



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2011 4:45 PM**

**Attendees (in bold)**

**Aaron Buettner** *President*  
**Daren Konda** *President -Elect / Annual Meeting / UNO Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*  
**Shannon DeVivo** *Vice President*  
**John Hill** *Past President / Truss Bustin' / Interim Membership Chair / Region 7 Assembly Representative*  
**Mike Sklenar** *Treasurer*  
**Lianne Lau** *Secretary*  
**Marie Stamm** *Director*  
Tom Strauss *Director*  
**Andres Torres** *Younger Member Co-Chair*  
Joe Flaxbeard *Younger Member Co-Chair*  
Scott Gilliland *Structural Technical Chair*  
Douglas Kellner *Construction Technical Chair*  
TBD *Management Technical Chair*  
Matt McConville *Water Resources Technical Chair*  
**Brian Havens** *Geotechnical Technical Chair*  
Lara Syrocki *Environmental Technical Chair / Engineering Round Table*  
**Ticha Rohan** *Transportation Technical Co-Chair*  
**John Smith** *Transportation Technical Co-Chair*  
Brad Chambers *History & Heritage Chair*  
Ed Prost *Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*  
Bill Arneson *Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*  
Mike Naccarato *Fundraising Chair*  
**Dave Nielsen** *Future City Chair*  
Greg Seib *Newsletter Director*  
Gopal Allam *Webmaster*  
Steve Nickel *UNL Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*  
**Loras Klostermann** *Governor of Region 7*

- 1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions (Buettner)
  - a) 4:45 pm
  
- 2) Approval of November 10, 2010 Minutes (Buettner)
  - a) Motion by Hill, second by Konda, approved
  
- 3) Meetings for 2010-2011 (Buettner)
  - a) March 17 (Environmental)
    - i) Change meal fee of \$15 to \$20
    - ii) Motion is not needed to change fee
  - b) April 14/15 – Section Meeting (Transportation – w/UNO Chapter, Conf. on Friday 4/15)
  - c) May 19 (tentative) (Annual Meeting/Banquet)
    - i) Daren is working on the brochure, needs a place for the annual banquet.

- 4) Future City Competition
    - a) Good turnout, 8 schools in the final competition.
    - b) Make a presentation to the teachers before next school year, before they have the curriculum set.
    - c) John Thomson from ESU3 spoke about the competition
      - i) Handed out reports
      - ii) More schools need to be involved
      - iii) Report has a list of recommendations for ASCE
      - iv) Software Issues
        - (1) Millard had administrative problems installing the software on the computers.
      - v) National Future City
        - (1) Asking Peter Kiewitt to be a national sponsor for the competition
        - (2) Asking for funding/resources
      - vi) The competition is continually looking for mentors.
      - vii) NSTA – Nebraska Science Teachers Association
        - (1) Thomson will make a presentation to them to get the word out.
      - viii) All the teams can present their projects for a speech or just setup.
      - ix) Try to level the playing field between schools with many resources and those without.
      - x) Competition Day –
        - (1) Need to change event from a Saturday to a weekday – works better for students
        - (2) 8 am to 12 pm – no lunch
        - (3) 1 pm to 5 pm – parents then can be involved, can come for the award ceremony
      - xi) OPS – too much red tape for the teachers
        - (1) Present to them in the spring so they can incorporate it into their curriculum
      - xii) Budget – more money to efforts to contact teachers
      - xiii) Software/competition handbook?
        - (1) Volunteer consultant
        - (2) Mentor contact – need to convince schools/teachers to use the mentor resource
      - xiv) Make an effort to increase mentorship and materials
      - xv) Send someone out to all the schools at the beginning of the event to jump start the students' research.
- 5) Career Fair
  - a) April 29<sup>th</sup> Bellevue Campus, next to stockyards
  - b) A variety of career presentations will be attending
  - c) 40 minute intervals of 20-30 students
  - d) Short presentation on civil eng, use the bridge demo?
  - e) Volunteers-
    - i) Setup, tear down, present
    - ii) Daren will coordinate getting volunteers signed up
  - f) Outreach – Hill has requested materials from National ASCE, bookmarks ect.

- 6) AEI
  - a) Steph Guy/James Wingert
  - b) Trying to start AEI in NE
  - c) AEI is one of ASCE's Institutes.
    - i) Headquarters wants them as a technical committee of NEASCE
  - d) Their membership is very different than NEASCE
  - e) Will there be enough members?
  - f) Financially – too taxing on ASCE? Or a good resource?
  - g) Will arrange a board meeting with Guy/Wingert to discuss further
  
- 7) Communication-Hill
  - a) 680 members on email list
  - b) 60-100 students
  - c) Recurring 'Bad' emails- typos, wrong address
  - d) Annual sort of emails, if unsure will send a postcard
  - e) At least 2 dozen people do not have emails
    - i) No paper copies of NEASCE newsletter are sent out, they miss out.
  - f) Emails can be sent out by specific groups, using queries
  - g) Conclusion
    - i) If members are not receiving materials and they are truly interested they will contact NEASCE or Headquarters
  
- 8) Requirements for reimbursements
  - a) Must submit request to the Society first, and then request reimbursement from the Section for items not covered by the Society.
  - b) An itemized receipt is required, not just credit card receipt.
  - c) Submit info to Mike
  
- 9) Region 7 Award Nominations
  - a) Lifetime Achievement, Service to ASCE, YM, Faculty/Practitioner Advisor Awards
  - b) Application is on the website
  - c) Due April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - d) Typically one nomination per Section/Branch
  
- 10) Newsletter Advertising
  - a) \$1400 total receipts to date, which is \$200 to \$300 behind last year
  - b) \$120 to \$220 ads available depending on size.
  
- 11)
  - a) E-Week
    - i) Engineers banquet – [engineerroundtable.org](http://engineerroundtable.org)
  - b) Need truss busting volunteers
  - c) New Vice President – Shannon DeVivo
  
- 12) Adjourned at 6:01 pm