

ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Friday, March 20, 2026 – 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Virtual

Call to Order: Sattar Dorfashan

Introduction: Betsy, Sattar, Autumn, Grant, Zhibin, Jerath, Alexa, Coltyn, and Brady

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve made by Jerath, seconded by Coltyn

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve made by Jerath, seconded by Coltyn

Financial Report: Treasurer Coltyn Nelson reported:

- \$3,480.21 in expenditures to date
- Minor accounting error corrected; budget now accurately implemented
- Current balance: \$19,104.38 with no outstanding expenses

Action Items:

- Budget to be reviewed at the next meeting
- Board discussed opportunities to increase revenue

Continuing Business

Monthly Task Review is needed by April 24th.

Website Updates: Youjin to continue maintaining photos, minutes, and event postings. Board members send Youjin headshots if you have not already done so.

Events: On hold

Action Item:

- Add Fly In Recap and Action Plans to the next meeting's agenda.

Updates of Leadership Opportunities: Jerath to champion landmark efforts

Western Great Lakes Student Symposium: Scheduled for April 16–18. UND student attendance has increased, with 22 students participating this year compared to 14 last year. There is a strong level of involvement from underclassmen in the UND ASCE chapter. Additionally, a new Sustainable Solutions competition has been introduced, bringing the total competitions to steel bridge, concrete cornhole, and Sustainable Solutions.

Update ASCE Report Card teams: The revised deadline is set for summer 2027. The next report card meeting is scheduled for April 1st.

Open Positions:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice President

Voting is open and positions will be selected at the next Board meeting.

NDSPE ASCE joint meeting:

The annual meeting notice is due March 24. Brady will present the Life Member Award, with a slide displayed during the presentation and the physical award to be delivered once it is received. He plans to speak for approximately 2–3 minutes. Sattar is finalizing the President's Report.

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New Business

Spring Student Donations: Coltyn will prepare checks and letters for distribution at the annual meeting.

Jerath moved to approve increasing UND's donation to \$1,000 for this year. Zhibin seconded. Motion passed. Discussion followed regarding the process for increasing donations. For future approvals, a formal request with supporting rationale will be required, and any increases must apply to both student chapters.

Action Item:

- NDSU to come to next board meeting and request a donation increase.

On Hold Business

Steel Bridge Regional Competition 2027: Remain on hold. The 2027 competition will be co-hosted by UND and NDSU and is currently planned to take place at NDSU. Official dates and additional details will be provided when available. Sattar requested that Autumn return to share updates with the group as more information becomes available.

Tours:

The NDSU McGough tour has been canceled due to liability concerns and should be removed from the agenda. Brady conducted a tour of a data center for a group of NDSU students.

The second UND STEM Building tour is tentatively planned for May, pending weather conditions. Betsy has been coordinating with the contractor and UND's ASCE chapter to finalize a date.

US Canada Landmark: Stay on hold

Adjourned at 12:53 pm