

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Tony Eukel): Tony was not present for the call.
- b. President-Elect (Murali Vegi): Murali had no specific report, but briefly touched on the fact that Spring Meeting is coming together smoothly and all speakers are lined up. Daba confirmed that the Spring Meeting is in good shape and advised to mark our calendars to attend.
- c. Vice President (Daba Gedafa): Daba opened the conference call at 12:03 PM. Daba motioned to approve last meeting's recorded minutes on 1-12-17 by Alexa and Murali. Motion was approved by the board.
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nick had no major updates.
- e. Treasurer (Brandon Oye): Brandon was not present for the call.
- f. Past President (Don Andersen): Don was not present for the call.

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Not present for the call.
- b. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider): Vicki noted that Dilworth-Glydon-Felton (DGF) Middle School is looking for volunteers on February 23 for the Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. DGF has asked a few engineers to come and talk to the boys in the morning (9:00-11:30 AM) and a few in the afternoon (1:00-3:00 PM). Some ideas for events last year included the sling shot and paper bridge competition.
- c. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): Taylor noted no specific updates on membership.
- d. Social (Jerod Klabunde): Jerod was not present for the call. The ND Section may plan a social event after e-week.
- e. Webmaster / Social Media (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa has updated the awards on the website for the ASCE ND Section.

3) Open Forum for Comments

- a. Dream Big:
 - i. There are no volunteers needed for the Dream Big Fargo-Moorhead showing. Bismarck, Watford City, Minot, and Grand Forks will have the other four showings, which do need volunteers. We especially need help finding engineers to volunteer for the Watford City event. Vicki will check with the Watford City KLJ office for the February 28 showing. Murali wondered

how we would address volunteers for the Minot showing. Other Dream Big items mentioned during the call were provided as follows:

- ii. Nick will look into any volunteering opportunities for the Dream Big film event at UND, shown on 2-21-17, from Gwen Klawon (Update on 2-16-17: there is too large of a group to shuffle students around campus in such a short period of time. Gwen noted that there are 203 students registered at 1:30 showing and 80 for the 12:00 showing. Keith Korman will let Nick know if there is any specific activities he can assist with).
- iii. Alexa noted items for potential social events, perhaps a pizza party at the NDSU Union (tentatively the evening of 2-27-17) to show the “Dream Big” film. We will have to follow up with Brandon if this is doable in the budget for reimbursement expenses. An invite would have to be sent to the ND Section to coordinate this potential social event, and we would have to check with Holly Erickson at NDSU to coordinate.

b. E-week: No updates for this item.

c. Other:

- i. Daba briefed the section on the Fly-In meeting in Washington D.C. where he and Alexa will attend in early March of this year.
- ii. Taylor discussed his experience at the Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) in Minneapolis. Important discussion items included the following:
 - 1. “Raise the Bar Initiative”. ASCE is currently re-evaluating this process and whether to move forward with the legal aspects of the initiative.
 - 2. Taylor met the current ASCE National President Elect, Kristina Swallow, from Las Vegas. He discussed the current activities of the ND Section to Kristina.
 - 3. Discussed ND Section membership numbers to Dr. Goulan, in order to assess how to further increase membership.
 - 4. Taylor was able to catch a sneak peek at “Dream Big” at the MRLC and noted it was a very good film. The board asked him what age the target audience is, and Taylor responded it to be best suited for 6th graders and up.