



**Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015, 5:30 pm**

Location:

UNL, Othmer Hall, Room 106, Lincoln, NE

Attendees:

Bill Arneson
Aaron Buettner
Brent Ciecior
Joe Flaxbeard
Brandon Gardels
Ryan Hanson
Matt Hubel
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Marie Stamm
Andres Torres

1. 5:30 PM - Call to Order (Torres)
2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Torres)
Flaxbeard motioned to approve; Sklenar seconded; all in favor.
3. Grant Proposals Update (Torres)
 - a. SPAG Grant: Funds for student outreach program
 - i. \$1,000 was requested in grant proposal
 - ii. \$750 grant was awarded to NE Section
4. Treasurer Update (Torres)
 - a. E-Week Advertising
 - i. \$1,000 allocated in budget
 - ii. 4 options for Omaha World Herald Ad:
 1. 1/8 page black and white
 2. 1/8 page color
 3. 1/4 page black and white
 4. 1/4 page color
 - iii. 1/8 page color ad was chosen at price of \$975
5. Review Action Items (Torres)
 - 5.1 Truss Bustin' (Hanson)
 - a. Competition to be held on 2/28 in PKI Atrium, UNO
 - i. Anticipating 200 trusses
 - ii. Three schools participating (Omaha North, Omaha Gross, Bellevue West)

- b. Lesson Learned: Need to talk to teachers before curriculum is set in summer
 - c. Will need 3 or more volunteers to help with competition
 - i. Request to be included in next Section email
 - ii. **Action Item: Hanson to produce write-up to include in next newsletter**
- 5.2 LB 23 (Torres/Prost/Arneson)
- a. Hearing 1/23 in Health & Human Services Committee, expected to pass
 - b. LB22: Immunity for volunteer engineering services
 - a. Hearing 1/23, unsure if will pass
 - c. **Action Item: Arneson to email copy of “Bills of Interest Report” to Stamm**
 - d. **Action Item: Arneson to write blurb for next newsletter**
 - e. Arneson will be representing Nebraska Section at ASCE Legislative Fly-In
- 5.3 NEASCE Displays (Stamm)
- a. Stamm provided print-outs of current display designs for comment and mark-up
 - b. **Action Item: All to provide comments to Stamm ASAP**
- 5.4 Finances – Audit (Klusaw/Flaxbeard)
- a. **Action Item: Flaxbeard (as Pres-Elect) to provide audit by 2/17/15**
6. K-12 Outreach Efforts & School Blitz (Smith)
- a. Have 19 volunteers and 12 schools
 - b. Chi Epsilon to get UNO students involved
 - c. Pair students with professionals
 - d. Working to get info on number of students and ages
 - e. Will need volunteers to help stuff gift bags
7. Job Shadowing Proposal (Torres)
- a. Goal to get more interaction between students and professionals
 - b. Torres has been discussing this idea with Dr. Linzell, UNL
 - c. Flaxbeard volunteered to spearhead effort to develop program
8. PKI Industry Mixer (Torres)
- a. Goal of event to provide networking opportunities for diverse groups
 - b. Held Friday of E-Week
 - c. ASCE should find volunteers to attend event
 - d. Flaxbeard motioned to provide \$500 for event, Smith seconded, all in favor.
9. New Business and Open Discussion (All)
- a. Opportunity for NE Section to host CRYMC in 2017 (Gardels)
 - i. Younger Member attendees at 2015 CRYMC would provide proposal presentation
 - ii. Stamm motioned to pursue opportunity, Flaxbeard seconded, all in favor.
 - b. Region 7 Awards
 - i. Need nominations for the following:
 - 1. Outstanding Younger Member
 - 2. Outstanding Practitioner Advisor
 - 3. Outstanding Faculty Advisor
 - 4. Lifetime Achievement
 - ii. **Action Item: All to send nominations to Torres (can submit multiple nominations)**
 - c. Upcoming Meetings:
 - i. 2/12/15 – Board Meeting and Geotechnical Monthly Meeting, Location and Speaker TBD

- d. Dr. Linzell spoke to board to thank them for their work and to offer his assistance wherever possible

10. 6:25 PM – Adjourn

Action Item Summary:

- **Hanson to produce Truss Bustin' write-up to include in next newsletter**
- **Arneson to email copy of "Bills of Interest Report" to Stamm**
- **Arneson to write blurb for next newsletter on legislation**
- **All to provide comments on NEASCE displays to Stamm ASAP**
- **Flaxbeard to perform audit by 2/17/15**
- **All to send award nominations to Torres**