



**Nebraska Section January Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014, 5:00 pm**

Location:

Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Omaha, NE

Attendees:

Shannon DeVivo
Joe Flaxbeard
Brandon Gardels
Ryan Hanson
John Hill
Matt Hubel
Tyler Klusaw
Ticha Rohan
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Andres Torres

1. 5:11 PM - Call to Order (Sklenar)
2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Sklenar)
Flaxbeard motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.
3. Previous Action Item Review
 - a. Smith to contact photographer to take pictures at this year's Truss Bustin' Competition.
 - i. Complete
 - ii. Lots of pics taken at competition
 - iii. Digital copies of pics available soon
 - b. Torres to send out emails to all of ASCE and Board to call for comments on website.
 - i. In progress
 - ii. 2 responses received to date
 - iii. Gopal to manage website updates
 - iv. Action Item remains open**
 - c. Hill to meet with Gopal and train as Webmaster.
 - i. Complete
 - ii. Gopal will continue as Webmaster
 - d. Flaxbeard to develop informational material for scholarship.
 - i. In progress
 - ii. Creating scholarship "Fact Sheet"
 - iii. Action item remains open**

- e. Sklenar to contact student members to obtain Region 7 Award nominations.
 - i. In progress
 - ii. Sent Nomination Forms to Student Advisors
 - iii. Action item remains open**
 - f. Torres to put together annual meeting information and formal invitation.
 - i. In progress
 - ii. Date: May 8 ,2014
 - iii. 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
 - iv. Keynote Speaker: David Brown, CEO, Omaha Chamber of Commerce
 - v. Action item remains open**
 - g. Sieb to change "Outreach to All Schools/All Grades" to "Outreach to Schools" on Omaha World Herald E-Week Ad.
 - i. Complete
 - h. Torres to contact UNO to use PKI as a venue for Truss Bustin' Competition.
 - i. Complete
 - i. (Additional) Flaxbeard and Smith to follow-up with displays.
 - i. In progress
 - ii. Manufacturer waiting for pics
 - iii. Review mockup prior to production
 - iv. Action item remains open**
4. Treasurer Report (Klusaw)
 As of 01/313/2014:
 Current Liquid Assets: \$96,685.39
 Current Total Assets: \$130,766.41
5. Website/Webmaster Update (Hill)
- a. Gopal to assume Webmaster position/responsibilities.
 - b. Gopal to manage website comments and updates.
 - c. Action Item: Smith to email Younger Member Group to ask for help with the website.**
6. Scholarship Update
- a. Names of Geotechnical scholarship recipients received.
 - b. Plan to invite recipients to Annual Meeting.
 - c. Action Item: Sklenar to obtain recipients' contact information.**
 - d. Action Item: DeVivo to contact Dr. Dvorak about scholarship certificates and schedule for awarding Transportation scholarship.**
7. Life Member Champion
- a. Aim to get Life Members more involved and engaged.
 - b. See if current Life Member would be interested in becoming Life Member Champion.
 - c. Life Members' registration fees at monthly meetings to be paid for by ASCE.
 - d. Action Item: Flaxbeard to draft letter to Life Members inviting them to events and asking for a Life Member Champion.**

8. Truss Bustin' (Hill)

- a. 2 schools in competition: Omaha North, Gross Catholic.
- b. 127 trusses in competition.
- c. One truss was broken prior to testing.
 - i. Sklenar motioned to award student \$50; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor.
- d. Action Item: Hill to obtain contact winning students' contact information to award prizes.**
- e. Ryan Hanson has volunteered to be next Truss Bustin' Competition Chair starting in 2015.
- f. Hill expressed desire to rejuvenate interest in competition by working with teachers and awarding scholarship to winner.
- g. Hanson and Hill to discuss future direction of Truss Bustin' and increase participation.
- h. New Truss Testing Machine
 - i. Desire for new testing machine to allow expanded testing capabilities
 - ii. Hill working on plans
 - iii. Machine must be operational and tested by October when competition rules are issued to area schools
 - iv. Action Item: Sklenar to contact Lincoln Northstar High School Engineering Club to see if they have interest in assisting with design/construction.**

9. LB 665 Update (Hill)

- a. Bill Arneson gave presentation at February monthly meeting and Geotech Conference.
- b. Decision was made by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects to reject proposed changes to PE exam experience requirements.

10. New Business

- a. 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. Possibility to hold monthly meetings and board meetings on same night
 - v. Discussion on monthly meeting to be placed on next month's board meeting agenda
- b. Section Dues Increase
 - i. ASCE National asking if NE Section would increase dues
 - ii. NE Section will not increase dues this year
- c. Habitat for Humanity (HFH)
 - i. ASCE build date: Saturday, April 12, 2014
 - ii. Action Item: Hill to send out email with HFH sign up info**

- d. ASCE Volunteer Committee
 - i. Need committee to find better ways to find volunteers and fill board positions
 - ii. Torres to lead committee
 - iii. **Action Item: Torres to prepare document with ASCE volunteer opportunities**
 - iv. **Action Item: Klusaw to put together schedule of yearly events**
 - e. UNL Engineers Without Borders (EWB)
 - i. Elizabeth “Libby” Jones awarded EWB-USA Peter J. Bosscher Faculty Award for Outstanding Leadership
 - ii. Flaxbeard motioned to give \$350 to UNL EWB Chapter; Torres seconded; all in favor.
11. Old Business
None.
12. 6:42 PM - Adjourn
Sklenar motioned to adjourn; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor.

Action Item Summary:

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- **Flaxbeard to develop informational material for scholarship**
- **Sklenar to obtain Region 7 Award nominations**
- **Torres to put together annual meeting information and formal invitation**
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