



American Society of Civil Engineers

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2008**

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. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2007, Board Meeting (Nohavec)
 - a. Approved with comment.

2. Webmaster Report (Allam)
 - a. Gopal took over website on Monday
 - b. Geotech conference brochure was added
 - c. Will look into a way to reduce spam to “@neasce.org” addresses

3. Workshops
 - a. Workshop for Section & Branch Leaders (Austin – Jan. 25-26) Maly & Nohavec
 - b. Central Regional Younger Member Council (Austin – Jan. 25-26) Toellner
 - c. Leadership Training in Gov. Relations Program (DC – Mar. 5-6)
 - We're looking for someone who is interested in attending this. This person would possibly become the government affairs chairman
 1. Duties include:
 - a. keeping in touch w/ PEC
 - b. keeping an eye on current bills
 - c. would mesh w/ & get to know ASCE government affairs representatives
 - Deadline is Jan 18
 - We'd like to send 2 people
 1. Bill Arneson?
 2. Daren's coworker Neal?
4. By-Laws and Constitution Amendments – Approved (Nohavec)
 - a. We received 23 votes ... all “yes”
5. Policy Statement 465 Implementation – Bill (Dolsen and Jacobson)
 - a. Information is on ASCE national website
 - Advancingengineering.org
 - b. The section should explore setting up a page on our website w/ links to additional information w/ ASCE-NE's position stated.
 - c. Ed to talk to Dale to see if he is available to speak (or if he has a handout) at next week's joint meeting
 - d. The board will vote at our February meeting on our stance of this issue.
6. Future City (McIntosh)
 - a. Looking for volunteers
 - b. If interested, please contact Mike McIntosh or John Hill
 - c. Looking for someone new to take over Future Cities next year
7. SPAG Application News - (Prost)
 - a. Applications were submitted ... no news yet.
8. Treasurer's Report (Sorenson)
 - a. No discussion.
9. Annual Report (Sorensen / Nohavec)
 - a. Has been completed & submitted.

10. Newsletter: deadlines, attendance lists, advertisements, (Grote)

- a. No discussion.

11. Future Meeting Dates

- a. January 17, Water Resources Group with co-meeting with UNL student chapter – Engelbert (UNL – Othmer Hall)
- b. February 14, Geotechnical Group and Conference – Havens (Omaha – Cascio’s)
- c. March 13, Environmental Group – joint meeting w/ SWE - Syrocki (Omaha) Bistro 121 (120th & Center) “Community Based Energy Development”
- d. April 17, Transportation Group and Conference – Jones (Omaha)
 - Possible joint meeting w/ UNO
- e. May, Annual Meeting – Maly (Omaha)

12. New Business:

- a. E-week is the week of Feb 18th
- b. Banquet is Feb. 21
- c. Loras is looking to transition someone new into the “Management Technical Chair” position
 - If you know of possible candidates, please talk to them!

13. Next Meeting – February 14 @ 4:30 @ Cascio’s

14. Adjourn

*Submitted by Kristi Nohavec
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*