



American Society of Civil Engineers

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2008**

Attendees (in bold)

Marie Maly *President*
John Hill *President-Elect / Annual Meeting / Truss Bustin'*
Aaron Buettner *Vice President*
Ed Prost *Past President / Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*
Mark Pohlmann *Treasurer*
Diane Jones *Secretary*
Mike McIntosh *Director*
Tom Strauss *Director*
Amelia Toellner *Younger Member Chair*
Joe Flaxbeard *Younger Member Chair*
Scott Gilliland *Structural Technical Chair*
Wayne Jensen *Construction Technical Chair*
TBD *Management Technical Chair*
Paul Dierking *Water Resources Technical Chair*
Brian Havens *Geotechnical Technical Chair*
Lara Syrocki *Environmental Technical Chair*
Ticha Perez *Transportation Technical Co-Chair*
Brad Chambers *History & Heritage Chair*
Bill Arneson *Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*
Jeff Kopocis *Membership Chair*
Mike Naccarato *Fundraising Chair*
Liz Roesler *Future City Chair*
Aaron Grote *Newsletter Director*
Gopal Allam *Webmaster*
TBD *Engineering Round Table*
Daren Konda *UNO Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*
Steve Nickel *UNL Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*
Loras Klostermann *Governor of Region 7*

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda at 5:39 (Maly)
2. Approval of August 14, 2008 Minutes (Jones)
 - a. Motion by Dierking
 - b. Second by Hill
 - c. Approved
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Maly)
 - i. Who's Who list was sent out
 - ii. Nametags have been ordered and picked up
 - iii. There will be a "Town Hall" meeting to discuss Policy 465 and Raising The Bar
 - b. President-Elect (Hill)
 - i. No report
 - c. Vice President (Buettner)

- i. 22 RSVPs have been received for the 09/18/08 meeting
 - d. Secretary (Jones)
 - i. The annual report is due 11/30/08. Jones will need information for the report.
 - ii. We will consider applying for the Section/Branch award. Application is due 10/30/08.
 - e. Treasurer (Pohlmann/Hill)
 - i. We need to determine if the scholarships have been paid and pay them if they have not.
 - ii. Will look into getting funds from the structural committee (\$2000)
 - f. Past President (Prost)
 - i. Prost attended the Region 7 Meeting
 - Shared a section report and our new display boards
 - Discussed new membership cards, online discussion rooms (e-rooms), and life member involvement
 - Kansas City Section will be hosting Conference next year and are encouraging help and attendance
 - Recommended a PR person to help get ASCE in the news
 - Colorado Section is adding new branch
 - Iowa Section is interested in getting involved in the Truss Bustin' Competition
 - Region 7 has funds available for grants
 - ii. Prost will be giving a presentation to UNO students to encourage involvement in ASCE
 - g. Younger Member Group Co-Chairs (Toellner and Flaxbeard)
 - i. Contact Toellner if interested in a PE exam study group
 - ii. Kickball game scheduled for 10/03/08
 - h. Directors (McIntosh and Strauss)
 - i. No report
4. Section Meetings / Technical Group Reports for 2008-2009
- a. September 18 / Structural + Conference on Friday 9/19 (Gilliland)
 - i. Pacific Street Bridge Over I-680 / McKenna's Blues Hall Omaha
 - b. October 16 / Construction (Jensen)
 - i. Tour of UNL's Physics building, dinner at Spaghetti Works
 - c. November 20 / Management/Government (Maly/Konda)
 - i. Senator Fulton will speak in Omaha - Location TBD
 - d. January 15 / Water Resources – Joint meeting with UNL Chapter (Dierking)
 - e. February 19 / Geotechnical – Conference on Friday (Havens)
 - i. This date may change due to a potential E-Week conflict
 - f. March 19 / Environmental (Syrocki)
 - g. April 16 / Transportation – Conference on Friday – Joint meeting with UNO Chapter (Meisinger/Perez)
 - h. May 21 / Annual Meeting/Banquet (Hill)
5. Advisory Board Reports
- a. History & Heritage (Chambers)
 - i. Let Chambers know of any projects that should be considered for History and Heritage application and he will start the process
 - b. Legislative Affairs / PEC (Arneson/Prost)
 - i. No report

- ii. Maly discussed a letter she received regarding a recent hearing in North Platte about removing the engineer requirement for the Director of Natural Resources. We will look into sending a letter supporting the engineer requirement.
 - c. Membership (Kopocis)
 - i. Kopocis has been updating the membership lists
 - d. Fundraising (Maly on behalf of Nacarrato)
 - i. Discussed increasing cost of advertising in our newsletter. We decided to keep the rate the same as last year
 - ii. Send any advertising leads to Nacarrato
 - e. Truss Bustin' (Hill)
 - i. Hill is looking for volunteers to visit schools and would also like to add additional schools to the competition.
 - ii. Would like to invest in a testing machine so that we are not so dependent on North High School.
 - f. Future City (Roesler)
 - i. Roesler is in need of an instructor for a Water Resources course for teachers on 10/20/08
 - g. Newsletter (Grote)
 - i. Purchased a new camera
 - ii. Using Century Converting as our newsletter printer
 - h. Website (Allam)
 - i. Allam has been having trouble with the website software. We will add \$400 to budget to purchase Dreamweaver.
 - i. Engineers Roundtable (Maly)
 - i. Working to coordinate February meeting so that we don't conflict with E-Week
 - j. UNO Chapter (Konda)
 - i. Konda met with Chapter president
 - Chapter would like to help with our outreach kits
 - They would like us to get involved with their community service efforts
 - We will encourage them to attend the leadership conference in Denver in January
 - They would like help with funding
 - ii. Hill would like to ask them for help with the Truss Bustin' Competition
 - iii. Kopocis would like a logo for the newsletter
 - k. UNL Chapter (Nickel)
 - i. No report
6. Workshops and Training
- a. Headquarters Orientation (Reston, VA – October 20 or 27) – Diane Jones
 - b. Annual Conference / YMLS / Council of Presidents (Pittsburgh – November 6-8)
 - i. Early bird registration deadline September 16
 - ii. Maly will attend TMLS
 - iii. Klostermann will attend Council of Presidents
 - c. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (Denver, January 9-10, 2009) – 2 WSBL, 1 YMC
7. 2009 Budget Discussion and Approval (Pohlmann/Hill)
- a. No dues increase
 - b. 36A raise Geotech Conference to \$27,000

- c. Add \$300 for Future Cities students to attend dinner
 - d. 35A change “National Meeting” to “Annual Conference”
 - e. 49C increase speaker gifts to \$500
 - f. 49B increase outstanding seniors to \$500
 - g. 54B and 54C both include \$400 for new website software. 54B will be reduced to \$185.
 - h. 60I will be increased to \$400 to cover outreach kit replacement
 - i. \$500 will be added to cover committee expenses for the structural report card
 - j. 65 will be changed from “ASCE Council” to “Region 7 Assembly”
 - k. 82B will be changed from “E-Week” to “Advertisement” and increased to \$800
 - l. Officers will vote on the final budget before the 09/18/08 meeting
8. New Business
- a. Report Card for Nebraska’s Infrastructure (Gilliland)
 - i. First step will be informing people that we are doing this and would like volunteers. This will be done at the conference.
 - ii. Brian Pallish (director of government relations) will be here for us to talk with
 - b. Institute Chapters (Maly)
 - i. If we desire, our technical groups can be associated with one of the Institutes. We decided to wait until we are larger.
 - c. LR 377
9. Adjourn – Next Meeting October 9 (Maly)

*Submitted by Diane Jones
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