



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Minutes
August 16, 2007**

American Society of Civil Engineers

Attendees (in bold)

Ed Prost *President*

Marie Maly *President-Elect / Program & Annual Meeting Committee*

John Hill *Vice President / Truss Busting Competition Chair*

Andrew Sorensen *Treasurer*

Kristi Nohavec *Secretary*

Aaron Buettner *Director / Construction Technical Chair*

Mike A. Naccarato *Director / Fundraising Chair*

Aaron Grote *Newsletter Director*

Brad Chambers *History & Heritage Chair*

Amelia Toellner *Younger Member Chair*

Pat Hillyer *Younger Member Chair*

Tom Strauss *Engineering Round Table*

Bill Arneson *Legislative Affairs Chair*

Mike McIntosh *Future City Chair*

Gopal Allam *Webmaster*

Jeffrey W. Kopocis *Membership Chair*

Brian Havens *Geotechnical Technical Chair*

Patrick Engelbert *Water Resources Technical Chair*

Loras Klostermann *Governor of Region 7 / Management Technical Chair*

Diane Jones *Transportation Technical Chair*

Lara Syrocki *Environmental Technical Chair*

Scott Gilliland *Structural Technical Chair*

Tom Marnik *Past President*

Dr. Massoum Moussavi *Omaha Faculty Advisor*

Steve Kathol *Region 7 Assembly Representative*

Daren Konda *Omaha Student Practitioner Advisor*

Dave Admiraal *Lincoln Faculty Advisor*

Steve Nickel *Lincoln Student Practitioner Advisor*

Gretchen Dolson *PEC representative*

1. **Welcome – Prost (called to order at 5:30 pm)**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Who's Who List (Prost)**
4. **Approval of Minutes - May 17, Board Meeting (Nohavec/Maly)**
 - a. No discussion – Approved
5. **Webmaster – status of Website (Maly/Allam)**
 - a. Working on transitioning to a new server ... hope to be up & running in a few weeks

6. Bylaws & Constitution Amendments (Maly)

- a. Currently being reviewed by ASCE.
- b. After approval, we will need to have ASCE-NE membership vote to accept.

7. Policy Statement 465 Implementation (Maly)

- a. Currently talking with Brian PalishPallasch (ASCE Director of Government Relations)
- b. Nebraska will may be one of the first states to allow body of knowledge pass the new NCEES model law requiring 30 credits or a Masters degree prior to licensure
- c. Maly will get Dolson into the loop

8. Region 7 Assembly (Hill)

- a. Being held Aug 24-25 in Colorado. Hill will be presenting ASCE-NE Section. Report

9. Future of Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC) (Gretchen Dolson)

- a. NSPE, ASCE, ACEC, & PSAN are all currently members of PEC (ASME has a non-voting seat)
 - i. We all contribute equally for our lobbyist (currently Kissel Associates)
 - ii. \$3500-3700 per year per group
- b. In the past, NSPE & ACEC have shared an executive director
 - i. This arrangement ended this summer. NSPE is planning on hiring Kissel Associates to act as their ED)
- c. This split may cause some shake-up in the PEC ... Dolson will keep us informed as information becomes available.

10. Future City (McIntosh)

- a. Looking for volunteers to help students in building (mentors)
- b. Please help spread the word

11. SPAG Applications Due in November (Prost)

- a. Outcome from the PEC turmoil will have an impact on what we apply for
- b. If anyone has any ideas about grants we can apply for, let Hill know
 - i. Gilliland suggested critical infrastructure awareness (public education / educational outreach)
 - ii. Bring ideas to our next board meeting

12. WOW That's Engineering (Syrocki)

- a. National SWE has developed a new program targeting high school age girls (sponsored by IBM)
- b. SWE-NE won a \$1500 grant to hold a "WOW That's Engineering" day
 - i. Sept 22 from 8-1:00
 - ii. Approximately 100 girls & 35 teachers/parents
 - iii. Held at PKI
 - iv. Display booth space si is available for rent (\$35/display)
 - v. Looking for volunteers
 - vi. Looking for items for the girl's goody bags
- c. NEASCE will spend up to \$250 on the booth and goodies. Maly to coordinate.

13. Transportation Scholarship (Jones)

- a. \$1500 per year
- b. Discussion about allowing undergrads or limit to just graduate students
 - i. It was decided to give preference to incoming graduate students

14. Geotechnical Scholarship (Havens, Christiansen, Prost)

- a. No discussion

15. Structural Group (Gilliland)

- a. We have not received any \$\$ from SEAON for 2006 or 2007
 - i. Sorenson to send statement to SEAON
- b. Structural Conference scheduled for Friday, Sep 21
- c. Structural dinner meeting (Joint ASCE & SEAON) Thursday, Sep 20
 - i. Jay Dring with NPPD will discuss the recent ice storms
- d. Structural Technical group meeting in Orlando Oct 12-13
 - i. Gilliland cannot attend ... Naccarato?
- e. Structural Engineering Advisory Board is requesting ASCE's input on CE490 (Engineering issues) and CE495 (Senior design)
- f. Critical Infrastructure Champion for Region 7
- g. Omaha Transportation Council member

16. Draft Budget Discussion (Sorenson)

- a. Draft budget was discussed & suggestions were made
- b. Email additional comments for final discussion and vote at next board meeting

17. Audit Committee (Prost)

- a. Marnik stated that he completed last year

18. Annual Report Due Nov 30 (Prost)

- a. No discussion

19. Name Tags (Prost)

- a. Discussed the pros/cons of continuing to provide name tags for ASCE-NE board members & members who have attended a set number of meetings
- b. Name tags will be used, but will not indicate the individual's board position so they are reusable from year to year.

20. Other Items

- a. N/A

21. Adjourned at 7:50 pm

*Submitted by Kristi Nohavec
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