



ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2005

Attendees

Loras Klostermann	President	John Hill	Treasurer
Mark Stark	Management Chair/ Past President	Ed Prost	Geotechnical Chair/ Director
Marie Maly	YMG Chair/ Webmaster	Steve Kathol	President Elect
Mike Naccarato	Director	Thomas Marnik	Vice President
Ryan Paradis	Membership Chair	Brad Chambers	History & Heritage
Lindsay Madsen	Secretary	Scott Gilliland	Structural Chair
Peggy Meyers	Newsletter Editor	Dave Ayala	Transportation Chair

1. Welcome

2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: 11/16/04

- Discussion:
 - o Mark Stark received an email from Bruce Harris with a synopsis of his position. Mark will forward to Peggy for newsletter.
 - o Mark also has been in contact with “Su-nan-da” (sorry, no idea how to spell) Gupta regarding the Truss Busting Contest in the Lincoln schools. It appears as though there is not as much interest.
 - o Has Scott Gilliland written an article about the Truss Busting Contest and Bruce’s position? Perhaps for the next newsletter?
 - o The students are responsible for buying their own materials (Thanks Mark for finding this out!).
- Corrections/Errors/etc.:
 - o \$295 is allocated in this year’s budget for Truss Busting Contest.
 - o Maher’s name is spelled incorrectly.
- Approval
 - o Marie Maly made a motion to approve the Minutes with corrections, seconded by Peggy Meyers.
 - o Motion to approve with minor corrections: Unanimous.

3. Budget

- “The bad news”

	COSTS
o Society Allotment has been going down	(\$100.00)
o Grants—cut from \$5000 to \$2500	(\$2500.00)
o Advertising—down from \$3000 to \$1980 (\$400 on the new FY)	(\$1100.00)
o Current Monthly Meetings	(\$3.00 + speaker gifts)
▪ Should we be making a profit? If so, how much?	
• Ryan Paradis thinks we should not be making a profit. We’re already paying \$25 for a meal and a meeting, raising that could hurt member turn-out..	
• John has formulas for calculating meal prices to include room fees, gratuity, etc. If you are planning a meeting, feel free to ask John for assistance in setting price.	
• It was the consensus that making money on monthly meetings is not necessary.	
- “The good news”

	SAVINGS
o Lobbying has added Surveyors (revise budget to \$3980)	\$1020.00
o Transportation Conference may generate a profit	\$???
o Functions may cut back on expenses	\$???
Brad Chambers will “guarantee saving \$800 to \$1000 on Future City this year.”	
o Added \$2.00 to January meeting	\$60.00
(The January meeting with the UNL Student Chapter has been increased from \$10 to \$12 to help supplement the Student Chapter and cover some cost.)	
o Fund Raising Activity	\$???
o Newsletter costs are going down (~\$370/month)	\$590.00
- Ideas...
 - o Accept credit cards but add a 5% surcharge
 - We already do this for the CORP, but do we want to extend that to others?

- After brief discussion, the decision was no. However, keep doing so for the CORP.
- o Allow non-eating persons attend the monthly meeting for \$10. They are getting a benefit of PDHs. This will help cover monthly meeting costs.
 - The majority agreed that charging \$10 for the program portion was reasonable.
- o Mentor E.I.s for the P.E. Donate money to ASCE (YMG)
 - Marie pointed out that she just started the “PE Review List” and response is low, so this may be farther in the future.
- o Annual Meeting Budget was increased... Steve?
 - Steve Kathol stated he requested the budget increase to help offset the out-of-pocket costs (see earlier discussion about monthly meeting costs being high).
- o Younger Member Budget?
 - Marie explained that last year YMG budgeted \$950 but only spent \$575. This year the YMG has budgeted \$550... it became a non-issue. ☺
- o Explore Newsletter delivery by e-mail
 - An on-going discussion every year. How do we keep our database up to date? How do we make sure that people who do not have access to email can receive a hard copy?
- o STAMPS! John has extra stamps, so when it comes time to send out mailings for the Transportation Conference, see John first for stamps before purchasing more (hint hint Dave ☺).
- o Would Geotech be willing to donate money generated above the \$18,000 expected?
 - Ed Prost said he doesn't think there would be resistance from the committee.
 - Geotech will increase their “giving” to the Section to \$2800, to match Structural.
- o Since “the good” nearly balances out the “the bad” the decision was to do nothing at this point. John stated, “We are not going to go under over night.” He merely wants everyone to be aware that some fine-tuning is necessary and any saving is appreciated! Any shortfall we may have this year should be able to be covered by the Geotech, Structural and Transportation conferences.

4. Student Chapter Funding

- The UNL Student Chapter has requested \$1600 for the steel bridge and concrete canoe teams.
- UNO has not sent a request, but we heard there is interest for a steel bridge team.
- The Section has budgeted \$1600 total for both student chapters and all (potential) 4 teams.
- Loras Klostermann will request a budget showing other sources of income from the UNL Student Chapter as well as a presentation at the next Section Meeting (1/27/05) before the Board makes a decision.

5. Engineers Roundtable

- The money is already in the budget as requested.

6. Balsa Wood Truss Contest

- February 26, 2005

7. Transportation Conference

- Um... I think Dave Ayala had to leave before this point???
- Nope, not true. Dave indicated that he was hoping to break even this first year of the conference. (Thanks to Ed Prost who corrected me!)

8. Future City

- Saturday January 29, 2005
- Judges wanted! Brad needs about 5-7 volunteers.
 - o Mark Stark, Peggy Meyers, and possibly Marie volunteered. Be there by 8am.

9. Meeting Dates

- January 27, 2005: Joint with UNL-ASCE Student Chapter—Water Resources—Hubbard—UNL Campus, 106 Othmer Hall, 6:30pm social, 7pm program
- February 17, 2005: Geotechnical—Prost—Omaha & don't forget the conference too on the 18th!
- March 24, 2005: Environmental—Livingston—Lincoln
- April 28, 2005: Joint with UNO-ASCE Student Chapter—Transportation—Ayala—Omaha
- May 20, 2005 (TENTATIVE): Annual Banquet & Meeting—Kathol

10. Newsletter Editor needed

- Peggy will be “finishing out the season” and would like to train the next editor before the year is over.
- Scott Gilliland knows he met someone from OA who does newsletter stuff...
 - Mark?? He met her somewhere with Lou Lamberty? Can't remember her name... she works in something non-structural... Mark will try to figure out whom Scott is talking about.

11. Web page

- If you have anything you'd like on the web, contact Marie.

12. Younger Members

- Friday, February 4, 2005: Happy Hour at Upstream Brewery (west) 5pm

13. Other business?

- *“Thanks for rearranging the budget so we can keep our lobbyist.” --Mark Stark*
- Mark is going to a leadership fly-in... even after missing a few application extensions! ☺

14. Closing

*Submitted by Lindsay Madsen
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*