

ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Friday, October 16th, 2020 – 12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Call

Prepared by: Ravi Yellavajjala

In attendance: Beena Ajmera, Yaping Chi, Alexa Ducioame, Dorafshan Sattar, Vicki Schneider, and Ravi Yellavajjala. (In attendance: Miguel Andrews)

Call to Order and Welcome: Vice-president, Been Ajmera, called the business meeting to order (12:03).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved (5 yay, 0 nay, 1 abstain) (President-elect Yaping Chi - motion to move, seconded by Volunteer Co-chair Vicki Schneider)

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved (6 yay, 0 nay) (Past-president Alexa Ducioame– motion to move, seconded by President-elect Yaping Chi)

Financial Report: Treasurer Sam Wilke (Email): Treasurer Sam Wilke: Both Section checks cleared and monthly section dues (\$7.00) were deposited. Account balance is at \$5,343.66.

November board meeting – budget needed– Beena and Yaping.

Continuing Business

Fall ND ASCE Meeting: Current registration: 193 people. Maximum limit: 300 participants. Beena will use a different zoom license if participation exceeds 300. MN geotech societies, and Region 3 ASCE members. Yaping and Beena will check the webinar link beforehand.

Continuing education chair for Fargo region (pending): Miguel Andrews was contacted for the Bismark area. Ravi contacted tribal college faculty. Alexa collaborative over the state. Miguel is willing to help with continuing education efforts, especially the in-person seminars.

Online Social Event: no updates.

Board for Job Ads and ASCE website: Alison Hanslip is busy, and she may update the web portal in a few weeks.

New Business

- **Annual report** – Tom: submitted: Ravi will request a copy.
- **Future virtual events:** will be organized based on the current event experience. A Fee for future events may be required for non-members as we are providing PDH. Ravi mentioned that many structural engineering organizations are scheduling flash events for PDHs. Beena noted that all the Geotech events are cancelled this year.
- **University student representatives** – Continuing Education chair Sattar Dorafshan will help us appoint a new representative from UND. Beena mentioned that the agenda was not being sent to the student representatives. Yaping has sent the calander invite.
- **Member scholarships:** will be discussed after the annual budget is approved.

Committee Chair Reports

a) **Report card chair**

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Brandon Oye is not available

b) Continuing education chair

I-Hsuan Ho is not available

c) Volunteer committee chair

The members discussed possibility of offering some outreach activities to the K-12 students. Vicki mentioned that many federal agencies including NASA are offering very well tailored programs virtually

d) Membership/ social chair

Dylan Dunn is not available.

e) Webmaster/ social media chair

Shannon Fisher not available

f) NDSU Student representative: Mary Balek is not available.

g) UND Student representative: Augustus Postiglione is not available.

Announcements

- NA

Adjourn 12:40 PM