



American Society of Civil Engineers

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Minutes
November 8, 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*

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 (via phone)*

Tom Marnik *Past President (via phone)*

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 – October 9, 2007, Board Meeting (Nohavec)
 - a. Motion to approve as noted: Hill; Second: Jones; Approved
2. Webmaster Report (Maly)
 - a. Everything is up and running ... Gopal will take over when he returns
 - b. It was noted that the newsletter on the website does not include the ballot
 - Maly to check into
3. Workshops
 - a. Younger Member Leadership Symposium (Orlando – Nov. 1-3) Report by Maly
 - Over 100 Younger members from all around the country attended the Annual Conference

- Highlights include: interactive presentation on Communication Survival, discussions on techniques used to boost YM involvement, awards, annual business meeting, installation of new officers, Engineers w/o Borders, “Tips on Success”, as well as presentations on planning, transportation, Everglades restoration and infrastructure for space
 - For list of new Region 7 Governors ...
<http://region7.asce.org/leadership.html>
- b. Workshop for Section & Branch Leaders (Austin – Jan. 25-26) Maly & Nohavec
 - Registrations sent 10/19/07
 - c. Central Regional Younger Member Council (Austin – Jan. 25-26) Toellner
 - Registration sent 10/19/07
 - d. Leadership Training in Gov. Relations Program (DC – Mar. 5-6)
 - Due to Policy 465 in Nebraska, our section may consider sending 2 representatives to this
 - If there are any suggestions on who to send, please contact Prost
4. Constitution Amendments – Final Tally at Nov. Meeting (Nohavec)
 - a. Ballots due Nov 30 to Nohavec
 - b. So far we have received over a dozen
 - c. Nohavec to have blank ballots at November’s monthly meeting for attendees to vote
 5. By-Laws (Maly)
 - a. Will vote at Section Meeting on Nov 15
 6. Policy Statement 465 Implementation – Status (Maly)
 - a. Dale had Nov 5 meeting with NSPE board
 - b. ASCE selected Larry Ruth of Ruth-Mueller
 - c. Brian is planning a trip to NE soon
 - We’ll need to begin to identify people to contact at key organizations
 7. Future City (McIntosh – via e-mail to Ed)
 - a. We have enough teams signed up to send the winner to DC
 - b. Joe & Mike are not able to serve as coordinators next year
 - We should begin looking for someone to take over
 8. SPAG Application (Need PEC Proposal) - Due November 9 (Prost)
 - a. Everything will be ready by 11.8.07 to send in
 - Public Relations - \$1220 request
 - Outreach kits
 - PEC – Gretchen & Bill coordinating

9. Treasurer's Report (Sorenson)
 - a. NA
10. Annual Report Progress - Due Nov. 30 (Sorensen / Nohavec)
 - a. In progress – will not be a problem to complete by the 30th
11. Audit Complete, Documentation? (Prost-Sorensen)
 - a. Ed has completed
12. Newsletter
 - a. Need to include attendance lists from dinner meetings
 - b. Each month, we should send an e-mail out as early as possible, to let the members know of the section dinner meeting date
 - John to talk with Aaron about this
13. Meeting Dates
 - a. October, Construction Group – Buettner (Lincoln)
 - b. November 15, Management Group, UNO Presentation – Klostermann (Omaha)
 - Prima 140
 - c. December, No Meeting
 - d. January 17?, Water Resources Group with co-meeting with UNL student chapter – Engelbert (Lincoln)
 - e. February 14, Geotechnical Group and Conference – Havens (Omaha)
 - f. March, Environmental Group – Syrocki (Omaha)
 - g. April, Transportation Group and Conference – Jones (Omaha)
 - Annual conference on April 18
 - Potential dinner meeting on April 17 – to be coordinated with UNO
 - h. May, Annual Meeting – Maly (Omaha-Lincoln?)
14. New Business:
 - a. UNL-Extension water info survey
 - Ed received e-mail requesting help distributing survey
 - Jeff to follow up & forward e-mail (Blind copied) to EWRI members
15. Transportation Conference
 - a. Diane has been approached by LOCATE (ITE local branch) about exploring a joint conference or how they can help with ours
 - We are interested in exploring the possibility of trading time/labor for sponsorship recognition
16. Andres from Valmont
 - a. Scott G suggested Andres as a potential Future Cities coordinator

17. UNO request

- a. Funds were requested for concrete canoe & steel bridge competitions
- b. They will have a short presentation at our Nov dinner meeting
 - We will present them a check (for our budgeted amount) that night

18. Next Meeting – December 13?

- a. This may be canceled if there is no pressing need to meet – Ed to let the board know closer to the date

19. Adjourn

*Submitted by Kristi Nohavec
ASCE Nebraska Section Vice President Secretary*