



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 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 (via phone)*

Mike A. Naccarato Director / Fundraising Chair

Aaron Grote *Newsletter Director (via phone)*

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 (via phone)*

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. Approval of Minutes – September 13, Board Meeting (Nohavec)
 - Two small corrections (2a – spelling of Allam; 15a – spelling Lianne Lau)
 - Motion to approve as noted: Dolson; Second: Klostermann; Approved
2. Webmaster Report (Allam)
 - Nothing to report (Maly)
3. Workshops
 - a. Younger Member Leadership Symposium (Orlando – Nov. 1-3)
 - Maly will be attending for Committee on Younger Members duties, no additional representation will be sent
 - b. Workshop for Section & Branch Leaders (Austin – Jan. 25-26)
 - c. Central Regional Younger Member Council (Austin – Jan. 25-26)
 - Maly and Nohavec to attend WSBL
 - Toellner to attend YMC

- Motion to send Maly, Nohavec, Toellner: Hill; Second: Jones; Approved
- d. Leadership Training in Government Relations Program (DC – March 5-6)
 - Motion to send two people if possible: Havens; Second: Konda; Approved
 - Dolson would like to begin transition PEC duties to another member of NEASCE. Hill to provide brief note about getting involved in Government Affairs for October newsletter. Dolson to provide article for November newsletter.
4. Bylaws and Constitution Amendments – Update (Maly)
 - Proposed documents will be in October and November newsletters
 - Constitution ballots due (email, fax, mail, drop at Section meeting) end of November
 - Bylaws to be ratified at November Section meeting
 5. Policy Statement 465 Implementation – Update (Maly)
 - Brian Pallasch (ASCE Director of Government Relations) was in Nebraska October 1-3 to meet with lobbyists; he also met with Dolson and Maly
 - Pallasch will most likely return to NE during November; would like to be at Section meeting or else hold a special meeting on the topic of PS 465 implementation
 - Lobbyist RFP is out – proposals are due 10/15; want to select lobbyist by November
 - Once we have a lobbyist and draft legislation, some members may need to meet with legislators
 - At the committee hearing, we'll need a variety of people to speak in favor of the bill
 - Dolson and Maly to coordinate with Pallasch and Arneson for Government Relations SPAG
 6. Professional Engineers Coalition Meeting (PEC) (Gretchen Dolson)
 - ACEC will no longer be a member of PEC as of the end of the calendar year
 - NSPE will handle billing next year; there will be no fee change
 - Kissel will no longer handle business development lobbying – health & human safety and professional issues lobbying will continue
 - PEC meets 11/1 to plan for upcoming year; monthly meetings will continue
 - Motion to continue in PEC as described: Maly; Second: Hill; Approved
 - Dolson and Maly to coordinate with Arneson for SPAG
 - Consider inviting Kissel to February Section meeting
 7. Future City (McIntosh)
 - 20 schools are signed up; need 25 to send winner to National competition in DC
 - McIntosh confident another five will sign up before 10/31 deadline
 - Competition scheduled for January 19, 2008 at ESU #3 – volunteers to help that day will be needed as the competition nears
 - Ok on mentors for now; many schools are using previous contacts
 - McIntosh to send Dolson basic information to forward to contact in Lincoln Public Schools

8. SPAG Application (PEC, Future City and new ideas) - Due November 9 (Prost)
 - PEC / Government Relations – Arneson (large)
 - Future City – McIntosh (small)
 - Public Relations – Maly (TBD; for displays)
 - Outreach “Bins” – Maly and Syrocki (small; Jones, Konda, McIntosh willing to help with execution)
9. Geotechnical Scholarship / Endowment (Havens)
 - Committee meets on Thursday to begin conference planning; more information will be available then
10. October Meeting - Construction Group (Buettner)
 - October 18, 2007 at Antelope Valley (tour meets at 5pm south of Devaney). Speaker: Jane Jordan of PB. Dinner to follow at Spaghetti Works.
11. Treasurer’s Report (Sorenson)
 - In FY 2007, we made more money than we spent
 - Approximately \$800 in interest income
12. Annual Report Progress - Due Nov. 30 (Sorensen / Nohavec)
 - Membership information already provided
 - Waiting on September bank statements
13. Meeting Dates
 - a. October 18, 2007; Construction Group – Buettner (Lincoln)
 - b. November 15, 2007; Management Group – Klostermann (Omaha)
 - To be held at Primo 140
 - Presentation on risk from Dave Jesse of Harry A. Koch
 - Brief presentation from Dale Jacobsen on PS 465
 - c. December (No Meeting)
 - d. January; Water Resources Group (joint meeting with UNL Chapter) – Engelbert (Lincoln)
 - e. February; Geotechnical Group and Conference – Havens (Omaha)
 - Invite Kissel to give brief presentation?
 - f. March; Environmental Group – Syrocki (Omaha)
 - g. April; Transportation Group (joint meeting with UNO Chapter) and Conference – Jones (Omaha)
 - h. May; Annual Meeting – Maly (Omaha-Lincoln?)
14. New Business
 - Sorensen to contact Lianne Lau (UNO Chapter) in response to her letter. The Board would like to see a presentation before providing financial support.
 - Prost participated in a Membership Webinar offered by ASCE; he will pass the information on to Kopocis

- Kopocis contacted new members prior to the September meeting; one attended. In the future, Kopocis will notify Sorensen who has been welcomed to the Section and offered a free meal.

15. Next Meeting – November 8, 2007 @ 5:30 pm (Terracon)

16. Adjourn

*Submitted by Marie Maly
ASCE Nebraska Section President-Elect*