



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009**

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 5:30 (Maly)
2. Approval of October 9, 2008 and November 13, 2008 Minutes (Jones)
 - a. October 9, 2008 Minutes
 - i. Correct spelling of St. Louis in 6.a.v
 - ii. Approved as noted
 - b. November 13, 2008 Minutes
 - i. Approved as noted
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Maly)
 - i. ASCE Annual Conference will be October 29-31 in Kansas City
 - They are trying to increase attendance from local sections
 - b. Vice President (Buettner)
 - i. Please RSVP for next week's Section meeting
 - c. Secretary (Jones)

- i. Annual Report was submitted at the end of November
 - d. President-Elect (Hill)
 - i. \$10,000 in income so far this year. It came from:
 - Dinners
 - \$3300 from geotechnical conference advertising
 - \$1500 from SPAG grants
 - ii. \$6000 in expenses so far this year
 - iii. \$21,317 in checking and \$25,000 in CD
 - iv. Scholarships have not been funded yet
 - \$5000 will go to the geotechnical scholarship from the profit of the 2008 conference
 - Hill will check to see if transportation scholarship was funded for 2007
 - In future years, scholarship budgets will be set based on the profit from the previous year's conference
4. Section Meetings / Technical Group Reports for 2008-2009
 - a. January 15 / Water Resources – Joint meeting with UNL Chapter (Dierking)
 - i. Chad Smith from DNR – Headwaters Corporation will be speaking
 - ii. Othmer Hall, Room 106 in Lincoln, NE
 - iii. Pizza and pop will be served for \$10 per person
 - b. February 12 / Geotechnical – Conference on Friday (Havens)
 - i. Section meeting will be 02/12/08 with the conference on Friday 02/13/08
 - ii. Planning for the conference is going well
 - iii. Conference brochure has been completed
 - iv. Still working on planning for section meeting
 - c. March 19 / Environmental (Syrocki)
 - i. Tentative plans are for a speaker from OPPD to present at Anthony's
 - d. April 16 / Transportation – Conference on Friday – Joint meeting with UNO Chapter (Perez)
 - i. Conference will be April 17th at the Scott Center in Omaha, NE
 - Perez will email Allam to get information on website
 - ii. Memo of Understanding has been drafted detailing financial responsibilities between NeASCE and LOCATE (see attached)
 - A statement regarding membership database confidentiality will be added to memo
5. Advisory Board Reports
 - a. Legislative Affairs / PEC (Arneson/Prost)
 - i. Primary focus is on the PE requirement for the director of DNR
 - ii. There was discussion regarding our Section sending a letter in support of the PE requirement
 - Arneson or Prost will see if this is necessary or if we are covered under PEC
 - iii. Dan Thiele will be the chairman of PEC
 - iv. A PEC meeting will be scheduled after bills are introduced to the legislature to discuss objectives for the session. Arneson or Prost will pass information on the bills of interest to the board.
 - b. Membership (Kopocis)
 - i. Please pay your dues if you haven't done so already
 - c. Truss Bustin' (Hill)

- i. The Quest Center was chosen as the new location for the E-Week setup and Truss Bustin' competition because Westroads was going to charge \$3000
 - Home Show will be going on at the same time
 - Parking fees at Quest will still apply
 - This may not land on the same weekend in future years
 - d. Future City (Roesler)
 - i. Issues contacting Roesler have been resolved
 - e. Newsletter (Grote)
 - i. January newsletter is on the website already
 - f. Website (Allam)
 - i. New software will be purchased this week
 - g. Engineers Roundtable (Syrocki)
 - i. E-week banquet will be Feb 19th
 - ii. Maly will send flyer to Allam and Grote for website and newsletter
6. Special Activity Reports
- a. Report Card on Nebraska's Infrastructure (Gilliland)
 - i. National needs people from NE to fill out the survey online for the national report card
 - b. Raise the Bar (Maly)
 - i. (no report)
 - c. State Public Affairs Grant (SPAG) Program (Maly/Hill)
 - i. Not all of our SPAGs were funded this year
 - Truss Bustin' machine was not funded because it is considered "office equipment" which could be sold for gain later
 - PEC grant was funded for \$1000 (requested \$3800)
 - Future Cities grant was funded for \$500 (requested \$1500)
 - Board discussed how to absorb these shortfalls
 - a. Determined that there was money to absorb this, but that we would point out any difficulties when applying for grants again next year
7. Workshops and Training
- a. Multi-Region Leadership Conference (Denver – January 9-10, 2009)
 - i. Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders – John Hill, Daren Konda, Marie Maly (for Committee on Younger Members)
 - ii. Delegate(s) to the Central Region Younger Member Council – Andres Torres
 - b. Legislative Fly-In (Washington DC – March 25-26, 2009)
 - i. Report card will be released
 - ii. Arneson, Prost, Perez, and Dierking expressed interest
 - iii. Maly will forward registration info and those who are interested can apply
 - iv. We will determine how many people to send based on how many National will fund
8. Unfinished Business (none)
9. New Business
- a. Outstanding Section/Branch Award results
 - i. Not selected – lost to Maine by 2 points
 - b. Add award descriptions to Rules of Policy and Procedure?

- i. This would be a good idea, but is not a high priority
 - ii. We may be able to use descriptions from Outstanding Section/Branch Award
 - c. ASCE Congressional Fellows Program (due March 13, 2009)
 - i. More information will be posted on the internet if you are interested
 - d. Life Members
 - i. Still need to continue to try to increase involvement of life members
 - e. EWB Liaison
 - i. ASCE is looking for Section Liaisons if anyone is interested
 - f. 2010 President-Elect nominees
 - i. Three nominations have been made
 - 1. Kathy J. Caldwell, P.E., M.ASCE
 - 2. Moustafa A. Gouda, P.E., F.ASCE
 - 3. Garland P. Rose, Jr., P.E., D.WRE, F.ASCE
 - ii. Our section can endorse one of the nominees if we would like
 - iii. Additional information on the candidates is available at:
<http://www.ascemetsection.org/content/view/351/720/>
 - g. ACEC E-Week Outreach opportunity and E-Week Banquet
 - i. We are looking for volunteers to speak to middle and high school students
 - ii. Let Maly know if you are interested in helping
 - h. Spam email
 - i. The hyperlinks on the website will be removed for now
 - ii. Open to additional suggestions on how to cut down on spam email
- 2. Adjourn – Next Meeting (Maly)
 - a. Next board meeting will be February 12 at 5:00 before the section meeting

*Submitted by Diane Jones
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*