



*American Society of Civil Engineers*

**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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 5:40 (Maly)
2. Approval of September 11, 2008 Minutes (Jones)
  - a. Noted changes
    - i. 3.f.ii. - Ed's presentation was on getting involved and motivating volunteers
    - ii. 6.b.ii. - "TMLS" changed to "YMLS"
    - iii. 7.a. – clarify, no **National** dues increase
    - iv. 8.a.ii. - Changed spelling Pallasch
    - v. Budget was approved during brief session before September dinner meeting. See Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2008
  - b. Motion by Dierking
  - c. Second by McIntosh
  - d. Approved
3. Officer Reports

- a. President (Maly)
    - i. Still in need of an Engineer's Roundtable representative
      - Syrocki will consider taking the position
  - b. President-Elect (Hill)
    - i. No Report
  - c. Vice President (Buettner)
    - i. Maly reported: 16 RSVPs for the October meeting
  - d. Secretary (Jones)
    - i. Discussed Outstanding Section / Branch Award
  - e. Treasurer (Pohlmann/Hill)
    - i. No Report
  - f. Past President (Prost)
    - i. Spoke to vice-presidents at a seminar for student organizations put on by the Engineering Student Advisory Board at UNO
  - g. Younger Member Group Co-Chairs (Toellner and Flaxbeard)
    - i. 10 people attended the kickball game
    - ii. Working on toy drive for November
  - h. Directors (McIntosh and Strauss)
    - i. Mike will be attending *WOW! That's Engineering* on 10/18/08
4. Section Meetings / Technical Group Reports for 2008-2009
- a. Structural – Recap (Gilliland)
    - i. Recap is in the newsletter
  - b. October 16 / Construction (Jensen)
    - i. Information is online for the tour of UNL's Physics building and dinner at Spaghetti Works
  - c. Tuesday, November 18 / Management/Government (Maly/Konda)
    - i. Senator Tony Fulton will speak at Fox & Hound on 120<sup>th</sup> and Dodge
  - d. January 15 / Water Resources – Joint meeting with UNL Chapter (Dierking)
    - i. Dierking will coordinate with UNL
  - e. February 19 / Geotechnical – Conference on Friday (Havens)
    - i. Had lots of speaker ideas at first committee meeting on 10/08/08
    - ii. Section meeting will be 02/12/08 with the conference on 02/13/08
  - f. March 19 / Environmental (Syrocki)
  - g. April 16 / Transportation – Conference on Friday – Joint meeting with UNO Chapter (Perez)
    - i. Still need another ASCE member to assist with the conference planning
  - h. May 21 / Annual Meeting/Banquet (Hill)
5. Advisory Board Reports
- a. History & Heritage (Chambers)
    - i. No Report
  - b. Legislative Affairs / PEC (Arneson/Prost)
    - i. LR 377
      - Ed is drafting a letter supporting the PE requirement for the Director of Natural Resources
  - c. Membership (Kopocis)
    - i. No Report
  - d. Fundraising (Naccarato)
    - i. No Report
  - e. Truss Bustin' (Hill)
    - i. No Report

- f. Future City (Roesler)
    - i. Has found an instructor for the water resources teachers' course
  - g. Newsletter (Grote)
    - i. Pictures will be taken at the October monthly dinner meeting
  - h. Website (Allam)
    - i. New web software will be purchased
  - i. Engineers Roundtable (Maly)
    - i. Still in need of a representative
  - j. UNO Chapter (Konda)
    - i. UNO has requested \$1000 for concrete canoe and steel bridge
    - ii. We decided to approve the \$1000, but will request that they come to the November meeting and present a recap of last year and an update on the current year
  - k. UNL Chapter (Nickel)
    - i. No report
6. Special Activity Reports
- a. Report Card on Nebraska's Infrastructure (Gilliland)
    - i. Having difficulties finding volunteers
    - ii. Goal is to have something prepared for the 2010 legislative session
    - iii. For now, we are in the planning phase:
      - find volunteers
      - determine the basis for grading
      - determine the relevant area
      - determine the goal for the final data
    - iv. Gilliland and Maly will talk with Brian Pallasch while he is in town this month
    - v. McIntosh has a copy of the St. Louis report card for reference
  - b. Raise the Bar (Maly)
    - i. 22 RSVPs for Omaha
    - ii. 13 RSVPs for Lincoln
7. Workshops and Training
- a. Headquarters Orientation (Reston, VA – October 20) – Diane Jones
  - b. Annual Conference / YMLS (Pittsburgh – November 6-8) – Joe Flaxbeard
  - c. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (Denver, January 9-10, 2009)
    - i. Delegates for the Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (two)
      - John Hill (President-Elect)
      - Daren Konda
    - ii. Delegate(s) to the Central Region Younger Member Council (one)
      - Possibly Joe Flaxbeard.
      - Toellner and Flaxbeard will decide and get information for registration to Hill
  - d. Legislative Fly-In (Washington DC – March 25-26, 2009) – more info coming
    - i. Will release the 2009 report card
8. Unfinished Business
- a. Budget approved by Officers on September 18
    - i. See Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2008
9. New Business
- a. Wow! That's Engineering (10/18/08)

- i. McIntosh will attend with display boards
- b. Benson High Career Day
  - i. Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 8-11 am
  - ii. We will tell them that we can help with speakers, display tables, or job shadows if they would like
- c. State Public Affairs Grants (SPAG) for 2009
  - i. New applications due by 10/30/08
    - Truss testing machine (Hill)
    - E-week ad (Hill)
    - PEC (Prost or Arneson)
    - Future Cities (Roesler)
- d. SE Licensing Summit
  - i. Pete Vicarro attended and wrote summary that will be included in the November newsletter
- e. ACEC Public Relations Committee request
  - i. ACEC is requesting money to elevate awareness of engineering during e-week
  - ii. They are trying to collect a total of \$8000
  - iii. After discussion, we decided that we would like to show our support and offer \$250

10. Adjourn (6:53) – Next Board Meeting November 13 (Maly)

*Submitted by Diane Jones  
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*