

ND ASCE SECTION BOARD MINUTES

Friday, September 19, 2025 – 12:00 PM-13:00 PM

Virtual

Call to Order and Welcome: Zach Cormican 12:02 PM

Introductions: Coltyn, Sattar, Zach, Vida, Betsy, Zahoor, Innocent, Jerath, Armstrong, Youjin, Zhibin, Alexa, Rodney (guest), Tabitha (guest).

Approval of Agenda: Sattar first, Coltyn Second

Approval of Minutes: Sattar first, Coltyn Second

Financial Report: Treasurer Coltyn Nelson

- \$58,766.06
- Projected Balance at the end of 2025: \$29,078.86
- **No specific changes to the finances in the last month**
- Discuss to meet in fall. (Jerath ask)

Guest (12:30 presentation):

- Presentation by Professor Tabitha Lafferre about infrastructure report card.
 - Started from scratch: Very small section (20–30 at annual meetings), no report card before 2020 and minimal advocacy before 2021.
 - Launched a 2020 “Report Card Trial”: Formed a committee with 3 Chairs, 5 Champions, 9 student authors, 6 reviewers, and support from ASCE CAI.
 - Student-driven drafting: Set a goal of the minimum 5 chapters; each student wrote two chapters, and each chapter had a student team lead.
 - Worked remotely during COVID: Completed the second half of the semester virtually (Microsoft Teams).
 - Public/advocacy impact: Earned the 2021 Outstanding Civil Engineer Advocate of the Year – Team Award and generated statewide media attention.
 - Built sustainability via education: Integrated the report-card work into Fairmont State’s capstone—approved through ABET coordinator, department chair, and industrial advisory committee; standalone capstone began Spring 2022.

Continuing Business:

- Read through Monthly Tasks (Zach)
 - **Zhibin: UND–NDSU advising: Zhibin to follow up and draft fall-meeting message. Per Sattar, keep current arrangement for this academic year and next, then revisit for next year.**
 - **Sattar: Betsy secured GF and Bismark locations (put in documentation and time and day and talk to social media)**
 - **Coltyn: UND received the check.**
- Appointing Chair positions
 - Webmaster / Social Media: **Youjin**
 - Advocacy Captain(s) / Report Card: **Saber Grant Innocent**
 - Membership / Social: **Betsy (GF), Brady (Fargo)**

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- Continuing Education: **Armstrong**
- Volunteer: **Alexa, Mahmut**
 - **Motion by Zach; second by Sattar.**
 - **Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.**
- Ongoing Plans (Zach)
 - Fall Lunch and Learn
 - Date: 10/21
 - Time: 12:00 – 1:00
 - Locations:
 - Bismarck – AE2S (Contact: Coltyn/Betsy)
 - Fargo – KLJ (Contact: Armstrong)
 - Grand Forks – AE2S (Contact: Betsy)
 - Speaker: TBD
 - **Decision**
 - **Format: Online (three locations; Zach in favor).**
 - **Guest Speaker**
 - **Zhibin will reach out for a structural by 9/26. If that isn't a good fit, Sattar has a backup option**
 - **Coordinator: Set up the online meeting and circulate the link once the speaker is confirmed.**
 - Create image to advertise the event (Zahoor)
 - Hands-on activities for students (UND/NDSU)
 - Welding classes for students Jan/Feb
 - Need to plan with instructor, students, facilities, & advertising. Shoot for October to start this (**We will keep this item as ongoing**).
 - Tours:
 - Request design engineers to bring plans and give the tour
 - NDSU McGough, CMTA, or ZerrBerg (Brady/Armstrong)
 - **TBD**
 - **UND swimming pool demo (Sattar/Betsy)**
 - **No response yet. Demo phase now, wait for construction to do the tour**
 - **(keep this to next month)**

New Business

- Financial support for social events

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Student Chapter updates

- NDSU- Nathaniel Angus / Zach
- UND - Autumn Bergum / Sattar

Committee Chair Reports:

- Volunteer
- Continuing Education
- Membership/Social
- Webmaster/Social Media
- Advocacy Captain
- Report Card

Announcements

- ASCE2025 President's Forum (Sattar)
- US Canada Landmark (Sattar)

Adjourn

13:00

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