



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 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*

Mike Sklenar *UNL Student Chapter Practitioner Advisor*

Loras Klostermann *Governor of Region 7*

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda (Maly)
 - a. 5:07 pm
2. Approval of March 19, 2009 Minutes (Jones)
 - a. Approved as distributed
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Maly)
 - i. Sent donation for annual conference in Kansas City
 - Received 3 thank you notes
 - b. Younger Member Group Chairs (Toellner)
 - i. Helping Hands Service Project will be held on April 25th
 - ii. Year-end picnic will be held May 3rd or 4th
 - c. Interim Treasurer (Hill)
 - i. Geotechnical Conference made an \$18,000 profit this year. (\$27,000 projected, \$30,600 actual)

- ii. Current balance is around \$58,000
 - It is recommended that we perform an audit by committee if our balance is greater than \$50,000
- 4. Section Meetings / Technical Group Reports for 2008-2009
 - a. May / Annual Meeting and Banquet (Hill)
 - i. Banquet will be at the Air and Space Museum on 5/14/09
 - Should be around \$3500
 - Free parking
 - Tour of facility
 - More details to come
- 5. Advisory Board Reports
 - a. Legislative Affairs / PEC (Arneson/Prost)
 - i. There was a PEC meeting last Tuesday
 - Discussed unlicensed practice in Nebraska – this would allow one engineer to oversee a project, but eliminate the need for all aspects to be done by a licensed engineer. Each contractor could submit their individual design pieces.
 - a. This is not legislative, it could be changed by the Board of Rules and Regulations
 - b. Arneson will check ASCE policy statements to see if the Society has an official stand on this issue
 - LB 446: Board would have to reimburse students for licensing exam fees
 - a. We supported this bill
 - b. Truss Bustin' (Hill)
 - i. Hill and Maly will visit winning schools to present awards
 - c. Website (Maly for Allam)
 - i. Our website will be evaluated for website award
- 6. Special Activity Reports
 - a. Report Card on Nebraska's Infrastructure (Maly for Gilliland)
 - i. Perez volunteered to help Gilliland
 - b. Raise the Bar (Maly)
 - i. Maly to present to LES
 - c. Outreach (Maly)
 - i. McIntosh to attend Northwest High School Career Fair
 - ii. Jones, Klostermann and Konda will be going to the OPS 7th Grade Career Fair on May 8th
- 7. Workshops and Training
 - a. RECAP: Legislative Fly-In (Washington DC – March 25-26, 2009) – Ticha Perez and Bill Arneson
 - i. Attendance was greater than last year
 - ii. Perez and Arneson saw staff from Nelson, Fortenberry, and Johans' offices
 - iii. Discussed aviation funding resolution, dam legislation support, and surface transportation funding support
 - iv. Received 2009 Report Card
 - v. Perez will put together report and pictures for newsletter
- 8. Unfinished Business

- a. Directors for 2009-2010
 - i. McIntosh and Strauss agreed to another term
 - ii. Jones motion, Dierking second, approved
- 9. New Business
 - a. Diversity Efforts
 - i. Committee on Diversity and Women in Engineering is willing to help if we would like to plan a diversity event
 - b. Headquarters Orientation
 - i. We need to submit a name by April 24th if we would like to send someone to this
 - Havens is interested and will go unless someone else really wants to attend
 - c. Section Dues for FY 2010
 - i. Currently \$15
 - ii. We decided to leave them at \$15
 - d. Officer Nominees for 2009-2010 – Nominating Committee Report
 - i. Maly, Hill, and Buettner are working on this
 - ii. VP and Treasurer are open – let Maly know if you or someone you know is interested
 - e. Reimbursement of travel expenses in excess of stipend
 - i. ASCE will reimburse for any overages that are not covered by Nationals or individual's company, although it would be best to have these costs included in the budget
 - We will add money for the Fly-In and Headquarters Orientation into the budget for next year
 - f. Cvent – online registration tool for conferences/events (Perez)
 - i. Cvent would charge an annual fee plus a per registrant fee
 - Both structural and geotechnical committees would also be interested in looking into this
 - Perez will put info together and talk to Hill, Havens, and Gilliland about it
 - g. Engineers Without Borders
 - i. Syrocki attended meeting
 - they are looking for a project – possibly a new entrance sign for the Little Sioux Boy Scout Camp
 - Save \$40 off the \$100 registration fee if you sign up through the ASCE website
 - h. Thrasher Basement CWS Hospitality Tent
 - i. Have been asked if we would like their tent at the College World Series for a day
 - ii. Havens will get cost and additional information and send out an email to determine if there is any interest

Adjourn – Next board meeting in August... see you at the Annual Meeting! (Maly)

*Submitted by
Diane Jones
ASCE Nebraska Section Secretary*