

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Murali Vegi): Murali opened the meeting at 12:03 PM and discussed the ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) in Reston, VA (Sept. 23 and 24, 2018). He mentioned that Daba could attend. Motion was sent for Daba to attend, Murali moved, and Nick 2nd.
- b. President-Elect (Daba Gedafa): Daba was not able to attend the call. He reminded the Board, prior to the call, to have attendees e-mail him if there is interest or should there be questions regarding a potential ASCE Geo-Institute branch in North Dakota. The contact is Dan Mahrt, PE, Braun Intertec.
- c. Vice President (Alexa Ducioame):
 - i. Alexa was able to get approval and vote on splitting the Secretary and Treasurer into 2-roles and reduce the Vice President, President-Elect, President, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer from 2-years to 1-year term under the by-laws. Vote on the Constitution and election of officers (some are newly elected) will be finalized at the Annual Meeting.
 - ii. For Dream Big, Alexa sent in the pledge form to ASCE National. 152 schools have Dream Big DVDs, with 17-remaining, that our Section has listed. Alexa noted that we may have pledged more than what was needed.
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nick discussed Annual Meeting notice, agenda, previous fall meeting minutes, and ballots for distribution. He also discussed the Legislative Fly-In and that he and Daba were able to meet Senator Hoeven and Heitkamp, representatives from Kramer's office, ASCE National President, Kristina Swallow, and the ASCE National Region 3 Governors. The Fly-In was a successful event.
- e. Treasurer (Navaratnam Leelaruban): Leelan provided the current Section balance (\$9,520), status on Annual Meeting registrations, and the \$500 support to the UND and NDSU student chapters of ASCE.
- f. Past President (Tony Eukel): Not present

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye): Brandon updated that we had a training workshop for the Authors on April 2nd, which was well attend (all but one author). Right now, the authors expressed that the report card is moving in a good direction. Discussion comprised of moving the schedule of the release up to January to make sure we catch the legislation session early enough to make an impact. The next milestone is to have the literature review complete by April 27, which includes meetings and agencies for putting together the data and indicators to be able to develop grade and action items to improve the grade (if needed). Efforts will continue on the budget and fundraising efforts and the creation/design of the report card. The other large expense will be the Release Event, to be best held in Bismarck.

- b. Continuing Education (Tom Klabunde, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Tom and I-Hsuan hosted a lunch and learn webinar in Fargo and Grand Forks, respectively, entitled “Quality Management During Design and Construction” on April 3 for 1-pdh.
 - c. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck): Vicki discussed the DGF event and that they had enough volunteers that day, including Brandon.
 - d. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): Taylor discussed getting together the life member awards for the Annual Meeting and the Past President’s pin.
 - e. Social (Jerod Klabunde and Dylan Dunn): Dylan discussed the Firm Crawl, held recently with AE2S and Braun Interec.
 - f. Webmaster / Social Media (Alison Hanslip and Yaping Chi): Legislative Fly-In pictures were posted to Facebook. The Annual Meeting will be posted to Facebook. Allison encouraged that ASCE section events photos be sent to her for upload to Facebook or the webpage.
- 3) Open Forum for Comments
- a. None. Meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM.