
ASCE Syracuse Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - CW: September 15, 2015 at Barton & Loguidice Conference Room at 5:39pm

Attendees:

Shaun Gannon – Past President
Chuck White – President

Kelli McArdell – Vice President
Brian Byrnes – Director

Brad Kubiak - Governor
Ray D'Hollander - Director

Approval of June's Meeting Minutes
First: RD, Second: KM, 6-0-0 Passes

1. **President's Report (CW):** I recently attended the Region 1 Council Meeting and they suggested that section's invest their scholarship funds in short-term mutual funds and/or bonds to receive a return on our funds greater than the interest accumulated from our current interest rate.

SG: Chuck, I think we should look into this and gather for information from other sections to see how positive or negative this has been.

BK: Chuck, we should look into an internal audit. We did one a few years ago and I believe it may be time another.

Emily Herbst, Bill Finch, and Bruce King (Syracuse University) all worked together to fill out the STAY Grant. The STAY Grant is intended to provide discounted PDH events for students and implement initiatives for bridge the gap between ASCE involvement in college to ASCE involvement in your professional life once you've left college. The STAY Grant for student outreach was awarded to our student section. Thank you for your hard work Emily, Bill, and Bruce.

2. **Treasurer's Report (CW for BF):** As of 9/14 the golf tournament brought in a total of \$25,822.32. After payment to the golf course, \$12,350 will be transferred into the scholarship fund. This was a very successful tournament, thanks to everyone who participated.
3. **Geotechnical Institute (RD):** We will be awarding Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year again. We always have only a few entries so this week I am trying to push the distribution of the applications. I will be giving an application to the geotechnical engineer of the Amphitheater just completed by the Onondaga Lake. I will work on a press release which will contain the award winners from last year to spark interest .

This year's awards committee will include myself, Craig Butler, Kip Wittchen, and I am looking for others to join.
KM: Ray, sent me a copy of the applications and I can post them in the next e-blast.

4. **Post Program Review (BB):** This year the section volunteered at the NYS Fair in the children's building helping children complete projects related to civil engineering. This year we had twenty eight (28) volunteers with 3-4 people for each four hour shift. This year was very successful, so thank you for volunteering.
5. **Younger Member Group (CW for EH):** We only had five (5) people attend the cider distillery event. The next event will be a tour of the former Hotel Syracuse (Syracuse Marriott Marquis) on Tuesday, October 20th.
6. **NYS Council and Region 1 Meeting (CW):** I attended the NYS Council Meeting at Tetra Tech in Ithaca, NY. I was the chair this year and each section sent two delegates. We discussed the report card release date of

September 29th at 10am. We established a proposal revision to have the chair, elected chair, and secretary to rotate every two years and the vice chair every year. The new proposal would provide continuity from year to year. This will be voted on during the spring Council meeting.

BK: Was there any discussion on allotment?

SG: The section proposed the law by assessment formula which is the number of members to the total overall percentage. It was passed that 50% of it would be the law by assessment and 50% would be divided evenly, which is the current assessment.

CW: I see this as a positive notion. The next meeting will be April 16th near UCONN and may try to combine Regional and Council.

7. **Region 1:** 1st half of the event was President Randall providing a society update. The main focus was on member recruitment and Society's mission and goals. The 2nd half of the event was an open floor for section reports to share programming ideas.
8. **Section By Laws Update (SG):** No update at this time.
9. **Upcoming Events:**
 - a. **NYS Report Card Release 9/29 10am- CW:** Several organization union and political contacts have been made to include in this report card release, AGC, Stephanie Minor, County Legislators
 - b. **CNY EXPO 11/9 – CW:** Members encouraged to attend. Beth Ann Smith President of ASCE Ithaca Section, keynote speaker at the event, regarding report card.
 - c. **ASCE National Convention in NYC 10/11 – 10/14:** Attendees and registration are set individuals to coordinate.
 - d. **ASHE Awards Banquet 9/22 Doubletree Carrier Circle:** Need someone to attend
10. **Updates from the Governor- BK:** None submitted at this time
11. **2016 Membership Renewal Race:** Renewals coming this month 60% of local members pay the Syracuse Section dues, which is above the national average. Board encouraged to remind other engineers of renewal time.
12. **Future Buisness:**
 - a. **Fall Adopt a Highway – BF:** Bill Finch will be coordinating the event for the coming months date tbd
 - b. **Vacant Positions:** Secretary
 - c. **Fall PDH Events:** RD&BB to coordinate regarding creating more of these events
 - Jim Stewart: November Geotechnical
 - Potential: DOT Region director on presenting I-81 to engineering group
 - Potential: State Fair Redesign, Dale Cameo
 - d. **Next Meeting 10/20 @C&S 5:30 pm**
 - e. **Future Meetings:**
 - November @ Bergmann,
 - December @ O'Brien & Gere,
 - January @ St. Germain and Aupperle,
 - February @ O'Brien & Gere,
13. **Other - Participation:** Board to review ideas to increase participation for future discussion and implementation.