

# ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 12:00-1:00 PM  
Conference Call

**Prepared by: Ravi Yellavajjala**

In attendance: Beena Ajmera, Yaping Chi, Alexa Ducioame, Dylan Dunn, Tom Klabunde, Alison Hanslip, and Ravi Yellavajjala.

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Vice-President, Yaping Chi, called the business meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** approved without amendments (Alexa Ducioame) (7 yay, 0 nay)

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved (Yaping) seconded by Social chair Dylan Dunn (7 yay, 0 nay)

**Financial Report:** the current ND ASCE bank balance is ~\$6K as reported by treasurer Beena Ajmera. ~\$2600 in section dues since January and an additional ~\$1000 came from ASCE to our section.

## Continuing Business

**Why Join ASCE flyer:** Alexa Ducioame has no new updates on this.

**Continuing education chair for Fargo region:** Taylor Brateen is being approached for continuing education chair – Alexa. One professor from UND and another professor from NDSU and a industry member approached the section for service opportunities. Alexa mentioned that the nominating committee chaired by the past president Dr. Daba Gedafa will nominate deserving members if there is a need. Elections may be needed for treasurer, secretary, and Vice-president – Alexa.

**ASCE/ NDSPE joint spring meeting:** Alexa: discussions about the spring meeting are underway. Three potential options are available: 1) virtual conference; 2) reschedule the conference; and 3) cancel and have a business meeting with the joint conference next spring. Zoom might be considered if a virtual conference is arranged. Nancy contacted Delta and no cancellation fee will be levied in case the conference is cancelled.

Dylan suggested that the conference can be postponed to fall. Alexa replied that NDSPE organizes their meetings only in the spring.

Beena suggested making the conference an online conference which will enable us invite interested participants from other states. 1 virtual hour (1 PDH) can be offered. Yaping suggested that the webinar format with an option to interact with the speaker will be a better option.

Alexa ruled out the possibility for having 100% virtual conference. If the conference is cancelled, the joint conference will be held next spring in Fargo.

## New Business

**Byelaws change:** motion: 2 years term for treasurer and secretary. Even year retirement for secretary and odd year retirement for treasurer. Motion moved by Yaping, seconded by Dylan (7 yay, 0 nay)

## Committee Chair Reports

### a) Report card chair

Brandon Oye is not available

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**b) Continuing education chair**

I-Hsuan Ho is not available

**c) Volunteer committee chair**

Vicki Schneider not available

**d) Membership/ social chair**

Dylan Dunn has no updates. Wanted to plan a social event but was put on-hold due to the emerging covid-19 situation.

**e) Webmaster/ social media chair**

No updates. Need to update MRLC pictures on the ND ASCE website and update Ravi's credentials.

**f) NDSU Student representative (not available)**

**g) UND Student representative (not available)**

## **Announcements**

Ravi Kiran Yellavajjala: Regional steel bridge competition and concrete canoe competition are called off. UND will host the steel bridge competition in spring 2021.

## **Adjourn**

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.