



**ASCE Nebraska Section Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2009**

American Society of Civil Engineers

Attendees (in bold)

John Hill *President / Truss Bustin'*

Aaron Buettner *President-Elect / Annual Meeting*

Daren Konda *Vice President*

Marie Maly *Past President*

Ed Prost *Region 7 Assembly Representative / Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*

Mike Sklenar *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 Chair*

Brad Chambers *History & Heritage Chair*

Bill Arneson *Legislative Affairs Co-Chair*

Jeff Kopocis *Membership Chair*

Mike Naccarato *Fundraising Chair*

TBD *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, Welcome, and Introductions (Hill)
2. Introduction of John Thomsen (Hill)
 - a. Future City Contact (Non-ASCE Member)
 - b. Need an ASCE liaison
 - c. He is hosting a teacher's workshop on 9-24 and would like an engineer volunteer to go through rules and give a presentation
 - d. Also in need of teacher mentors
3. Approval of April 15, 2009 Minutes (Jones)
 - a. Show that Syrocki was at the meeting
 - b. Show Nickel and Sklenar as joint UNL Practitioner Advisors
 - c. Motion by Strauss, second by Prost, approved
4. Who's Who List (Hill)

- a. List was passed around for review and approval
5. Meetings for 2009-2010 (Hill)
 - a. Board Meetings
 - i. Board meetings will be the week after the dinner meeting (generally the 4th Thursday of the month) at 5:30 at LRA Office
 - ii. Hopefully this will encourage a meeting write-up to be included in the newsletter
 - b. Tentative Section Meeting Dates
 - i. September 17 at McKenna's (Structural – Conference on Friday 9/18) – Note Steel Day – Davis Erection and Drake Williams Steel
 - ii. October 1 (Construction)
 - iii. November 19 (Management/Government)
 - iv. January 21 (Water Resources – with UNL Chapter)
 - v. February 18 (Geotechnical – Conference on Friday, Feb 19)
 - vi. March 18 (Environmental)
 - vii. April 15 (Transportation – with UNO Chapter, Conference on Friday)
 - viii. May 20 (tentative)(Annual Meeting/Banquet)
 - c. Rsvp@neasce.org email will go to Daren
 6. Update on Name Tags, Vice-President's duty
 - a. Vice-President will be in charge of bringing name tags to meetings and ordering new tags as needed
 7. Newsletter
 - a. Articles are due to Aaron by the Monday after our board meeting.
 - b. Discussion ensued about an electronic newsletter and how the transition would work
 8. Workshops and Training
 - a. Region 7 Assembly (Prost)
 - i. ASCE has a Strategy Management Document that we should incorporate into our section activities
 - ii. Board actions
 - No Society dues increase
 - iii. Good Governance Policy (regarding non-profit organizations) needs to be included in our governing documents
 - iv. Loras may become Director, which would leave us with an opening for Governor
 - b. Annual Conference / YMLS / Council of Presidents Multi-Region Leadership Conference
 - i. October 28-31 in KC
 - ii. Looking for interested attendees
 - c. Gilliland is looking for a volunteer to attend a meeting with other structural leaders in Berkeley, CA - possibly Buettner, Konda, or Naccarato
 9. SPAG: State Public Affairs Grant (Hill)
 - a. Required paperwork was submitted and received on time
 10. Draft 2009 Budget Highlights (Sklenar)
 - a. Increased budget for annual meeting
 - b. Decreased interest receipts

- c. Hill will pick up paperwork to change signatures at the bank
 - d. Gilliland will get appropriate contact info so that we can request reimbursement from Structural Group
 - e. Any other changes should be sent to Sklenar before the next board meeting
11. Audit Committee (Hill)
- a. Committee will be comprised of Sklenar, Syrocki, and the Directors (McIntosh and Strauss)
12. Truss Bustin' Competition (Hill)
- a. Would like to build a testing device this year
 - b. E-week banquet may be at SAC Museum this year. This would be an ideal way to include Lincoln schools in the competition
 - c. Hill would like two assistants – one to coordinate with Lincoln schools and one to coordinate with Omaha schools
13. Cvent (Perez)
- a. Does the Society have anything in place like this?
14. New Business
- a. Life Member Champion – do we have one?
 - b. Practitioner Advisor for UNL – Steve Nickel
 - c. Chris Tuan – ASCE Fellow Grade, needs nomination
 - i. Not sure if this is by section or individuals, Hill, Gilliland to check into
 - d. 2009 Annual Conference in KC
 - e. Outstanding Section / Branch Award / Newsletter
 - i. Maly is submitting
 - f. Outstanding Section / Branch Award
 - i. Jones will submit
 - g. Best Practiced Guide
 - i. To be published in 2010 – will be a “lessons learned” to reveal what has / has not worked for other sections and branches
 - h. Tom Strauss suggested that we help formulate a formal transition system from community college to University

Adjourn – Next board meeting in September

*Submitted by
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