



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2011 4:00 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*

Special Guests:

Jennifer Balsley *ASCE Staff*

Pete Vaccaro *SEAON (Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska)*

Steph Guy *AEI (Architectural Engineering Institute) Member*

James Wingert *AEI Member*

- 1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions (Buettner)
 - a) 4:02 pm
- 2) Approval of February 17, 2011 Minutes (Buettner)
 - a) Minutes will be provided and approved at a later date
- 3) Meetings for 2010-2011 (Buettner)
 - a) March 24 (Environmental) – Joint meeting with SWE tonight

- b) April 14/15 – Section Meeting (Transportation – w/UNO Chapter, Conf. on Friday 4/15)
 - i) Section meeting Thursday, April 14 at Biaggi's. Dr. Anuj Sharma will discuss the City of Lincoln / UNL partnership on sustainable lighting.
 - c) May 19 (Annual Meeting/Banquet)
 - i) Will be held at the Tip Top Ballroom; Daren is trying to work out a tour of the stadium
 - ii) Shannon has received the Life Member certificates and will begin contacting the recipients now that the date is firm
- 4) Future City request for outreach funding (Nielsen)
- a) Discussed at Feb. board meeting
 - b) Troubleshooting can be done by volunteers like John and Dave to reduce overall request
 - c) Holding a promotional meeting on April 27 for Millard and OPS teachers/administration. Hospitality should cost approx. \$100-\$200. Future City has been below budget lately, so this will likely fit into the current year (FY2011) budget.
 - d) Also recommending up to \$500 for registration fees – up to ten Title 1 schools and up to ten all female teams (at \$25/each). This would be a FY2012 item, so we will need to include in August/September as necessary.
- 5) SEAON request for input on partial practice act (Buettner/Naccarato)
- a) Pete Vaccaro (SEAON President and Licensing Committee Chair) attended the meeting to discuss; draft language, a letter, and a newsletter article were provided in advance of the meeting.
 - b) SEAON is seeking input on the language and ultimately support from other professional organizations. When the profession supports the proposed changes to Title 110, the EA Board will support them as well. Ideally, these changes could be included with changes the EA Board is planning for the 2012 legislative session.
 - c) ASCE Policy Statement 524 and Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) Policy Statement 101 encourage post-PE certifications such as the SE license but leave states to determine when specialty certifications are required.
 - d) Concerns were raised regarding the ability of small companies / independent engineers / those in western Nebraska to obtain the necessary references under the transition clause, transition time, and bridges. The NE Section suggested three potential revisions:
 - i) Remove the requirement that one of the references be an SE (transition clause)
 - ii) Increase the transition time to two years at least (because this is the regular license renewal period)
 - iii) Include a statement indicating bridges are specifically excluded from “significant structures” at this time (they were unable to develop appropriate language).
 - e) SEAON will consider the Section's comments and provide any revised draft legislation for further consideration and potential endorsement. They will keep the Section informed as to their progress.

- 6) Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) – Chapter vs. Technical Committee (Buettner)
 - a) Jennifer Balsley (ASCE / AEI staff): Institute staff feels that, from an organizational standpoint, it would be best to organize as a Chapter under the Section. Ultimately, the AEI Board of Governors (BOG) wants what is best. AEI Chapters are new, but the Pittsburgh Section has one. Membership in AEI (but not ASCE) is prorated after graduation up to \$100/year. Corporate memberships (with varying numbers of individual memberships) are available.
 - b) Stephanie Guy (AEI Member): AEI President asked them to start a Chapter with members from PKI and Kansas State's AE programs. They've been active about 18 months with six to eight events. The group is already more active than one of the Section's Technical Committees.
 - c) James Wingert (AEI Member): They have 12 board members and most involved are from AE firms without civil services. Of their 55 members (plus just over 100 students), 60-70% are mechanical/electrical/lighting.
 - d) Initially, the group tried to create a Chapter under the AEI BOG, but staff intervened and suggested they work through the Section since the organizational structure is already in place. The AEI BOG could approve such a set up, but the ASCE Board of Direction could veto it. Staff also feels the AEI Chapter of the NE Section would have more freedom because headquarters will generally stay out of things as long as the Section approves.
 - e) The NE Section is allowed to have another bank account set up that the AEI Chapter could use. As a subsidiary organization to the Section, the AEI Chapter would likely provide periodic financial reports to the Section.
 - f) Jennifer Balsley will provide the MOU Pittsburgh used. The MOU for the NE Section / AEI Chapter would need to be more details, including things such as financial reports, Section dues not required for AEI only members, joint activities, operations concerns, AEI participation on the Section board, etc.
 - g) James and Steph (and their board) will use the Pittsburgh MOU as a starting point to draft an MOU for the creation of an AEI Chapter of the Nebraska Section. They will provide it to Aaron Buettner for further comment and discussion to ensure the concerns of the Section board are met as well.
- 7) New business
 - a) None at this time
- 8) Adjourned at 5:44 pm