

Nebraska Section ASCE – Board Meeting Agenda February 4, 2021 –5:00-6:00 PM Scott Conference Center 6450 Pine Street, Omaha, NE 68106 & Virtual (Webex)

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
  - a. Attendees:
    - Brandon Gardels Chris Podany Isabella Walsh Pavel Karamshin Rafael Estrada Moncada Mike Sklenar Bill Arneson Garrett Martindale Mike Golka Greta Ehrhorn Brandon Vacek Bryan Kumm
- 2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes Approved
- 3. Geo-Omaha Update (Kumm)
  - a. Has around 40 in-person attendees and 160 online attendees
  - b. Using Scott Conference's platform. Could have used own
  - c. \$150 virtual, \$175 in-person

# 4. Treasurer's Update (Ehrhorn/Karamshin)

- a. Fill out reimbursement form for all reimbursements
- 5. Annual Meeting Planning and Life Member Recognition (B. Vacek)
  - a. Projected for second or third week of June (Thursday)
  - b. Need to get an idea of attendee numbers.
  - c. B. Vacek will send out survey
  - d. Top golf is accommodating for COVID

#### 6. Leadership Conferences

- a. CRYMC/WSBL, YMLS
- b. Potential Attendees:
  - i. Martindale, Ehrhorn, Karamshin, Ostrander, Moncada, etc.
  - ii. Attendees approved
- 7. Nebraska Legislation Updates (Arneson)
  - a. LB 242
    - i. Hearing was today, trying to expand the funding for bridges using design build

- ii. Wanted to stay neutral
- iii. If individuals are interested, contact senator
- b. LB 263
  - i. Bypass licensing requirements for military
- c. LB 422
  - i. Expanding sales and use taxes on additional services
- d. LB 594
  - i. Workforce crisis act
- e. Include interior designers as license professionals
- f. Legislative Fly-In March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- g. Virtual meeting, possibly the 5<sup>th</sup> as well
- 8. Region 7 Awards (Gardels)
  - a. Gardels to forward applications for these
  - b. Opportunity to nominate for various awards
  - c. Due date is April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - d. If you have anyone, reach out to Gardels for help with nomination

## 9. Nebraska Report Card (E. Vacek)

a. No update

#### 10. Scholarship (Gardels)

- a. Gardels working with UNL to figure out who was nominated for the various awards
- b. Want to include in newsletter and potentially the annual meeting

#### 11. Truss Bustin (Sklenar)

- a. Virtual Event Feb. 27th
- b. Two schools Omaha North and Gross
- c. Pick up trusses Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, will send out Zoom meeting info

## 12. Email and Website Updates (Gardels)

- a. Main screen photo swapped out but poor resolution. Will get it fixed
- b. Mike to update contact info to Gardels or a new ASCE email address

#### 13. Virtual Conferences (Gardels)

- a. Transportation Conference
  - i. Planning is scheduled next week
  - ii. Conference will most likely virtual even though Scott Conference Center is booked
  - iii. Could look at a combination like the Geotech Conference
  - iv. Will continue Student chapter participation

#### 14. New Business and Open Discussion

- a. E-week February 21-27
  - i. Idea to send STEM kits to schools
  - ii. Children's museum
- b. Send all conference updates to Mike

# 15. Adjourn

Action Items: (in bold) Upcoming:

- Management Meeting Unknown Status
- Water Resources Meeting TBD
- Geotechnical Conference and Section Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>
- E-Week February 21–27, 2021