



American Society of Civil Engineers

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 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 – February 14, 2008, Board Meeting (Nohavec)
 - a. move to approve by Gilliland
 - w/ the change to BOLD line 4e.
 - b. second by Hill
 - c. approved
2. Webmaster Report (Allam)
 - a. No report
3. Workshops
 - a. Leadership Training in Gov. Relations Program (DC – Mar. 5-6) Prost & Buettner
 - Arneson also attended, but was not present at board meeting

- Largest crowd ever (about 150 attendees)
 - Met w/ Lee Terry & other representative's aids
- b. Practitioner & Faculty Advisor Training Workshop (Reston, VA – Aug 8-10)
 - Need to select a person to attend
 - Suggestions included
 1. Daren Konda
 2. Steve Nickel
 3. Dr. Masumi
 - Prost to follow up
 - c. Region 7 Assembly (St. Louis? – Aug 22-23)
 - Need to select a person to attend
 - Motion approved to send Prost this year with probably second year attendance in 2009 (to maintain continuity)
4. Policy Statement 465 Implementation, LB 742 Hearing – Feb 27 (Maly)
 - a. Information is on ASCE national website
 - Advancingengineering.org
 - b. Prost testified at the hearing on 2.27
 5. E-Week Activities (Prost)
 - a. Nebraska Proclamation: State Capital, Feb 13 (no board members in attendance)
 - b. Omaha Proclamation: Omaha North High, Feb 21 (Prost)
 - c. Council Bluffs Proclamation: Iowa Western CC, Feb. 20 (?)
 - d. W-Week Banquet, Feb 21
 - e. Truss-Busting – Westroads, Feb 23 (Hill)
 - 172 trusses (up from last year) – may need to go to 2 days or obtain a second testing device in future years if the number of entries gets any larger ... of course, this is a GREAT problem to have!
 - Hill & Prost to go to schools for the awards presentations
 - f. E-Week Adv. (Grote)
 - \$643 of advertising in paper
 6. SPAG Implementation - (Prost)
 - Toellner & Hillyer are hoping to work on this in April
 - Hill mentioned making sure that we complete this & get the end of the year SPAG report in, so that we don't end up having to give any of the money back
 7. Treasurer's Report (Sorenson)
 - a. Have not received invoices lately from our Legislative Representative
 - Andrew to contact Kissels
 - Prost to contact Arneson about getting PEC reports/updates to the board
 8. Newsletter (Grote)

- a. Working with someone new for printing
 - Printing seems to be slower
- b. Should we be including some “other” articles?
 - Company projects
 - Truss-bustin’
 - Project spotlights
 - Training sessions
 - Board member spotlights
 - Life member spotlights

9. Future Meeting Dates

- a. April 10, Board Meeting
- b. April 17, Transportation Group Dinner meeting – Jones (Omaha) – Lo Sol Mio
- c. April 18, Transportation Group Conference – Jones (Omaha) – Scott conference center
- d. May, Annual Meeting – Maly (Omaha)
 - May 15 or May 22

10. New Business:

- a. UNL Student chapter golf outing invite (Prost)
 - We were offered 4 free slots because of our donation earlier this year
 - Grote to organize a 4-some
- b. Rules of Policy & Procedure
 - Need to go through these at our April board meeting
- c. Director Nominations
 - Need to be done by Advisory Board at the April 10th Board meeting
- d. Klostermann
 - has some information on gender differences in Engineering – contact him if you’d like a copy
 - Body of Knowledge – there was a new e-mail update – let Loras know if you’d like to receive newsletters
 - Grant readers are being sought – contact Loras if interested
- e. Hill
 - Started to look into third party credit card usage – this would be very helpful when planning conferences – could include online registration & payment

11. Next Meeting – April 10 @ 5:30pm @ Terracon.

- a. Prost stated that this meeting could last up to 2 hours.

12. Adjourn

*Submitted by Kristi Nohavec
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*