



*American Society of Civil Engineers*

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2008**

**Attendees (in bold)**

**Marie Maly** *President*  
**John Hill** *President-Elect / Annual Meeting / Truss Bustin'*  
**Aaron Buettner** *Vice President*  
**Ed Prost** *Past President / Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*  
**Mark Pohlmann** *Treasurer*  
**Diane Jones** *Secretary*  
**Mike McIntosh** *Director*  
**Tom Strauss** *Director*  
**Amelia Toellner** *Younger Member Chair*  
Joe Flaxbeard *Younger Member Chair*  
**Scott Gilliland** *Structural Technical Chair*  
**Wayne Jensen** *Construction Technical Chair*  
TBD *Management Technical Chair*  
**Paul Dierking** *Water Resources Technical Chair*  
Brian Havens *Geotechnical Technical Chair*  
Lara Syrocki *Environmental Technical Chair*  
Mark Meisinger *Transportation Technical Co-Chair*  
**Ticha Perez** *Transportation Technical Co-Chair*  
**Brad Chambers** *History & Heritage Chair*  
Bill Arneson *Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*  
**Jeff Kopocis** *Membership Chair*  
Mike Naccarato *Fundraising Chair*  
Liz Roesler *Future City Chair*  
Aaron Grote *Newsletter Director*  
Gopal Allam *Webmaster*  
TBD *Engineering Round Table*  
**Daren Konda** *UNO Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*  
Steve Nickel *UNL Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions (Maly)
2. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2008, Board Meeting (Jones)
  - a. Motion by Gilliland
  - b. Second by McIntosh
  - c. Approved
3. Who's Who List – Verify Information (Maly)
  - a. List was passed around and changes made
4. Governing Documents – FYI (Maly)
  - a. Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Policy and Procedure were distributed
5. Meetings for 2008-2009 (Maly)
  - a. Board – second Thursday of the month @ 5:30
  - b. Tentative Section Meeting Dates (typically the third Thursday of the month)

- i. September 18 (Structural – Conference on Friday 9/19) (Gilliland)
  - Conference theme is *Attaching Cladding to Structural Frames*
  - Section meeting will be at McKenna's in Omaha and the speaker topic will be *Rapid Bridge Construction on the Pacific St. Bridge Over I-680*
  - Volunteers are needed for the Infrastructure Report Card. Pohlmann suggested partnering with ACEC on this.
- ii. October 16 (Construction)
  - Likely in Lincoln
- iii. November 20 (Management/Government)
  - In Omaha
  - Speaker will be Senator Fulton
- iv. January 15 (Water Resources – with UNL Chapter)
  - In Lincoln
- v. February 19 (Geotechnical – Conference on Friday)
  - In Omaha.
- vi. March 19 (Environmental)
- vii. April 16 (Transportation – Conference on Friday)
  - Due to conflicts with UNO students' regional conference, the meeting with UNO may be changed to the March environmental meeting
- viii. May 21 (Annual Meeting/Banquet)
  - In Omaha
- c. [rsvp@neasce.org](mailto:rsvp@neasce.org) email
- d. Name Tags
  - i. Maly will take care of replacing old name tags and ordering for new board members

## 6. Newsletter (Grote/Maly)

- a. Articles are always needed
- b. Anyone who attends a training or conference should summarize their experience for publication in the newsletter
- c. Technical group chairs should summarize the monthly meeting for publication in the newsletter

## 7. Workshops and Training

- a. Practitioner & Faculty Advisor Training Workshop (Reston, VA – August 8-10)
  - i. Konda attended this one day training
  - ii. Saw varying degrees of involvement with schools
  - iii. Suggested inviting students to attend meetings in order to get them involved
  - iv. Suggested doing more tours with students – ie: tour of the water treatment plant at the aquarium at the zoo
- b. Region 7 Assembly (Kansas City – August 22-23)
  - i. Prost needs help collecting information to present
    - Newsletter
    - Last year's section report
    - Budget
    - Statistics (number of members, number of meetings ect.)
    - SPACG

- Section activities
  - Display boards
- c. Headquarters Orientation (Reston, VA – October 20)
    - i. Jones will be attending
  - d. Annual Conference / YMLS / Council of Presidents (Pittsburgh – November 6-8)
    - i. Maly will be attending, but if anyone else is interested they are welcome to attend
    - ii. Konda inquired about supporting student members who would like to attend – We have not done this in the past
  - e. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (Denver 9-10, 2009) – 2 WSBL, 1 YMC
8. Raise the bar Champions and Progress (Prost/Maly)
    - a. Maly gave a brief description of the efforts for new members
    - b. ASCE is targeting Nebraska as a place to get legislation started
  9. SPAG: State and Public Affairs Grant (Maly)
    - a. Final Report on last year's SPAGs was passed around
  10. 2008 Budget Status / Draft 2009 Budget Highlights (Pohlmann)
    - a. The 2009 budget needs to be approved next month
    - b. Hill will prepare draft budget for the next meeting
      - i. Money needs to be added for Future Cities and Truss Bustin' winners to attend a dinner meeting
  11. New Business
    - a. Life Member Champion
      - i. Kopocis will be in charge
      - ii. Goal is to recognize life members and get them more involved in the chapter
    - b. UNO Student Chapter
      - i. Konda and Maly are meeting with section president Kenton McBride
    - c. 2009 Annual Conference in Kansas City (Fall 2009)
      - i. Consider attending because this is so local
    - d. Outstanding Section/Branch Award
      - i. Due October 30th
      - ii. There are several new categories – we may want to think about applying
    - e. Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day – October 10 – Section Involvement
      - i. Will put information on our website
    - f. Post Disaster Safety Evaluations Workshop – September 24 in Denver
      - i. Will put information on our website
  12. Adjourn – Next Meeting September 11 (Maly)
    - a. Motion by Konda
    - b. Second by Prost
    - c. Approved

*Submitted by Diane Jones  
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*