



**Nebraska Section ASCE – Board Meeting Agenda**  
**November 17, 2020 –5:00-6:00 PM**  
**1917 S 67th St, Omaha, NE 68106 & Virtual**  
**(Webex)**

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
  - a. Attendees:
    - Brandon Gardels
    - Elizabeth Vacek
    - Brandon Vacek
    - Chris Podany
    - Isabella Walsh
    - Sarah Ostrander
    - Rafael Estrada Moncada
    - Pavel Karamshin
    - Greta Ehrhorn
    - Jeff Young
    - Mike Sklenar
2. Approval of October Budget Meeting Minutes – [Approved](#)
3. Approval of 2020-2021 Budget (Gardels)
  - a. Cash on hand is comfortable, minor deficit over the course of the year
  - b. Less income this year, but less expenses as well
  - c. [Approved](#)
4. Treasurer’s Update (Ehrhorn/Karamshin)
  - a. Everything has been switched from Ian
  - b. Give any checks/reimbursements to Pavel or Greta
5. [ASCE Annual Report](#) Due November 30<sup>th</sup> (Gardels)
  - a. Includes Younger Member Group and Section
  - b. Everything was submitted electronically, can use examples of other submissions
  - c. **Elizabeth will look for last year’s submittal**
  - d. **Brandon Gardels will do the Section report**
  - e. **Chris Podany will do Younger Member report**
6. Star Chapter Software (Gardels)
  - a. Cloud based software to help with email, calendar, membership database, website
  - b. Could be a good move down the road, but not the best fit now with rolling out the new website
7. Nebraska Report Card (E. Vacek)
  - a. Postponing until next year
  - b. Interested in how the national report card is going
  - c. **Elizabeth will get this started up**

8. Scholarship (Gardels)
  - a. Scholarships have been awarded
  - b. No ceremonies held this year for recognition, could send an email for recognition
  - c. Potential to add a spotlight section to the newsletter for scholarships, lifetime members, and student highlights
  - d. Foundation scholarship that wasn't awarded, need to push that more so it is utilized every year
  - e. **Sarah to send the newsletter to the students or student chapters**
  - f. **Brandon Gardels to get the scholarship recipient information**
  
9. Life Member Recognition (B. Vacek)
  - a. 5 life members for 2020
  - b. Scatter information in the newsletter throughout the year
  - c. **Elizabeth to find past year's emails sent to life members, send to Brandon Vacek**
  - d. **Brandon Vacek to reach out to life members**
  
10. Emails/Website Updates (Gardels)
  - a. Waiting to get the new website uploaded
  - b. Still have not got ahold of John
  - c. Have potential to just get our own domain
  - d. Need to contact Angela
  - e. Finally got into Constant Contact, back into communication with the Section
  - f. Issue with Constant Contact with approval by email recipient
  
11. Virtual Conference Consultant (Gardels)
  - a. Geotech conference is at Scott Conference Center at UNO
  - b. Current plan is both virtual and in person
  - c. Plan B is 100% virtual, host the conference online
  - d. Does it make sense to hire a consultant to do all the virtual conference work for continuity? \$1000 to have Scott Conference Center do it
  - e. **All – put feelers out for how other groups around Omaha are meeting virtually**
  - f. Zoom has been used successfully, need to find someone who is good at using it and can host
  
12. Rafael Estrada Introduction
  - a. Water/wastewater and construction engineering in Lincoln
  - b. Passionate about pre-college outreach and increasing diversity
  - c. Wants to share struggles with getting work license and professional license, be a mentor and help the community with similar struggles
  
13. New Business and Open Discussion
  - a. Daren Konda will be the incoming governor
  
14. Adjourn

Action Items:  
**(in bold)**

Upcoming:

- Management Meeting - Postponed
- Water Resources Meeting TBD
- Geotechnical Conference and Section Meeting – February 5<sup>th</sup>