



**Nebraska Section ASCE – Board Meeting Agenda**  
**October 14, 2020 –5:30-7:30 PM**  
**2111 S 67th St Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68106 &**  
**Virtual ([GoTo Meeting Link](#))**

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
  - a. Attendees:
    - Elizabeth Vacek
    - Brandon Vacek
    - Marie Stamm
    - Bryan Kumm
    - Richard Wood
    - Sarah Ostrander
    - Greta Ehrhorn
    - Greg Seib
    - Pavel Karamshin
    - Brandon Gardels
    - Daren Konda
    - Josh Keithley
2. Approval of New Board Members (Gardels) – Approved
  - a. With no annual meeting, the board members have not been approved. Options include temporarily voting in during a board meeting or holding a virtual annual meeting
  - b. Because nothing is contested, potential to handle with an oral vote as usual
  - c. Stamm – motion to approve the officers as noted in excel file distributed prior to meeting.
  - d. B. Vacek – second.
  - e. Motion passed unanimously
  - f. **Gardels to send email to keep section up to date with this and several items**
3. Treasurer’s Update (Ehrhorn/Karamshin)
  - a. Cash On-Hand
    - i. \$5,884.73
  - b. Potential Impact of COVID-19
    - i. Biggest issue would be the fewer in-person conferences.
    - ii. Net total is similar
4. Quick Budget-Related Business
5. 2020-2021 Budget Discussion Report Card (Ehrhorn/Karamshin)
  - a. Conferences
    - i. Geotech Conference
      - Currently conference budget/incomes are guesses
      - City/county might shut down in person conferences
      - Short course could be included as part of bigger conference
    - ii. Transportation Conference
      - Assuming numbers from last year

- Opportunity to push conference into summer
  - **Gardels to update with info from the geotech overview**
- iii. Structural Conference
  - Hosted by SEAON, in September. Was canceled. No conversations about virtual.
  - 2021 not currently addressed. Conversations typically start in February
- b. Monthly Meetings and Annual Meeting
  - i. Annual Meeting
    - Numbers based on 2019
    - Set up virtual option with in person board
    - 2020 was cancelled and was refunded
  - ii. Structural
    - Structural meeting usually at a loss, many student attendees (free). Proposed numbers based on 2019
  - iii. Construction
    - Numbers from last year, might update.
    - Meeting is generally in October for this fiscal year
  - iv. Management
    - Continue typical venue at restaurant, or switch to social distance accommodating
    - Should still offer virtual as well – could also increase turnout
  - v. Water
    - Cost for non-members went down, but otherwise based on 2020
  - vi. Geotech
    - Meeting to be held as planned, night before conference. No cocktail hour likely.
    - Option to spread tables out to keep social distancing that way
    - Opportunity to do virtual attendance as well
  - vii. Environmental
    - Numbers similar to last year
  - viii. Transportation
- c. Events
  - i. YMG (Podany & Company)
    - Smaller events, \$500/event. No income per event
    - Ideas include a 2-man golf scramble. Potential for annual event. \$1900 all expenses, 36 max. idea for spring
  - ii. Future City
    - Did change some from last year – no space rentals
    - No in person events but will still be giving out awards
  - iii. Trust Bustin'
    - Venue and tickets removed, but other expenses remain the same
  - iv. Career Fairs
    - Not sure how that will work with schools.
    - Keep budgeted
  - v. Concrete Canoe & Steel Bridge
    - \$1200/school, half for each activity
    - Talked last year about bumping to \$1500/school
    - Steel bridge is officially not a part of ASCE anymore
    - Students put together a budget for \$1920 – we want to be supportive but not the only funding source so we usually

push back

- vi. E-Week/Outreach
  - Younger audience, gave away STEM kit, more money than the previous year but well worth it
  - Probably won't spend as much this year
- d. General
  - i. Grants
  - ii. Office Items
    - Engineering round table donation
      - Our section has done this in the past but not the last couple years
      - Usually promoted more when ASCE is one of the national chairs
  - iii. Scholarships
    - Transportation and Geotech scholarships have both stayed the same for this year's budget
    - Separate from Budget, we need to pay in
    - Third scholarship that is fully funded
    - Transportation scholarship info:  
<https://nufoundation.org/fund/01103770/>
    - **Gardels to reach out to T. Rohan about this topic**
    - **Stamm will look through documentations to find more information**
  - iv. Newsletter
    - Same numbers as last year
    - Lack of responses
    - Comment about increasing price of advertisements
  - v. Lobbying
    - We pay \$3750 to a lobbyist every year. They advocate for us and let us know when issues come up
    - Used to get a report every session.
    - Value in supporting lobbyists, but might need to directly request from them
    - **Konda to follow up with this item**
- e. Leadership Conferences
  - i. President & Governors Forum
    - 2020 Forum was virtual event, occurred a couple weeks ago
    - Kept nearly same budget as years past
  - ii. ASCE 2020 Convention (Virtual Event)
    - End of October
    - Registration is \$295
  - iii. YMLS
  - iv. Legislative Fly-In
    - Would like to send 2 people minimum if it is hosted
    - We will know if it's being hosted after national election
    - Will most likely be a modified virtual format
    - Could push for more attendance if its virtual – including a younger member
  - v. SEI Local Activities Meeting
    - October 2020 is being hosted virtually, no costs
    - 2021, assuming no COVID, SEI will subsidize some of the expenses, anything remaining will be included
  - vi. Central Region Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders

- vii. WSBL/CRYMC
  - Potential to fly or drive.
  - Not until July
  - Email Gardels if interested
- viii. Region 7 assembly
  - No costs this year since it was hosted virtually
  - Not sure what 2021 will hold

~~f. Income~~

~~g. Star Chapter Software~~

## 6. New Business and Open Discussion

### a. Emails

- i. Having trouble getting ahold of John Hill, no correspondence
- ii. **Gardels to put together an email to follow up with our membership and items discussed at meeting**
- iii. Major benefit include the 10 free pdh's, advertise tools, etc.
- iv. If anyone is interested in being the point of contact for this, let Gardels know

### b. Star Chapter Software

- i. Cloud based software to help with email, calendar, membership database, website
- ii. Seems to be a decent software, there are other chapters that utilize their services
- iii. \$1100 for a chapter our size
- iv. Might be expensive but looks nice for websites and a centralized platform
- v. Talked to them when initially setting up website, was on list

### c. Website

- i. Current website is ready to go active, but can't connect with John to get that active
- ii. Need the domain name
- iii. Gardels passed on login information to Angela

### d. Report card

- i. Currently on hold
- ii. Set up meeting for the spring to get committee together and meet with society again

## 7. Adjourn

Action Items:  
**(in bold)**

Upcoming: