



ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes August 30, 2005

Attendees

Steve Kathol *President*

Tom Marnik *President-Elect / Program & Annual Meeting Committee*

Ed Prost *Vice President*

Loras Klostermann *Past President / District 16 Nebraska Section Delegate / Management Technical Chair*

Lindsay Madsen *Secretary*

John Hill *Treasurer*

Aaron Grote *Newsletter Editor*

Marie Maly *Webmaster / Younger Member Chair*

Mike Naccarato *Director*

Scott Gilliland *Structural Technical Chair*

Aaron Buettner *Construction Technical Chair*

Eric Dove *Water Resources Technical Chair*

Dave Ayala *Transportation Technical Chair*

Brad Chambers *History & Heritage Committee*

Kirby Woods *Future City Coordinator*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review and approval of last meeting's minutes – March 15, 2005

- Sent out over email so everyone *should* have had the chance to review them
- Any corrections? Additions? Hmm?
- Ed Prost made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Loras Klostermann
- All in favor? Aye? Nay? The "Ayes" have it!

3. Review Who's Who list

- Updates and corrections should be sent to Steve Kathol
- Email addresses at Lamp have changed
- Positions are available... let's find some "new blood."
 - o Future City Chair (see item 4)
 - o Fund Raising Chair (see item 5)
 - o High School and E-Week Chair
 - Bruce Harris has graciously agreed to stick it out for another year or two to train the new blood
 - Perhaps we should change the name of the position to more accurately reflect what they do? Maybe it won't scare off so many people?
 - New position title will be: Truss Bustin' Competition Coordinator
 - o Side note... the phrase "new blood" was used a total of **37 times** during this board meeting. You might say it's now cliché

4. Future City Committee

- 10th year for the competition! YAY!
- Kirby Woods has been heading up this venture for some time now and is willing to train that new blood
- National rules require 25 area schools to participate; they bend the rules since we usually have about 15
- There is good media coverage of the whole event
- We want to continue this effort and carry it forward
- It is a lot of work, so a committee is recommended; perhaps get UNO and UNL student chapters involved
- A 3-4 person committee is great
- Kirby said the most difficult part is getting mentors for the teams and getting them to be committed to following the team all the way through
- Brad Chambers and Kirby will start the ball rolling, but they need new blood!
- Are you interested in being a mentor? You really should talk to Kirby about it and get more details. He has CDs available with more information.

5. Fund Raising

- Advertising has traditionally brought in \$2000 - \$3000; last year it brought in \$650
- Is your company advertising in the newsletter? John Hill challenges you to make sure your company is showing its support for the industry and ASCE.
- We are looking for a new Fund Raising Chair... Mike Naccarato—and perhaps Scott Gilliland—will help Ben Higgins until the position can be filled.
- Now, let's talk turkey... the rates for advertising. Should we raise 'em?

- o The rates were raised not too long ago (perhaps within the last 3 years?)
- o John made a motion to raise the business card size's rate from \$90 to \$100. Tom Marnik seconded. All in favor? Aye? Nay? The "Ayes" have it!
- How about the form for company newsletter advertisements?
 - o Add a return slip with a check box ("Yes, we want to advertise and support the Nebraska Section of ASCE") to the original letter requesting companies' interest and information. *Brilliant!*
 - o Also, add "Payment Enclosed" or "Bill Me" check boxes
 - o We would like the money by September 30th. (Oops! I slipped up on of getting the minutes out with in the week of the meeting... sorry!)

6. PEC Representative and SPAG

- Tom and John will talk to (*I can't read my writing*) about where ACEC stands
- We have four groups involved this year, all splitting the cost of our lobbyist
- ASCE National ♥'s NE-ASCE because of our efforts with our lobbyist and our SPAG reports. They feel we have done a great job!
- (By the way, SPAG Grant is redundant... you're saying State Public Affairs Grant Grant)

7. YM Bylaws and Leadership Symposium

- Marie Maly passed out a copy of the NE-ASCE YMG Bylaws
 - o National has requested that all YM Groups have established bylaws in place by September 1st
 - o So, if you have any comments on them, you should have already talked to Marie about them. (Again, OOPS!)
- This year's Leadership Symposium is in Los Angeles in late October. Marie will be taking the PE exam (good luck!!), so she is unable to attend. So, who's going in her place? Aaron Grote was nominated, and he'll be representing the YMs of Nebraska.

