



*American Society of Civil Engineers*

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 13, 2007**

**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 (via phone)*

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 (via phone)*

**Dale Jacobsen** - guest

1. Approval of Minutes – August 16, Board Meeting (Nohavec)
  - a. Approved
2. Webmaster / Status of Website (Maly/Allam)
  - a. Website is transitioning to Allan
  - b. Website should be showing up now
  - c. Hill wants to look into errors that are being received by LRA (because of e-mails to [RSVP@neasce.org](mailto:RSVP@neasce.org)) – he will check with their IT department
  - d. Hill reminded people to use the RSVP address when responding for a dinner meeting
3. By-Laws and Constitution Amendments – Update (Maly, Strauss, Prost)
  - a. CGU has been sent ballot for voting – we expect things to be fine
  - b. We are planning to vote in October – details to be worked out by committee
4. Policy Statement 465 Implementation – Update (Maly)

- a. Jacobsen gave a brief update on CAPE (Coalition to Advance the Profession of Engineering)
    - He requested that details not be included in the meeting minutes.
  - b. Board is requested to do some research on this (see [www.asce.org/raisethebar](http://www.asce.org/raisethebar)) so that we can vote on ASCE-NE's stance at our October meeting.
  
5. Region 7 Assembly - Recap (Hill)
  - a. Hill gave a summary of his time at the Region 7 Assembly
    - He recommended sending the same person at least 2 years in a row for continuity
    - Change in tax structure – vote was narrowly defeated
      1. This needs to change before a PAC can be created
    - Awards, ideas, statistics
  
6. Professional Engineers Coalition Meeting (PEC) (Dolson & Arneson – via phone)
  - a. There was a meeting held earlier today
    - NSPE is supportive of PEC & does not want to lose Kissel
    - ACEC is meeting Monday – they want to keep PEC but not Kissel
    - Surveyors Association wants to keep PEC & Kissel
    - Dolson asked each group to submit their official position & anticipated funding to her by Nov 1 (so that SPAG can be submitted for)
  - b. Kissel is willing to stay w/ PEC w/  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the \$\$, so no group would be out more money, if that is what things come to
  - c. Dolson will let us know the results of the submissions
  
7. Future City (McIntosh)
  - a. Prost read a note from McIntosh
    - We are getting closer to 25 schools
    - We are in NEED of engineer mentors
      1. 1-2 hours per month commitment
    - Deadline is Oct 15
  
8. SPAG Application (PEC and new Ideas) - Due In November (Prost)
  - a. PEC grant
    - we are planning to submit for this ... but we are still up in the air regarding the amount
  - b. Future City
    - we are planning to submit for this
  - c. Other ideas:
    - Critical infrastructure
    - E-week advertisement
    - Public Education
    - "Wow" – That's Engineering (w/ SWE)
    - Mobile presentation kit
  - d. Applications are due Nov 2
  
9. Geotechnical Scholarship / Endowment (Havens, Prost)
  - a. Geotech committee to discuss options
    - Plan to better advertise to students
    - Increase \$\$ amount?
    - Split into 2 scholarships?
    - Endowment to bring in new professor?
    - Will advertise directly with the ASCE student chapter & geotech classes
  
10. September Meeting - Structural Group (Gilliland)

- a. September 20 – Omaha
    - McKenna's; speaker is Jay Dring of NPPD
  - b. Structural conference on Sept. 21
11. Draft Budget Approval (Sorenson)
- a. Motion passed to spend \$10,000 for Transportation scholarship
  - b. Motion to approve budget (Grote); Second (Klostermann); approved unanimously
12. Audit Committee (Prost)
- a. Coming to Ed soon (Andrew left if in Lincoln); current year (FY08) will go to Marie mid/late October
13. Annual Report Progress - Due Nov. 30 (Sorensen / Nohavec)
- a. Due Nov 30
  - b. Can't really do any of the budget stuff until final statements thru end of Sept come in (probably mid-October)
14. Meeting Dates
- a. September 20 - Structural conference on Sept. 21, with meeting on Sept. 20 at McKenna's; speaker is Jay Dring of NPPD – Gilliland (Omaha)
  - b. October 18 – Lincoln - Construction Group – Buettner
    - probably short site visit and presentation on Antelope Valley
  - c. November 15 - Management Group – Klostermann - Omaha
    - perhaps Dale Jacobson on PS 465, maybe something on insurance, ethics (other suggestions?)
  - d. December, No Meeting
  - e. January, Water Resources Group with co-meeting with UNL student chapter – Engelbert (Lincoln)
  - f. February, Geotechnical Group and Conference – Havens (Omaha)
  - g. March, Environmental Group – Syrocki (Omaha)
  - h. April, Transportation Group and Conference – Jones (Omaha)
  - i. May, Annual Meeting – Maly (Omaha-Lincoln?)
15. New Business
- a. UNO Chapter President (Leanne Law?) wrote letter requesting \$1000 for meeting expenses and dues.
  - b. Section will donate for steel bridge and concrete canoe
16. Next Meeting - Date Change Discussion
- a. Next month's board meeting will be on October 9 (Ed had a conflict; this seemed to be the near date that worked well for most people)
17. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn (Grote); second (Toellner); approved unanimously

*Submitted by Kristi Nohavec  
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