



**Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2015, 4:45 pm**

Location:

Scott Conference Center, 6450 Pine Street, Omaha, NE

Attendees:

Bill Arneson
Mark Egger
Joe Flaxbeard
Brandon Gardels
John Hill
Matt Hubel
Loras Klostermann
Jeremy Steenhoek
Andres Torres

1. 4:50 PM - Call to Order (Torres)
2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Torres)
Approval of previous minutes was deferred until March meeting.
3. Treasurer Update (Torres)
 - a. Flaxbeard is working with Klusaw to complete Audit
 - b. Audit is due by 2/17/15
 - c. **Action Item: Flaxbeard and Klusaw to complete Audit**
4. ASCE Multiregional Leadership Conference 2015
 - 4.1 Workshop for Section & Branch Leaders (Hubel/Klusaw)
 - a. Hubel reported on WSBL
 - b. **Action Item: Hubel to send Torres and Flaxbeard summary of ideas from conference**
 - 4.2 Central Region Younger Member Council (Egger/Gardels)
 - a. Egger reported on CRYMC
 - b. Nebraska Section proposal for hosting MRLC was unsuccessful
 - c. Nebraska Section to continue to pursue hosting MRLC
 - 4.3 Klostermann also spoke to his experience at MRLC
 - a. **Action Item: All to submit ASCE Region 7 award nominations to Torres**
5. Legislative Affairs Update (Arneson)
 - 5.1 LB 609 and LB 610
 - a. LB 609: set up commission to use gas tax money to package bridge projects for design-build

- b. LB 610: raise gas tax
 - c. PEC is meeting week of 2/16/15 to discuss stance on bills
 - d. **Action Item: Arneson to put together summary of bills, ASCE Board to vote on official stance via email**
- 5.2 ASCE Legislative Fly-In
- a. Arneson and Prost will be representing Nebraska Section at Fly-In
- 5.3 Additional Information
- a. Landscape Architects did not get legislation submitted for this session
 - b. A bill has been introduced to reduce requirements for NE Director of Water Resources
6. K-12 Outreach Efforts & School Blitz (Torres)
- a. Currently have 20 schools
 - b. Have 24 student volunteers from UNO
 - c. NEASCE will attempt to get media attention
7. NEASCE Displays (Torres)
- a. Stamm currently working on displays – nearing completion
8. NEASCE Annual Meeting (Flaxbeard)
- a. Possible venue: UNO Community Engagement Center
 - b. Possible dates: 5/7/15 or 5/14/15
 - c. Possible speaker: Steven Rodie, Director of UNO Center for Urban Sustainability
9. New Business and Open Discussion (All)
- a. Joe Waxse, Geo-Institute
 - i. G-I is looking to get more involved with local institute chapters
 - b. Omaha Chamber forming Transportation Council
 - i. Looking for committee members
 - ii. Let Torres know if you are interested
 - iii. Commitment will probably be at least 1-year term
 - c. Upcoming Meetings/Events:
 - i. 2/19/15 – E-Week Banquet at SAC Museum
 - ii. 2/28/15 – Truss Bustin’ at UNO Atrium
 - iii. 3/19/15 – Environmental NEASCE Monthly Meeting (@ noon), Location and Speaker TBD
 - iv. ASCE March Board Meeting, Date and Location TBD
10. 5:30 PM – Adjourn
- Flaxbeard motioned; Gardels seconded; all in favor.

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