices for Sections. It's a very good event for new members to attend.

b. Volunteers Needed!

1. Membership Committee Co-Chairs (Fargo and Grand Forks)
2. Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs (Grand Forks, Fargo filled by Vicki Schneider)
3. Social Co-Chairs (Grand Forks, Fargo filled by Jerod Klabunde)
4. Continuing Education Co-Chairs (Grand Forks)
5. Webmaster (Filled by Alexa Ducioame)

Tony Eukel requested a motion to close the business meeting at 7:16 PM. Walsvik so moved, 2nd Vegi. Motion passed.

Jeff Keaton, Principal from Amec Foster Wheeler was the speaker for the evening. He discussed Resiliency vs Sustainability, and transformation of Civil Engineering that is needed to meet the needs of Society.