



American Society of Civil Engineers

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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 (via phone)*

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 (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*

Brian Pallasch *guest*

1. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2007, Board Meeting (Nohavec)
 - a. Approval of meeting Minutes
 - The date of the meeting minutes shall be updated
 - Motion by Maly
 - Second by Klostermann
 - Approved
2. Webmaster Report, Updating and Links (Allam)
 - a. Links have been updated
 - b. Current meeting minutes have been posted
 - c. Ed received a website policy that was forwarded to Allam

3. Treasurer's Report (Sorenson)
 - a. Receipts to date: approximately \$52300
 - b. Expenditures to date: approximately \$35000
 - c. CD value: \$25000
 - d. After discussion, it was decided that Havens will look into possibilities for using money from Geotechnical conference for the University
 - Our scholarship for a geotechnical student is almost self-sustaining
4. Newsletter (Grote)
 - a. No report
5. Workshops
 - a. Practitioner & Faculty Advisor Training Workshop (Reston, VA – Aug 8-10)
Daren Konda, Steve Nickel
 - Need to sign up by May 15
 - Konda to attend
 - Do not know if Nickel will attend
 - b. Region 7 Assembly (Kansas City, August 22-23) Prost (Items of discussion?)
 - Prost to talk to Hill about what is needed (section report, etc)
 - c. Headquarters Orientation (Reston, VA – October 20 or 27, 2008) May 23
commitment date
 - NE has not sent anyone in the past
 - We will RSVP that we are interested in sending someone
 1. Will use Jones' name for now, will change name of attendee later, if needed
6. SPAG Implementation, Outreach Kits / Displays - (Toellner/Maly)
 - a. Outreach Kits
 - \$1000 grant amount
 - Most files for CD are put together
 - Will be shopping this week for "stuff"
 - b. Displays
 - \$1200 grant amount
 - Maly & Konda have basic layout worked out – are researching banner/stand options
 1. Should be able to purchase all 3 (including banner, stand & carrying case) for our grant amount
 - Photos are still welcome
7. Rules of Policy and Procedure (Maly)
 - a. This is pretty much wrapped up
 - b. Thanks to everyone who helped with this ... especially Marie!

8. Nomination Committee (Prost, Maly, Hill)

President-Elect: John Hill

Vice President: Aaron Buettner

Secretary: Diane Jones

Treasurer: Reed Schwartzkopf

Toellner is slated as the YM chair – is looking for a co-chair

9. Director Nominations by Advisory Board

Directors: Mike McIntosh and Tom Strauss.

10. Legislative and Government Updates (Guest: Brian Pallasch, Managing Director, Government Relations & Infrastructure Initiatives)

a. Spent the day @ ACEC's Infrastructures conference

- There is a desire for a NE report card on infrastructure
- Discussion on how to implement this
- Would need about 10-12 people approximately 6-8 months to develop
- Gilliland indicated that he would be interested in being involved in this effort
- Pallasch will be back in NE in June or July
 1. would like to get together w/ Gilliland & others he can recruit to begin to talk about this process

b. Activities over the past year for "Raising the Bar"

- Looking for NE people to be a "core group" to be expert speakers on this subject
 1. There is a list of approximately 12 possibilities ... looking for additional suggestions
- Resolution was passed in the NE Legislature to study this bill over the remainder of the year
- NE Board of Engineers & Architects is behind this
- What does +30 mean??
 1. ASCE says "technical depth"
 2. What exactly this means has not been worked out in detail yet
 3. Discussion about how this will need to be outlined in order to gain additional support

11. Annual Meeting, May 15, Upstream(West O) – Maly (Omaha)

a. RSVP's are coming in

b. Marnik reminded group about awards to be given out

12. Other Business:

- a. We received a copy of UNL student's annual report (Prost)
 - Report was passed around the room
- b. Region 7 is backing Blain Edwards for ASCE president (Maly)
- c. Bill Kirby with Thrasher wanted to know if ASCE would be interested in renting a tent (\$3000) at the CWS this year (Prost)
 - We decided to pass

13. Next Meeting – Fall (Maly)

- a. Will be scheduled at a later date

14. Adjourn

*Submitted by Kristi Nohavec
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*