
SYRACUSE ASCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2012– 5:30 PM
PJ'S PUB & GRILL, SYRACUSE

FINAL– SETH LIVERMORE

In Attendance: Dan Borcz, Matt Henderson, Ray D'Hollander, Dawn Penniman, Seth Livermore, Brad Kubiak, Matt Marko, Mitch Carmody, Jim D'Aloisio

• **Welcome and Roll Call: DB**

- Roll Call/Introductions
- Welcome Past-Presidents & discuss Past-President Initiative **DB/BK**
 - *M.Marko accomplishments as Past President: Updating by-laws, rules & regulations, creating meeting agenda & minutes, hosting professional presentations and started the Section's Annual Meetings.*
 - *M.Carmody enjoys the monthly presentations that the Section hosts for its members*
 - *J.D'Aloisio: during his presidency the Section prepared monthly newsletters and held meetings on a monthly basis. He would like to push for a structural technical group (SCI) w/in the Section. Jim is available to give presentations to the Section focusing on sustainable development.*
- Donation to Colesville Volunteer Ambulance Service (CVAS) – *The Board approved through email vote to make a \$50 donation to the CVAS in memory of Daniel K. Livermore (S.Livermore's father), who passed on December 4th, 2012.*

- **Board Review, Comment, and Approval of Agenda: DB** - *DB made motion to approve meeting agenda, seconded by MH. Aye – 5 , Nay -0 – Approved*
- **Board Review, Comment, and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: SL** - *DB made motion to approve previous meeting minutes, seconded by MH. Aye – 5 , Nay -0 – Approved*
- **Treasurer's Report: DP** – *To be forwarded to the Board via email (sent to Board on 12/26/12). DP noted that because of BK's time spent volunteering with ASCE, O'Brien & Gere recently made a \$500 donation to the general fund.*

• **Communications: DB**

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| 11/27 | Amanda Rushing | Ray D'Hollander Thank You from ASCE National |
| 11/29 | Leslie Payne | Call for nominees – Engineers Week DiscoverE Volunteer Recognition Program – <i>Informal program, nominate leaders- to be awarded during E-Week at the multi-region leadership conference in RI . Nominations are due by 1/4/13</i> |
| 11/30 | Russ Porter | April 2013 NYS Council/Region 1 Meeting Date – 4/20-4/21. <i>BK would like to attend, DP will be back-up attendee</i> |
| 11/30 | Craig Ruyle | NYS Report Card for Review – Roads Section |

12/7	Mary Eileen Wood	Ying TRSEF Sponsorship? – <i>Science fair for kids held at OCC. Engineering sponsor (\$2,000). BK to reach out to neighboring Sections to see if they would like to co-sponsor. Table until January meeting.</i>
12/7	Otto Maatsch	Minutes from September 2012 NYS Council Meeting
12/11	Nancy Berson	Section & Branch Idea Exchange Follow-up
12/11	Dawit Negussey	SU Seminars in Spring 2013 – <i>“Underground Space.....” to be held sometime in March, 2013. SU has asked the Section to co-sponsor presentations for PDH credit (1-2 per year). DB to respond to request.</i>
12/18	Diana Wolgemuth	E-Week Presentation – <i>Dale Carnegie, more info to follow.</i>

• **Programs / Continuing Education: DB/OPEN**

- TACNY advertisement reminder
- January 2013 - PDH Presentation Inlet Bridge Project – *by C&S. PDH request recently sent in for approval.*
- Spring 2013 - PDH Presentation & Tour of the Woodland or Westcott Reservoir and the UV disinfection facilities being constructed – *To be held in the spring time. M.Marko noted that the Woodland project site would be more conducive for a tour.*
- March 18th, 2013 14th Celebration of Technology Awards Banquet
- Thursday May 16, 2013 Joint meeting with CNYAPG to tour the Honeywell remediation activities and have a Honeywell representative speak about those activities. – *Joint meeting to be held at the Visitor Center on Thursday, May 16.*
- Other PDH Presentation possibilities include: ADS/Hancor Drainage Products, Filterra Stormwater Product, Test America Inc, Stormwater Practices (MR), Onondaga Lake TMDL work w/Onondaga County (MH), Geddes Brook/9 Mile Creek Vegetation Restoration Efforts (RDH) – *TMDL presentation may be ready for some time in February.*

• **New Business: DB/OPEN**

- Section and Branch Best Practices webinar Recap (11/14) **MR** – *To be discussed at next Board meeting.*
- Record PDH meetings & post to the Section’s website? **MR** – *To be discussed at next Board meeting.*
- Section Annual Report Submitted & Distributed to Board (11/29)
- Section & Branch Idea Exchange Recap (12/4) – *DB participated. Topics included best practices for ways to engage inactive members and transitioning graduating college students to professionals. DB noted that National will sponsor membership recruitment pizza party.*

- NYS Council Updates
 - Click-n-Connect BRIDGE Legislation Advocacy Letter – *DB to forward information to MH. Key contacts will receive info on laws going through the House/Senate.*
 - NYS Report Card Update – *NYS Council is trying to form a blue ribbon committee. Two members of the Section provided their review comments on the wastewater, drinking water and roads sections of the Report Card.*

- **Old Business: DB**
 - Constitution & By-laws review **BK** – *BK provided summary of most significant changes, which include: ability to appoint people to elected positions if there is no interest within the Section; National has come out with a new format for Constitutions & By-Laws. There will be another separate meeting in January to review the changes.*
 - Website sponsorship request email to listserv – *Save for the first of the year – by DB*
 - Welcome to the Syracuse Section email to listserv (early January 2013) – *Save for the first of the year – by DB*
 - E-Week event (February 17th thru February 23rd 2013) – “Celebrate Awesome”
 - Dale Carnegie presentation on Networking (Diana Wolgemuth, 2/21/13) – *DB reached out to Diana, she recommended three presentations (soft skills).*
 - *J.D’Aloisio can do a presentation on climate change & engineering on February 19th at lunch time. DB to coordinate.*

- **Newsletter and Website: SL**
 - Website overhaul update – populate & utilize – *Friendly reminder for Board to upload content. SL to upload future Board meetings to calendar. October Board minutes have been added to News Archive.*
 - May 2012- May 2013 Newsletter Committee (Chair?) – *Search for NCC to continue to be included within Section e-blasts.*

- **Committee Reports**
 - Engineers without Borders: **CB** – *No update at this time.*
 - Younger Member: **SL**
 - December Holiday Happy Hour with ITE & ASHE Recap – *Good turnout of approximately 20+ people with 3 ASCE Board members.*
 - February Happy Hour & SU Basketball Game Update – *February 4th against Notre Dame. DB has purchased 15 tickets to sell to the Section.*
 - Membership: **MH** – *Updated members are now on to student member list. No other updates at this time.*

- Membership Drive e-mail **DB** – *Received a couple of emails in response to the 12/12/12 ASCE Membership email.*
- Golf Tournament: **LK/DP**
 - Thank-Yous are completed
 - Fundraiser Update (Family memberships to Utica Zoo) – *Still have two membership tickets left. DP to reach out to Steven Wui at SUNY IT to see if he knows of someone who would like to purchase the memberships.*
 - Kick-off meeting date – *No update at this time.*
- Scholarship: **TH/DB** – *No update at this time.*
- Community Outreach: **BK**
 - Presentation at SUNY IT Recap – *Postponed until the spring. Presentation to include mentoring opportunities to younger staff & students.*
 - Spring Adopt-A-Highway: – *No update at this time.*
- History & Heritage: **PR** – *No update at this time.*
 - Local landmark letter campaign reminder
 - St. Lawrence Power and Seaway Project National Historic landmark nomination update. – *PR is currently working on paperwork for nomination.*
- Government Relations: **MH** – *MH to send NYS Report Card to gov't representatives when it is published; consider meeting with representative to discuss. MH to send welcome letter on behalf of the Section to newly elected and re-elected gov't officials.*
 - 2013 Legislative Fly-In 12/14 application deadline – *MH and RD'H submitted applications. Fly-In to be held March 19-21, 2013.*
- Geo-Institute: **RD'H** – *No update at this time.*
- Awards: **DB**
 - Planning meeting date – *M.Marko stated that the Section should consider holding an engineering gala to distribute the awards. The event could be held during engineer's week (E-week). BK suggested that we partner with TACNY and distribute engineering awards during the annual TACNY banquet.*
- **Board Meetings for the remainder of the year** (subject to change, outlook invite to follow):

- Tuesday, January 22 nd	5:30 pm	M. Rychtecka	Arcadis
- Tuesday, February 19 th	5:30 pm	B. Kubiak	OBG
- Tuesday, March 19 th	5:30 pm	S. Livermore	Beardsley
- Tuesday, April 23 rd	5:30 pm	D. Penniman	Arcadis
- May	5:30 pm	Annual Meeting	TBD
- Tuesday, June 11 th	5:30 pm	Local Bar	TBD
- **Adjournment** - *DB made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by MH. Aye – 5 , Nay -0 – Approved*