



Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015, 5:30 pm

Location:

Benesch offices, 825 M Street, Lincoln, NE

Attendees:

Aaron Buettner
Joe Flaxbeard
Matt Hubel
Loras Klostermann
Tyler Klusaw
Tyler Kramer
Greg Seib
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Marie Stamm
Sam Thiele
Andres Torres

1. 5:30 PM - Call to Order (Torres)
2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Torres)
 - a. Flaxbeard motioned to approve minutes from January and February NEASCE Board Meetings; Sklenar seconded; all in favor
 - b. **Action Item: Hubel to send Stamm finalized copies for January and February minutes**
3. Treasurer Update (Klusaw)
 - a. Balances as of 1/31/2015:
 - i. Checking: \$59,932.73
 - ii. PayPal: \$21,942.32
 - b. Audit has been sent to Society for review
4. Legislative Affairs Update (Torres)
 - a. Email was sent to Key Contacts from Society regarding LB 610 (bill to raise gas tax in Nebraska)
 - b. **Action Item: Torres to have John Hill forward Society email to all members of NE Section**
 - c. Bill Arneson and Ed Prost are currently attending ASCE Legislative Fly-In

5. Job Shadow Pilot Program (Torres)
 - a. Torres has been developing ideas with Dr. Linzell, UNL
 - b. Proposed plan:
 - i. Spring 2015 (prior to graduation in May)
 - ii. 5 students from UNL and 5 students from UNO
 - iii. Students would be paired with local firm where they would shadow engineering professionals
 - c. Feedback from pilot program would be gathered and a larger effort launched in the Fall of 2015
 - d. **Action Item: Flaxbeard to line up firms for shadowing**
 - e. **Action Item: Flaxbeard and Smith to put together a list of questions to address during the shadowing and a list of goals of the program**
 - f. **Action Item: Torres to coordinate student selections with Dr. Linzell**

6. K-12 Outreach Efforts & School Blitz (Smith)
 - a. Torres thanked Smith for his effort in making the Blitz a success
 - b. Smith reported:
 - i. 709 students were visited
 - ii. 29 classrooms
 - iii. 8 schools in Lincoln and Omaha
 - c. **Action Item: Smith to put together Newsletter article and Grant Report**
 - d. **Action Item: Smith to add info to Best Practice Manual**
 - e. **Action Item: Smith to coordinate development of pre-made presentations for outreach visits**

7. NEASCE Displays (Stamm)
 - a. Final revisions being implemented
 - b. Stands from existing displays can be reused
 - c. One new stand will be needed – if available stands are substantially different from existing stands, all new stands to be purchased
 - d. **Action Item: Buettner to make contact with sign manufacturer to determine the deliverables required to manufacture signs**
 - e. Smith motioned to give \$50 gift card to Alissa P. for her help in developing displays; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor
 - f. **Action Item: Buettner to purchase gift card and deliver to Alissa**

8. NEASCE Annual Meeting (Flaxbeard)
 - a. Venue: The Pella at Blackstone
 - b. Date: 5/19/15
 - c. Speaker: Steven Rodie, Director of UNO Center for Urban Sustainability
 - d. Save the date has been sent out to members

9. Region 7 Awards (Torres)
 - a. NEASCE has nominations for Outstanding Younger Member and Outstanding Faculty/Practitioner Advisor
 - b. Need nomination for Lifetime Achievement
 - c. Nominations are due 4/30
 - d. **Action Item: All to send nominations to Torres**

10. Nomination Process: 2015-2016 Officers (Torres)

- a. Committee has been formed to determine nominations
- b. Torres to contact potential candidates starting next week

11. Additional Programming in Lincoln & Lincoln Branch (Torres)

- a. Torres presented overview of NEASCE membership and activities
 - i. 750 total members:
 1. 150 students
 2. 425 in Omaha
 3. 175 in Lincoln
 4. Few in rest of state
 - ii. Activities:
 1. Monthly technical meetings
 2. Conferences
 3. Younger member group
 4. Outreach to colleges and K-12 schools
- b. NEASCE events seem to be centered around Omaha
- c. Challenge to get people to travel between Omaha and Lincoln
- d. Some interest in creating a Lincoln Branch
 - i. Would require setting up a board, creating budget, gaining approval from Board of Governors
 - ii. Is there enough participation from Lincoln members to be sustainable?
- e. Consensus in meeting to avoid starting Lincoln Branch at this time and attempt to include Lincoln market in more Section activities
- f. Proposed effort:
 - i. Incorporate video conferencing during monthly meetings
 - ii. Increased Younger Member activities in Lincoln
 - iii. More monthly meetings in Lincoln (November meeting)
 - iv. Possible conference in Lincoln
 - v. Add more Lincoln area schools to annual School Blitz
- g. **Action Item: Torres to coordinate with Egger and Gardels to set up a YM event in Spring of 2015 in Lincoln**

12. New Business and Open Discussion (All)

None.

13. 7:10 PM – Adjourn

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