



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2008**

American Society of Civil Engineers

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 5:35 (Maly)
2. Approval of October 9, 2008 Minutes (Jones)
 - a. Noted some changes, but will approve at a later date
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Maly)
 - i. Survey for National Report Card 2009 – 9/25 Smart Brief
 - There is a survey online to take
 - ii. Geographic Services Division Presidents and Governors Conference Call (10/30)
 - A new website for kids, ASCE-Ville, is under construction for the National website
 - ASCE will be an E-Week Co-Chair
 - Report card will be released in March
 - iii. ASCE Board of Direction Meeting (11/4)

- In Pittsburg
 - Modify policy and strategic planning are primary tasks
 - b. President-Elect (Hill)
 - i. SPAGs were submitted, including one for a Truss Bustin' testing machine
 - ii. We had to pay for meals at the last Section meeting that were pre-ordered. Please do not back out if you RSVP that you will be at the meeting.
 - c. Vice President (Buettner)
 - i. 20 people have RSVPed for next week's Section meeting
 - d. Secretary (Jones)
 - i. Annual Report is in progress and will be submitted next week
 - ii. Outstanding Section / Branch Award paperwork has been submitted
 - e. Treasurer (Hill)
 - i. \$24,442 in checking
 - ii. \$25,000 in CD plus interest
 - iii. Need to look into scholarship payments and determine what to do with money from Geotechnical Conference
 - f. Past President (Prost)
 - i. (no report)
 - g. Younger Member Group Co-Chairs (Toellner and Flaxbeard)
 - i. Toy drive is scheduled for November 21
 - h. Directors (McIntosh and Strauss)
 - i. Strauss attended career day at Bryan High School
 - Suggested targeting guidance counselors to make them aware of the civil engineering career and let them know that we can provide speakers if they are interested
4. Section Meetings / Technical Group Reports for 2008-2009
- a. Structural – (Gilliland)
 - i. (no report)
 - b. October 16 / Construction (Jensen)
 - i. (no report)
 - c. November 18 / Management/Government (Maly/Konda) – Fox & Hound / 120th & W. Dodge
 - i. Hill will make sure that the speaker gift and checkbook make it to the meeting
 - ii. We will present the check to UNO at this meeting
 - iii. UNL will need to formally request funding if they would like support from us this year
 - d. January 15 / Water Resources – Joint meeting with UNL Chapter (Dierking)
 - i. In planning process
 - e. February 12 / Geotechnical – Conference on Friday (Havens)
 - i. Section meeting will be 02/12/08 with the conference on Friday 02/13/08
 - ii. Committee is discussing what to do with money from conference
 - iii. Meeting and conference planning are going well. Speakers have been selected already
 - iv. Discussion regarding joining the GEO-Institute
 - The technical group would become a chapter of the Institute and remain a technical group
 - The GEO-Institute could help us advertise and attract speakers
 - One could be a member of the Institute without becoming a member of ASCE

- Received a positive reaction from Geotechnical committee
 - Board decided to look into the pros and cons a little more before committing to joining the Institute
 - f. March 19 / Environmental (Syrocki)
 - g. April 16 / Transportation – Conference on Friday – Joint meeting with UNO Chapter (Perez)
 - i. See 9.a
 - 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. There is a PEC meeting scheduled for November 20th
 - c. Membership (Kopocis)
 - i. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so
 - d. Fundraising (Naccarato – via email)
 - i. Has received some advertisement renewals, but will send out reminders to those who have not renewed their newsletter advertisements
 - e. Truss Bustin' (Hill)
 - i. (no report)
 - f. Future City (Roesler)
 - i. Roesler has been out of town a lot, McIntosh has been helping out
 - g. Newsletter (Grote)
 - i. Please provide Grote with articles for the January newsletter
 - h. Website (Allam)
 - i. Have not purchased the new website software yet
 - i. Engineers Roundtable (Maly)
 - i. Syrocki attended meeting on Wednesday
 - j. UNO Chapter (Konda)
 - i. UNO members will attend Section Meeting next week
 - ii. We will present their check at the meeting
 - k. UNL Chapter (Nickel)
 - i. (no report)
6. Special Activity Reports
- a. Report Card on Nebraska's Infrastructure (Gilliland)
 - i. Maly and Gilliland met with members of National and confirmed that we are on the right track
 - ii. Plans are being made to meet with members of legislature to see what would be beneficial to them and pin down an appropriate timeline
 - iii. Still in need of additional volunteers
 - iv. Maly will get New Jersey Past President info to Gilliland so he can contact them regarding their report card
 - b. Raise the Bar (Maly)
 - i. 30+ attended in Omaha and approx 20 attended in Lincoln
 - ii. NCEES is still undecided on details
7. Workshops and Training
- a. Report: Headquarters Orientation (Reston, VA – October 20) – Diane Jones
 - i. Lots of information was provided
 - ii. Outreach and Raise the Bar info was particularly informative

- iii. Was very helpful for a “new” member to understand the workings of ASCE
 - b. Report: Annual Conference / YMLS (Pittsburgh – November 6-8) – Joe Flaxbeard
 - i. Flaxbeard learned a lot and received lots of valuable information
 - c. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (Denver – January 9-10, 2009)
 - i. Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders – John Hill, Daren Konda
 - ii. Central Region Younger Member Council Delegate – Andres Torres
 - d. Legislative Fly-In (Washington DC – March 25-26, 2009)
 - i. Sign up due by end of January – let Maly know if you are interested
 - ii. Will release report card at fly-in
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - a. ACEC PR Committee
 - i. ACEC did not follow up, so we did not provide a donation
 - b. State Public Affairs Grant (SPAG) Program
 - i. PEC - \$3800
 - ii. Future City - \$1500
 - iii. Truss Testing Machine - \$1400
 - iv. E-Week Ad - \$500
- 9. New Business
 - a. LOCATE involvement in Transportation Conference
 - i. LOCATE would like to have their name on the Transportation Conference (ASCE / LOCATE Transportation Conference)
 - ii. Board decided that this would be okay as long as a Memo of Understanding is prepared outlining how the financials of the conference will be handled
- 1. Adjourn – Next Meeting **Tuesday**, January 6 at 5:30 pm (Maly)

*Submitted by Diane Jones
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*