



ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2005

Attendees

Loras Klostermann *President*
Tom Marnik *Vice President*
Lindsay Madsen *Secretary*
Ed Prost *Director / Geotechnical Technical Chair*
Peggy Meyers *Newsletter Editor*
Aaron Buettner *Construction Technical Chair*
Dave Ayala *Transportation Technical Chair*
Scott Gilliland *Structural Technical Chair*

Gretchen Livingston *Environmental Technical Chair*
Brad Chambers *History & Heritage Committee*
Ryan Paradis *Membership Committee*
Daniel Samson *UNO ASCE Student Chapter*
Russell Fude *UNO ASCE Student Chapter*
Ben Kenny *UNO ASCE Student Chapter*
Joshua Sweley *UNO ASCE Student Chapter*

1. Welcome

2. Presentation from UNO Student Chapter, Activities & Budget

- Highlights from presentation
 - o Hollow tube truss designed in AISC/LRFD
 - o 21.5ft long, 3ft wide with 6 degree skew (← new this year)
 - o One person can carry the whole bridge
 - o They want to “beat Lincoln”
 - o Now, working on adding shims, completing testing, etc.
- Budget
 - o \$2300 total (including entry fees), \$1000 from National (leaving \$1300 to “locate”)
 - o \$850 +/- for the bridge, \$800 for hotel rooms
 - o If all the money in reserves is used, “it will take about 8 years to build it back up.”
 - o Other sources of money/fundraising?
 - At this time, they have not done any fundraising, potentially next year
- An idea from Scott Gilliland
 - o Let the Section when and where you’ll be practicing... I’m sure there are many members who would like to come see it and show their support.
 - o Lindsay Madsen contacted Jorge Rivero via email (President of UNO-ASCE Student Chapter) for time and place

3. Student Chapter funding

- \$1600 slated for Student Activities
- Last year all the Student Activities money went to UNL because UNO did not have any teams
- So far this year, \$1000 has been paid to UNL for their Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge teams
- Motioned by Ed Prost to give the remaining \$600 of the Student Activities fund to the UNO Steel Bridge team. Seconded by Tom Marnik. All in favor? Unanimous; motion carries. Woo hoo!
- Loras Klostermann will contact Chris Tuan.

4. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1/20/2005

- Discussion:
 - o Lindsay stated that the minutes, both Draft and Final copies will now be available on the web for review.
 - o Motioned by Gretchen Livingston to approve Meeting Minutes from 1/20/2005, seconded by Peggy Meyers. All in favor? Unanimous; motion carries. Again, woo hoo!

5. Budget

- John Hill sent copies of the budget current as of 3/15/2005
- Geotech’s conference was a success! YAY!
- Questions about Future City Disbursements... possible typo?
 - o Geotech budget is \$2125, but they haven’t actually paid that yet
 - o Structural budget is \$5, but they too haven’t actually paid that yet. And, isn’t the budget supposed to be \$2125? Did something get put in the wrong column?
- Scott would like John to make a formal request for the Future City money to Gary Krause and Rich Kotan of SEAON, and please copy Scott on the letter.

6. Report Card on Infrastructure

- March 9, 2005 was the web cast, Loras dialed up.
- Highlights
 - The Report Card began in 1988
 - This year three new categories were added
 - The overall grade for the nation fell from a D+ to a D
 - There is a wish to create a long-term infrastructure legislation for repairs and keeping progress moving forward
- Peggy said that at the Zone III conference one of the sessions she attended talked about SPAG. Perhaps next year if we request funding for the Nebraska Infrastructure Report Card, we could receive more SPAG money.
 - During Mark Stark's presidency, he mentioned working on this and Marie Maly signed to help. Possibly start when them for next year.

7. Transportation Conference

- Registration forms went out in the current issue of the newsletter, they are also available on the website.
- So far, one person has signed up! YAY!
- Dave Ayala plans to send an email soon, and potentially a hard copy of registration in a separate mailing.
- Dave also plans to send the registration to Iowa and Kansas... with the help John Christensen at Thiele
- Finally, four of the vendors have anted up!

8. Meeting Dates

- March 17, 2005: Environmental—Gretchen Livingston—Misty's in Lincoln... can we get 25??? We were close! One more woo hoo!
- **TUESDAY**, April 26, 2005: Joint with UNO-ASCE Student Chapter—Transportation—Dave Ayala—Anthony's in Omaha
- **THURSDAY**, May 19, 2005: Annual Banquet & Meeting—Steve Kathol—Champions Club in Omaha

9. Newsletter

- Editor needed for next year

10. Web page

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

11. Younger Members

- YM are hosting a panel discussion with the UNO Student Chapter on Wednesday, March 30 over the lunch hour. Contact Marie if you would like to participate
- Happy Hour/Networking Friday April 22 at DJ's Dugout
- But, Marie's in France, so any announcements and such will be attended to when she's back. ☺

12. Other business?

- Congratulations to Dan Jackman who is the recipient of 2005 Gene Wilhoite Innovations in Transmission Line Engineering Award presented by the Structural Engineers Institute of the ASCE. The award will be presented to Dan (provided he can be there) on April 22 in New York at the 2005 Structures Congress.

13. Closing

- See ya later alligators!

*Submitted by Lindsay Madsen
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*