

ASCE ND Section Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Location: Phone Conference between Officers and Chairs

Time: 12:00 PM

1) Officer Reports

- a. President (Daba Gedafa):
 - i. Daba opened the meeting at noon and introduced speaker Dan Mahrt to discuss Geo-Institute chapter. Dan provided background and purpose of a Geo-Institute branch for consideration to include within our Section. Questions posed included whether if there will need to have a minimum number of members for the chapter, a separate committee and chair, etc. Dan is going to follow up with geotechnical engineers within the region to engage interest on pursuing the Geo-Institute chapter.
 - ii. Daba attended the Presidents and Governors (PGF) forum recently. He mentioned it is important for Board and Section members who attend ASCE National events, conferences, or forums, to bring back the knowledge and implement ideas to our Section.
- b. President-Elect (Alexa Ducioame): Alexa mentioned that the Hilton Garden Inn hotel RSVP forms are due by October 18.
- c. Vice President (Tom Klabunde): Tom was not present on the call, but was still working on speaker for fall meeting, in lieu of MNDOT being unable to participate.
- d. Secretary (Nick Kalenze): Nick is planning to send out fall meeting notice and agenda to Section in short order.
- e. Treasurer (Yaping Chi): Yaping is the new treasurer; however, Leelan was present on the call too and provided one final update before his departure: the balance is \$6467.
- f. Past President (Don Andersen): Not present.

2) Committee Chair Reports

- a. Report Card Chair (Brandon Oye): Brandon was not present on the call but the next step for the report card will be fundraising.
- b. Continuing Education (Jerry Gao, Fargo and I-Hsuan Ho, Grand Forks): Jerry has been in contact with AE2S regarding a speaker for a lunch and learn webinar. As it turns out, AE2S will be able to speak at the fall meeting instead. Brian Bergantine and Ben Julson will present on the Fargo Membrane Water Treatment Plant.
- c. Volunteer (Vicki Schneider, Fargo and Shannon Fisher, Bismarck): No update.
- d. Membership (Taylor Braaten, Fargo and Iraj H P Mamaghani, Grand Forks): No update.
- e. Social (Jerod Klabunde and Dylan Dunn): Dylan introduced Ryan Frolek to discuss the “Engineer without Borders” mission and purpose. To be a professional mentor

the only requirements are a PE license. Some example projects include using solar panels to supply electricity for a community center building. Ryan plans to present these topics to the Section at the fall meeting.

- f. Webmaster / Social Media (Alison Hanslip and Yaping Chi): Yaping was present on the call. She updated the recent profile pictures and minutes on the ASCE ND Section webpage.

3) Open Forum for Comments

- a. Alexa mentioned upcoming events including the Regions 3, 6, & 7 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) in Dallas, TX and Legislative Fly-In. Currently, Dylan is planning to attend MRLC and Yaping and Vicki are planning to attend the Fly-In.