



**Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014, 5:00 pm**

Location:

Storz Trophy Room, Omaha, NE

Attendees:

Joe Flaxbeard
Josh Frank
Brandon Gardels
Matt Hubel
Tyler Klusaw
Daren Konda
Ticha Rohan
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Marie Stamm
Jeremy Steenhoek
Andres Torres

1. 5:05 PM - Call to Order (Torres)
2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Torres)
Flaxbeard motioned to approve; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.
3. Grant Proposals Update (Torres)
 - a. Region 7 Grant: Funds for new Truss Bustin' device
 - i. \$750 was requested in grant proposal
 - ii. Full amount has been granted
 - iii. **Action Item: R. Hanson to coordinate with Dr. Moussavi and UNO students for help with construction of new device and help at Truss Bustin' event**
 - b. SPAG Grant: Funds for student outreach program
 - i. \$1,000 was requested in grant proposal
 - ii. Still awaiting decision from ASCE HQ
 - c. NEASCE has received a proposal from the UNL Student Chapter for funds to build a new Shaker Table
 - i. Proposals requests \$300
 - ii. Torres proposed granting \$500; additional \$200 for Student Chapter to produce a blueprint of the table and an operating manual
 - iii. Flaxbeard motioned to approve grant of \$500; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.
4. Treasurer Update (Klusaw)
 - a. Total Assets as of October 31, 2014: \$61,639.71

5. Review Action Items (Torres)
 - 5.1 Lobbyist Status (Konda/Klusaw)
 - a. Current status:
 - i. One (1) payment was made to lobbyist in 2013
 - ii. NEASCE will not make past payments, as no information/services were received
 - iii. E. Prost recommends retaining lobbyist
 - b. Future:
 - i. NEASCE will retain lobbyist and develop payment schedule
 - ii. **Action Item: Konda/Klusaw to determine invoice schedule and amount**
 - 5.2 NEASCE Displays (Konda/Stamm)
 - a. Konda provided handouts of mockups for displays
 - b. **Action Item: All to send comments to Konda by 11/26/14**
 - 5.3 Finance Audit (Klusaw/Flaxbeard)
 - a. Klusaw is working to finalize taxes; once done will send to Flaxbeard to review
 - b. **Action Item: Flaxbeard (as Pres-Elect) to provide audit by 2/17/15**
6. K-12 Outreach Efforts & School Blitz (Smith)
 - a. In need of specific teachers/schools who would host presentations
 - b. Planning a kick-off event the Saturday before E-Week (2/21/15), possibly at local mall
 - c. Email blast going out to members in next couple weeks asking for volunteers
7. NEASCE Website (Stamm)
 - a. Stamm has made progress cleaning up website
 - b. Is using free alternative to Dreamweaver software
 - c. Stamm will continue to update and maintain website
 - d. Notify Stamm of issues found on website
 - e. **Action Item: All to get award info to Stamm for data missing on website**
8. LB 665 (Torres)
 - a. LB 665 is proposed legislation about changes to A/E regulations
 - b. Would lobbyist be willing to give a presentation to summarize proposed changes?
 - c. Could we send proposed changes to ASCE HQ for further review?
9. New Business and Open Discussion (All)
 - a. Upcoming Meetings:
 - i. M. McConville to set up UNL joint meeting
 - ii. Rohan to set up UNO joint meeting
 - b. Award of Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge grants
 - i. Student chapters should send request letter to NEASCE board for funds
 - ii. Concrete Canoe funds: \$600/school
 - iii. Steel Bridge funds: \$600/school
10. 5:45 PM – Adjourn

Stamm motioned to adjourn; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor.

Action Item Summary:

- **R. Hanson to coordinate with Dr. Moussavi and UNO students for help with construction of new device and help at Truss Bustin' event**
- **Konda/Klusaw to determine lobbyist invoice schedule and amount**
- **All to send NEASCE display comments to Konda by 11/26/14**
- **Flaxbeard to perform audit by 2/17/15**
- **All to get award info to Stamm for data missing on website**