7.5 Web page

- If you have any announcements, etc, you would like on the website, please send them to Marie to post
- Earlier, Dave Ayala mentioned that he is getting a LOT of Spam from his @neasce.org email address. Marie will shut down his address for a short period of time. Usually this solves the problem. Please contact Marie if you are having any issues with your @neasce.org email address.
- Our Section did win an award for our website last year, so let's keep that tradition alive with new information for Marie on a regular basis. ☺
- Please send BOTH Marie and Aaron Grote your meeting information as soon as it has been established so they can get onto the web and into the news letter as soon as possible. Maybe with more notice, we can improve our attendance.

8. ASCE/SEAON/SCC Memorandum of Agreement

- Steve explained that this MOA was in response to a letter that John received from SEAON regarding the money ASCE has reported for the Structural Technical Group.
- A "meeting of the structural minds" was held to discuss the issue and the future of all three organizations' relationships
- The consensus was that all three groups want to support each other and not compete against each other. And most importantly, continue their support of the Student Chapters' activities.
- A Memorandum of Agreement was drafted, outlining the "bookkeeping" for the revenues from the Annual Structural Conference for all three organizations to approve.
- Loras made a motion to approve the MOA in principle; Brad seconded. All in favor? Aye? Nay? Scott (who represents all three organizations) abstained. The "Ayes" have it!

9. Budget

- We are up \$5000 from last year at this same time! We budgeted to finish the year in the red by \$2500, but it turned out we were in the black by \$2500! WHOO HOO!
- John passed out the financial report. If there are any questions, feel free to contact him.
- The Geotech Technical Group funded a \$10,000 scholarship last year, and *STILL* has a profit. Not too shabby! ☺
- Brad will talk to Dave (since he had to leave early) about the Transportation Technical Group helping to fund the same activities for the Section as the Structural and Geotech Groups do

- Marie will talk to Aaron about costs for the YM Leadership Symposium in LA
- We need to build our reserve funds... it's a work in progress
- We need to follow up on the Transportation Conference contract – the “break even” clause raised a few questions

10. Meeting Dates

- September 22, 2005 – Structural – Anthony’s Restaurant, Omaha
 - NOTE: there will be a monetary break for the Annual Structural Conference registration fee for ASCE members
- October 20, 2005 – Construction – Imperial Palace, Lincoln
- November, Management/Klostermann – Omaha?
- January, Water Resources/UNL/Dove – Lincoln
- February, Geotechnical/Christiansen – Omaha?
- March, Environmental/Livingston – Lincoln?
- April, Transportation/UNO/Ayala – Omaha
- May, Annual Meeting/Marnik – Eastern Nebraska
- Transportation Conference will be joint with the annual MOVITE conference
 - Wednesday thru Friday, May 10-12, 2005, in Lincoln
 - ASCE will split the profits and the planning 30/70 with MOVITE
 - If the conference loses money, ASCE will have no obligation
 - Dave shared the potential contract and asked for comments by the end of the week (Oy! Here’s another OOPS!)
 - Last year’s budget was \$10,400 and the conference netted \$4900

11. Newsletter requirements and deadlines

- Deadline for September newsletter is September 6th. Did you all receive your newsletter in the mail?
- Aaron will be sending the newsletter to the printers the first week of the month, so anything you want in it—including meeting information—needs to be to Aaron before say the 6th-ish of the month.
- Perhaps add “Next month’s newsletter deadline is _____” to each newsletter as a reminder

12. Closing

- My goodness, it was a long meeting, and we’ll see you soon to approve the budget!
- ¡Hasta la vista!

*Submitted by Lindsay Madsen
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*