



**Nebraska Section January Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2014, 5:00 pm**

Location:

Lamp Ryneerson & Associates, Omaha, NE

Attendees:

Joe Flaxbeard
Brandon Gardels
John Hill
Matt Hubel
Tyler Klusaw
Greg Seib
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Jeremy Steenhoek
Andres Torres

1. 5:00 PM - Call to Order (Sklenar)
2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Sklenar)
Hill motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.
3. Secretary Election (Sklenar)
Sklenar motioned to approve Matt Hubel for vacant NEASCE Board Secretary position; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.
4. Previous Action Item Review
 - a. Flaxbeard will get Annual Report Review draft and email to board for review on Tuesday, November 24th.
 - i. Complete
 - b. Sklenar to email Brian Haves to determine if luncheon with scholarship recipients is possible at the Geotech Conference.
 - i. Complete
 - c. Shannon DeVivo to email Karen Moellering and Bruce Dvorak (UNL) and cc Ticha Rohan and John Smith about the transportation scholarships.
 - i. Flaxbeard to pick up where DeVivo left off
 - ii. See Scholarship Update
 - d. Torres suggests for everyone to note issues with ASCE website and submit/discuss at next board meeting.
 - i. See Website/Webmaster Update
 - e. Hill and DeVivo to figure out a better way to edit the website.
 - i. See Website/Webmaster Update

- f. Hill to find someone who is willing to become webmaster after Torres talks with Gopal about his continued interest as webmaster.
 - i. Ongoing
 - ii. See Website/Webmaster Update
 - g. Smith and Gardels will contact Hill to send out email to the NEASCE Section looking for volunteers.
 - i. Complete
 - h. Flaxbeard to contact Daren Konda regarding the progress of the displays from the Display Grant.
 - i. Ongoing
 - ii. Need higher-quality photos for displays
 - iii. Photos of student outreach
 - iv. Action Item: Smith to contact photographer to take pictures at this year's Truss Bustin' Competition**
 - i. Klusaw will look into schedule for Board Meetings.
 - i. Ongoing
 - j. Torres will look into schedule for Technical Meetings.
 - i. Ongoing
5. Website/Webmaster Update
- a. Action Item: Board members to email Torres with comments and feedback on website.**
 - b. Action Item: Torres to send out emails to all of ASCE and Board to call for comments on website.**
 - c. Torres has spoken with Gopal regarding his interest as webmaster – interest is there.
 - d. Action Item: Hill to meet with Gopal and train as webmaster.**
 - e. Hill expressed the need for website-editing software.
 - f. Klusaw commented that site should go to a different page when clicking on headings instead of clicking through drop-downs on main page
6. Scholarship Update
- a. Geotech scholarship is self-supporting.
 - b. Focus is to get transportation scholarship up and running.
 - c. Action Item: Flaxbeard to develop informational material for scholarship.**
7. Region Nominations
- a. ASCE Student Sections in Omaha and Lincoln to nominate Practitioner Award.
 - b. Action Item: Sklenar to contact student members directly to obtain nominations.**
8. Annual Meeting Update (Torres)
- a. Torres contacted TD Ameritrade Park about using as venue for meeting and facility tour.
 - b. Methods were discussed to improve attendance numbers at annual meeting.
 - c. Action Item: Torres to put together formal invitation and meeting information.**
9. Treasurer Report (Klusaw)
- Current Liquid Assets: \$63,812.41
Current Total Assets: \$92,257.25
10. E-Week Ad Review (Seib)
- a. ASCE ad to be placed in Omaha World Herald for E-Week was reviewed.
 - b. Action Item: Seib to change "Outreach to All Schools/All Grades" to "Outreach to Schools."**

11. New Business

- a. Legislative updates to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act, LB 665.
 - i. Hill explained proposed legislative updates
 - ii. ASCE was not asked to review – not enough time to draft formal response
 - iii. Hill motioned to adopt the following position for NEASCE at this time:

“There has not been enough time for the Board and Section members to discuss and determine the effects of the changes and at this time the Section will be neutral on this issue. The Board would support the delaying of LB 665 so that adequate time can be given for dialog between the State Board and NEASCE and the other Professional Societies”

Sklenar seconded; all in favor.

- b. Monthly Meeting Timeframes
 - i. Klusaw expressed interest in shortening meeting duration
 - ii. Current meetings are scheduled to last approximately 3 hours
 - iii. Proposed meeting schedule:

5:30-5:45 Registration/Social Hour

6:00-7:00 Dinner/Presentation

- iv. Discussion on monthly meeting to be placed on next month’s board meeting

- c. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Proposed ASCE build day: Saturday, April 12, 2014
 - ii. Sklenar motioned to approve this date; Klusaw seconded; all in favor

- d. Truss Bustin’ Competition
 - i. Hill expressed a desire to hand off responsibility and train replacement
 - ii. **Action Item: Torres to contact UNO to use PKI as a venue for competition**

12. Old Business

None.

13. 6:45 PM - Adjourn

Sklenar motioned to adjourn; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.

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