

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Murali Vegi): Murali opened the meeting at 12:00 PM and discussed upcoming conferences and meetings, including the fall meeting in Grand Forks (scheduled Thursday, October 26) and his training meeting for ASCE Section presidents in September.
- b. President-Elect (Daba Gedafa): Daba mentioned that he has one speaker lined up for the fall meeting. He will confirm a time for the speaker to present.
- c. Vice President (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa noted that she was looking at the Ramada and Hilton Garden Inn for the fall meeting. Daba will also look into the Red Roof Inn as a possible location.
 - i. With regard to the STAY grant program, there is \$500-\$1500 available for trying to retain student members after graduation. UND and NDSU students can apply for the grant. The deadline is September 28th.
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nothing to report.
- e. Treasurer (Navaratnam Leelaruban): Leelan reported that we have a current balance of \$9,974. Leelan did report his expenses on his recent Region 3 Assembly trip which will be deducted from the balance.
 - i. With regard to Region 3 Assembly updates, Leelan noted that it went well. Topics of discussion were primarily on state level report cards, in particular Michigan and Minnesota. If the North Dakota Section is to pursue a report card, we are to keep ASCE National involved. Examples of report cards from the states included water resources and transportation. The Minnesota Section may be in touch with Leelan or Brandon to discuss how to best proceed.
- f. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye): Not present.
- g. Past President (Tony Eukel): Not present.

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): I-Hsuan was present but had nothing to report. Nick discussed some topics (regarding geotechnical engineering) which may gather interest in Grand Forks or Fargo.
- b. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck): Vicki discussed the STAY Grant, her experiences with setting this up in the past. She may be able to provide a template to help our Section with future efforts in applying for the STAY grant.

- c. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): Taylor was not present but did send out a draft survey for our Board members to review.
 - d. Social (Jerod Klabunde): No updates but is open to suggestions for a social event in the fall.
 - e. Webmaster / Social Media (Alexa Ducioame): In the process for ordering shirts for new members, updating the website with new photos.
- 3) Open Forum for Comments
No comments were discussed for this agenda item. Meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM.