



Nebraska Section ASCE – Board Meeting Agenda
January 19, 2021 –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
 - Sarah Ostrander
 - Greg Seib
 - Chris Podany
 - Garrett Martindale
 - Rafael Estrada Moncada
 - Pavel Karamshin
 - Greta Ehrhorn
 - Isabella Walsh
 - Richard Wood
 - Mike Sklenar
 - Brandon Vacek
 - Joshua Frank
2. Approval of November Budget Meeting Minutes – [Approved](#)
3. Treasurer’s Update (Ehrhorn/Karamshin)
 - a. [Need to double check with Bryan or Kristle for information on Geotech conference. Gardels will touch base.](#)
4. Annual Meeting Planning (Vacek and Co)
 - a. [No updates, looking at in person or remote.](#)
 - b. [Considering Top Golf](#)
5. Leadership Conferences
 - a. CRYMC/WSBL, YMLS
 - i. [Usually takes place around now, but has been pushed until summer](#)
 - ii. [Currently no information on registration](#)
 - b. Potential Attendees:
 - i. [Martindale, Ehrhorn, Karamshin, Ostrander, etc.](#)
 - ii. [Pavel Karamshin, Greta Ehrhorn, Brandon Vacek, Rafael Estrada Moncada](#)
6. Brand New NE-ASCE [Website](#)
 - a. [Google Calendar – linked to ASCE calendar. Added the two conferences](#)
 - b. [Events](#)
 - c. [Job Listings](#)
 - i. [intent is for CE companies to post job openings on ASCE’s website](#)
 - ii. [Need to check that there are no issues with ASCE being a non-profit](#)
 - iii. [Need to keep it current – figure out how many hours dedicated this will require](#)
 - d. [Sponsorship](#)

- e. Other Comments?
 - i. What is the photo on the homepage? If its not Nebraska, it should get changed.
If anyone has high quality photos, send to Mike
- 7. Star Chapter Software (Gardels)
 - a. Suggest delaying further discussion with Star Chapter until new website is running
- 8. Nebraska Report Card (E. Vacek)
 - a. No updates
- 9. Scholarship (Gardels)
 - a. Trying to get recipient contact information
 - b. Will recognize recipients in newsletter
 - c. **Gardels to send contact info to Josh**
 - d. **Gardels to forward information to Sarah when received**
- 10. Life Member Recognition (B. Vacek)
 - a. Martindale to recognize life members – find ways to recognize them without putting anyone at risk, i.e. newsletter
 - b. A few have not responded, might try to reach through mail instead of email
- 11. Email Updates (Gardels)
 - a. Continuing problems with constant contact – people needed to subscribe to receive emails and less than half did
 - b. John tried to reach out individually
 - c. **Anyone with constant contact experience let Gardels know**
- 12. Virtual Conference Consultant (Gardels)
 - a. Hosting Geo Omaha, using Scott Conference Center’s employees to host and moderate the virtual platform.
 - b. Currently using a multitude of virtual platforms
 - c. If we need to charge for it, might want to choose one platform to be consistent
 - d. Could just register in the normal way then send out platform information later
 - e. Truss Bustin will be done over Zoom
 - f. Does Nebraska ASCE need to have a Zoom registration? Might be worth the investment, or use different companies
 - g. Evaluate after the Geotech conference and determine for the March meeting
- 13. New Business and Open Discussion
 - a. Legislative fly-in will be held virtually March 3-4 so might be able to have a few more people if desired
 - b. New information should be coming through on that soon
 - c. Daren to follow up on new position transition
 - d. Is there planned involvement for the UNO chair participate in the Transportation meeting and conference?
 - e. Gardels has talked to Transportation planning committee, they are still working on details from their end. Would most likely still be included. **Gardels to follow up with this.**
 - f. Student chapter is planning on meeting in person on campus for a social event
 - g. Three schools interested in Truss Bustin. Mike picking up trusses on February 15, breaking on 27th as a virtual event. April meeting is when presentation usually is, so might have to do that differently this year

14. Adjourn

Action Items:

(in bold)

Upcoming:

- Management Meeting – Unknown Status
 - On hold currently – goal is to have it, as of right now will be virtual only
 - If the Geotech conference goes well, might do a merged version
 - Can shift timeline if annual meeting shifts.
- Water Resources Meeting – TBD
 - Have been discussing use of a virtual platform
 - Will also be after the Geotech conference
- Geotechnical Conference and Section Meeting – February 5th
 - Section meeting is February 4th
 - Board meeting will be before the section meeting
 - 50% of registrants have registered for in-person (60 people)
 - Should be on the website
- E-Week - February 21–27, 2021
 - No current plans outside of Truss Bustin
 - No Engineer's round table banquet
 - In the past have done events at schools (i.e. gumdrop tower, paper bridge, STEM activities)
 - Could purchase and deliver kits
 - Don't have a current list of schools, but could send to Children's Museum
 - **If anyone has ideas for events, let Gardels know**