

## ASCE Wisconsin Section Board of Directors Meeting May 2025 Minutes

This Meeting	Location	Start Time	Est. End Time
May 21, 2025	Virtual	3:00 PM CT	5:00 PM CT
Next Meeting	Location	Start Time	Est. End Time
July 16, 2025	Virtual	3:00 PM CT	5:00 PM CT

Dial-In Meeting Information			
Meeting ID <a href="https://meet.google.com/qtn-occm-mmd">meet.google.com/qtn-occm-mmd</a>  Edit Phone Numbers (US)+1 262-607-9067 PIN: 648 771 060# <a href="#">More phone numbers</a>			
Officers			
X	Brad Severson (President)	X	Zoey Tarnow (Secretary)
X	Seth Johnson (President-Elect)		James Epperson (Treasurer)
	Matt Dahlem (Past President)		
Directors at Large			
X	Tony Castle		Daniel Witter
	Richard Schneider		Kris Roppe
Branch Directors			
X	Corona Woychik (NW)		Luke Siebert (FRV)
X	Ann Thielmann (SW)	X	Caleb Manske (SE)
Standing Committee Chairs			
X	David Sonne (Awards)		Carl Sutter (Budget and Finance)
	(Diversity)		(History and Heritage)
	Matt Dahlem (Panel of Directors-at-Large)		Matt Dahlem (Membership)
	Brad Severson (Newsletter)		Matt Dahlem (Nominations)
	Brad Severson (Yearbook)		Gregory Schroeder (Public Affairs)
Technical Committee/Institute Chapter Chairs			
	Brian Udovich (Construction Institute Chapter)		Laura Gerold/Mark Augustine (Environmental and Water Resources Institute Chapter)
	Emil Bautista (Geo-Institute Chapter)		Harry Farchmin (Management Committee)
	Vacant (Structures Committee)		Jaime Hernandez (Transportation and Development Institute Chapter)
Conference Committee Chairs			
	2024 Spring Technical Conference (Fox River Valley Branch)		2024 Annual Meeting (Southeast Branch)
	2025 Spring Technical Conference (Southwest)		2025 Annual Meeting (Northwest Branch)
Others			
	Jesse Jefferson (Region 3 Governor)		Ken Mika (Region 3 Director)
	Kevin Frost (Engineers Without Borders)		Ken Mika / Zoey Meyer (Report Card Committee Co-Chairs)
X	Erin Vincent (Core AMC)		

Corresponding documents, as well as this agenda, can be found on the Google Drive:

1. Welcome (Brad Severson)
  - a. There is a quorum
2. Consent Agenda (Brad Severson)
  - a. March 2025 Meeting Minutes (Brad Severson) - [Attachment 2a](#)
  - b. [Consent Agenda Motion to Approve: Motion made by Calen Manske and Seconded by Tony Castle. All in favor, motion carried.](#)
3. New Business
  - a. Discuss endorsing John Kissinger's nomination for ASCE Fellow [Attachment 3b](#)
    - i. Brad relayed that there was a nomination form to fill out and asked for feedback.
    - ii. Tony Castle said that John had been nominated previously for a SE Branch award and seems deserving. He has also presented at several meetings.
    - iii. [Motion made by Tony Castle to endorse John Kissinger's nomination to ASCE Fellow. The motion was seconded by Caleb Manske. All in Favor, the motion carried.](#)
    - iv. Brad will fill out the paperwork and submit.
  - b. Financial Report (Brad Severson for James Epperson) - [Attachment 3a](#)
    - i. Current expenses are 41% of what is budgeted.
    - ii. The current balance is \$40,000
    - iii. Approved Expenses: \$1000 Student Section & \$500 for Golf
    - iv. Brad and James will work to get Branch Allotments out soon.
    - v. [Motion to Approve the Financial Report by Corona Woychik and Seconded by Seth Johnson. All in Favor, Motion Carried.](#)
  - c. Robert Schumacher Retirement and Replacement for Structure Technical Committee
    - i. Brad asked the group for recommendations.
    - ii. Seth suggested that the Board reach out to members. The position guidelines are clearly stated on Page 45 of the Administrative Handbook.
    - iii. Erin will send an e-blast looking for a volunteer.
4. Reports (provided as information only)
  - a. Branch Reports
    - i. Fox River Valley (Luke Siebert) - [FRV Branch Report - May](#)
    - ii. Northwest (Corona Woychik) - [NW Branch Report - May](#)
      - Working on Annual Meeting and Golf Outing.
        - a. Annual Meeting contracts have been signed, prices have been approved, Ethics Speaker on board.
        - b. Need Technical Committee to be involved with speakers for breakout sessions.
    - iii. Southeast (Caleb Manske) - [SE Branch Report - May](#)
      - STEM Forward Partnership
      - Summer Field Trip and Past president event
      - 6/6/25 Golf Outing almost full
      - Branch will be hosting Spring Technical Conference in 2026
    - iv. Southwest (Ann Thielmann) - [SW Branch Report - May](#)
      - Spring Tech 2025 Wrap Up
        - a. Did make a profit

- Hosting a Happy Hour at Olbrich Bier Garden 5/8/25.
  - b. Conference Committees
    - i. Spring Tech Conference Review Discussion about decreasing conference attendance,
      - 85 is low for a Spring Tech conference.
      - Lower registration has not recovered after COVID.
      - Finding a spring date is difficult.
      - Tech committee involvement
      - Is content an issue?
      - Possible changes
        - a. Same location every year?
        - b. Drop Spring Tech and do only Annual Meeting
        - c. Move to Thursday? Monday?
        - d. Should each Branch have a representative on the planning committee?
      - Need ideas for conference engagement
        - a. Erin will write survey questions and bring them to the next meeting.
    - ii. 2025 Annual Meeting (Northwest) see above
  - c. Standing Committees
    - i. Awards (David Sonne)
      - Section Awards
        - Deadline extended to July 1, 2025
    - ii. Budget and Finance (James Epperson)
    - iii. Wisconsin Infrastructure Advocacy Update (Jennifer Schaff/Ken Mika/Martin Hanson)
    - iv. Membership (Matt Dahlem)
    - v. Nominations (Matt Dahlem)
    - vi. Panel of Directors-at-Large (Matt Dahlem)
    - vii. Public Affairs (Gregory Schroeder)
    - viii. Election (Matt Dahlem)
    - ix. Yearbook (Seth Johnson)
      - Erin will begin updating
  - d. Technical Committees/Institute Chapters
    - i. Architectural Engineering (AE) Technical Committee (Larry Buechel)
    - ii. Construction Institute Chapter (Brian Udovich)
    - iii. Environmental & Water Resources Institute Chapter (Laura Gerold/Mark Augustine)
    - iv. Geo-Institute Chapter (Emil Bautista)
    - v. Management (Harry Farchmin)
    - vi. Structures (VACANT)
    - vii. Transportation & Development Institute Chapter (Jaime Hernandez)
  - e. Administrative Management (Core) - [Attachment 5e](#)
5. Schedule Next Meeting/Relevant Dates

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
July 16, 2025	Board Meeting	3:00 – 5:00	Virtual
September 17, 2025	Board Meeting	3:00 – 5:00	Virtual
October 10, 2025	Annual Meeting	7am	The LaCrosse Center

6. Adjourn
  - a. Motion to Adjourn made by Luke Siebert and seconded by Kris Roppe. All in Favor, motion carried.
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm