
ASCE Syracuse Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - SG: March 31, 2015 at Beardsley Design Associates Conference Room at 5:35pm

Attendees:

Shaun Gannon – President	Kelli McArdell - Director/Sec	Bill Finch
Kip Wittchen – Vice Pres/Web	Brian Byrnes – Director	Brad Kubiak - Governor
Dawn Penniman - Treasurer	Seth Livermore - Director	Ray D'Hollander

Approval of February's Meeting Minutes

First: KW, Second: SL

1. **Treasurer's Report (DP):** SG: We need to discuss potentially raising the section's dues. Currently the Syracuse's section dues are \$20.00. BK: I believe you should wait to decide on this until we see if Society is increasing the dues of the national membership this year. We wouldn't want to increase both the national dues and local dues, it may potentially decrease membership. I will discuss with Society to see what they plan to do.
2. **President's Report (SG):**
 - Kip and Kelli will be planning the Spring Membership Meeting. The date is set for Wednesday, May 20th. Last year the meeting was at Borio's and we normally recognize our lifetime members at this event. If anyone is interested in helping Kip and Kelli plan this event, please contact them.
3. **Future Events:**
 - North Country Student Chapter Meeting at SUNY Canton – April 2, 2015
 - SU Civil & Environmental PDH Seminar – April 3, 2015
 - SU Student Chapter Meeting at SU – April 8, 2015
 - Hockey Night/ AUD Presentation – April 12, 2015
 - SUNY Poly Student Chapter Meeting – April 23, 2015
4. **Future Event Planning:**
 - SG: We normally plan an Earth Day Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up. I believe we should do it again this year, would someone like to plan this event? We also need to set the date of the event and get to Kelli for advertising. BF: I will look into planning this event.
5. **Website/Member Database (KW):** I will be working with Kelli to send a mailer out to individuals who are not receiving our emails which will describe how they are missing out on events and important information. The mailer will also give the individuals instructions on how to change their emails on the ASCE website because it's complicated.
6. **Updates from the Governor (BK):** I recently attended the Buffalo Membership meeting where they awarded four awards including Project of the Year and Engineer of the Year. They also had students providing updates from the Steel Bridge, Concrete Canoe, and Seismic Design teams. The presentation was on Green/Sustainable Design.

7. **ASCE Syracuse Section Bylaws (SG):**

I have a final edit of the ASCE Syracuse Section's Bylaws which includes the new language that the board approved last month:

"Motion to accept Tara's language of "After serving one (1) full term, the President shall be ineligible to serve in the same office for a period of ____ year(s)." KW, Second: SL, 6-0-0, **Motion Passes**

Motion to add 1 year in the following statement "After serving one (1) full term, the President shall be ineligible to serve in the same office for a period of ____ year(s)." KW, Second: DP, 6-0-0, **Motion Passes"**

Please review the provided edit of the Bylaws and I will have Dawn read them over one last time and revise. Once Dawn was completed her revision I will send them on to Tara at Society.

8. **TACNY Awards Banquet (CW) / Award Committee:**

Kip, Kelli, Brad, Craig, Chuck and Ray attended the TACNY banquet and all have a great time. All commented that the TACNY Banquet is a great venue and event to present the ASCE awards including Project of the Year and Engineer of the Year. The board will continue to send representatives to this event and present their awards.

9. **Scholarship Committee (DP for TH):**

All award winners have been chosen by the scholarship committee and I have distributed the appropriate scholarship checks to the individual university liaisons. The meetings at the universities where the awards are presenting are to happen this month. All the university meetings include a PDH presentation, a meal, and presentation of the scholarship winners from that university.

10. **Younger Member Committee (EH):** No report.

11. **EWB Liaison (LH):** No report.

12. **History & Heritage Committee (PR):** No report.

13. **Geo – Institute (RD):** April 16, 2015 SU Cross Country Lecture Series is hosting Ken Stucko from 5-8pm at Syracuse University to discuss Liquefaction and Ground Improvement. I am not sure how to process or start the catering at Syracuse University? SG: I will pass along information on how to set up the catering.

14. **Golf Committee (DP for LK):** We have chosen the location of this year's golf tournament to be held at Timber Banks Golf Club on Friday, June 19, 2015. If anyone would like to participate the cost per golfer is \$125. This weekend we are going to "roll out" the ability for golfers to register and the sponsorship program. Please pass around the sponsorship information to individuals and corporations you may know. All sponsorships go into the scholarship fund. Be sure to check your email for e-blasts for more detailed and updated information on the golf tournament.

15. **Government Relations Fly-In (RD and BF):** Ray and Bill attended the Legislative Fly-In in Washington DC. They were there to network with local government officials to discuss the Highway Trust Fund and its current state of depletion. Ray expressed that he liked the sense of urgency when talking to the legislators because they shared the belief that infrastructure is a federal responsibility, not a state-level responsibility. The NY report card was also discussed and is to be produced at the October 8, 2015 meeting.

Open Discussion:

RD: To connect to more individuals we should advertise our events on the Facebook page. BF: Emily, who runs the Facebook page, was thinking about starting a Linked In page to connect to more individuals on a professional level because many people keep personal information on their Facebook page. DP: I think that's a great idea and on Linked In you can send out notifications to your connections. BF: I will communicate with Emily.

Motion to Adjourn - KW, Second: KL at 6:40pm