

ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, June 13th, 2019 – 12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Call

Prepared by: Ravi Yellavajjala

In attendance: Beena Ajmera, Yaping Chi, Alexa Ducioame, and Ravi Yellavajjala.

Call to Order and Welcome: Vice President, Yaping Chi, called the business meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Approval of Agenda: President, Alexa Ducioame suggested that FM Redhawks social event be moved as a new item. It was previously listed under the annual meeting heading. Yaping asked for a motion to approve the agenda of the meeting. Alexa moved the motion, and Beena Ajmera (Treasurer) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Yaping (3 yays, 0 nays)
Secretary, Ravi Yellavajjala has no updates.

Financial Report: Yaping reported that the ND section has a bank balance of \$4471.00. Yaping reported that the section received the registration fee for the last month's annual meeting. Yaping and Beena communicated that they would work together on June 14th, 2019, for the transfer of responsibilities. Beena has no other new updates.

Continuing Business

Discussion on inviting speakers: Beena suggested that the section can make use of ASCE Geo-institute speakers bureau to invite nationally reputed scholars to deliver talks in ND ASCE meetings. Alexa pointed out that funding the traveling and lodging of invited speakers may be expensive and also expressed concerns about the interest levels of practicing engineers on academic talks. In reply, Beena brought to the attention of the attendees that ASCE geo-institute speakers bureau partially covers the traveling and accommodation costs of the speakers. Alexa encouraged Beena to pursue this opportunity for which Beena agreed.

Discussion on Thank you letters, PDHs, why join ASCE flyer: Alexa has sent out her share of thank you letters and she did not hear the status of thank you letters that were delegated to other section officers. The PDHs for the last month annual meeting attendees have been sent out. Alexa shall work on "why join ASCE?" flyer in the coming weeks.

New Business

None to report

Committee Chair Reports

a) Report card chair

Brandon Oye is not available for the conference call.

b) Continuing education chair

Jerry Gao is not available for the conference call.

c) Volunteer committee chair

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Vicki Schneider is not available for the conference call.

d) Membership/ social chair

Dylan Dunn is not available for the conference call.

e) Webmaster/ social media chair

Alison Hanslip is not available for the conference call.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.