
SYRACUSE ASCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2013– 5:30 PM
BEARDSLEY DESIGN ASSOCIATES, DEWITT

In Attendance: Logan Bessel, Dan Borcz, Ray D’Hollander, Seth Livermore, Brad Kubiak, Andrea Butchko, Chioma Enechukwu, Paul Jackman, Matt Henderson, Shaun Gannon and Dawn Penniman

- **Welcome and Roll Call: DB**

- Roll Call/Introductions

- **Board Review, Comment, and Approval of Agenda: DB** – *DB made motion to approve meeting agenda, seconded by MH. Aye – 7, Nay -0 – Approved*

- **Board Review, Comment, and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: LB** – *DB made motion to approve 3/26/13 meeting minutes prepared by LB, seconded by SL. Aye – 7, Nay – 0; Approved*

- **Syracuse University Steel Bridge Team Presentation** – *Team (Butchko and Jackman) gave presentation of the SU Steel Bridge Team’s progress for the upcoming competition and requested \$322 to complete funding for competition materials (box for bridge, travel, etc.). LB made motion for the Section to donate \$322 from the Scholarship and Education account to support the Steel Bridge Team, seconded by DB. Aye – 7, Nay -0 – Approved.*

- **Treasurer’s Report: DP**

- Treasurer’s Report – *Board discussed Section dues and determined that the \$20/member rate was sufficient.*
- Proceeds from the CNY Expo – *Section received \$2,138.92 from the CNY Engineering Expo*
- Fiscal Year 2014 Section Dues Collection Program

- **Communications: DB**

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| 2/21 | Jackie Simon | ASCE Spring/Summer 2013 CE Seminars & Workshops |
| 3/7 | Beth Wiley | Clarkson University Student Chapter Status – <i>CUSC was placed on probation for failure to submit their annual report on time.</i> |
| 3/8 | Jackie Simon | 2013 Spring Conference Call Information – <i>Participants to include Branch/Section Presidents, Directors and staff. Several topics are to be discussed, including information regarding National briefing. DB to forward email to C.Enechukwu to attend.</i> |
| 3/11 | Curtis Nunley | New Membership Staff Announcement – <i>New management chair hired.</i> |
| 3/12 | Mark Rusnica | ASCE Awards Presented at MRLC’s – <i>Recap of the Region 1 Awards presented at the MRLC.</i> |

3/12	Jon Thomas	Clarkson University Annual Report – <i>CUSC submitted their annual report.</i>
3/13	ASCE eRoom	Various Updates – <i>Notification of various eRoom content uploads</i>
3/19	Nancy Berson	Section and Branch Idea Exchange – <i>To occur on 4/11 and 4/16/13; open forum to share and discuss best practices. Section will not participate.</i>
3/21	Jennifer Lawrence	Call for Articles – <i>ASCE’s Section Informant (April Issue) – Request for articles relating to best practices, <200 words, include graphics. Section will not submit for the April issue.</i>

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

- TACNY advertisement reminder – *Reminder to Section to upload event content onto their calendar.*
- Wednesday April 10th - PDH Presentation & Tour of the Woodland Reservoir and the UV disinfection facilities being constructed – *Presented by Greg Mosure of CH2M Hill. Event to be after work (5:30 pm).*
- April 12th - Joint meeting with SU (Dr. Bhatia). Combine this with a Geo-Institute Meeting? **RD’H** – *No updates at this time.*
- Wednesday May 15th - Joint meeting with CNYAPG to tour the Geddes/Ninemile wetland restoration site and have a presentation by Craig Milburn (Brown & Sanford Consulting). – *At Onondaga Lake Visitor center, food will be provided.*
- May (/June) - Onondaga Lake TMDL work w/Onondaga County **MH** – *April submission to PIE.*
- Other PDH Presentation possibilities include: ADS/Hancor Drainage Products, Filterra Stormwater Product, Test America Inc, Stormwater Practices (**MR**), Geddes Brook/9 Mile Creek Vegetation Restoration Efforts (**RDH**), Hydraulic Case Studies (Costa Rica or Chile) by Kevin Candee – *DB working to get event set up with Kevin.*

• **New Business: DB/OPEN**

- 14th Celebration of Technology Awards Banquet Recap (3/18) – *DB recapped the banquet. Good attendance, interesting speakers, information table was well received.*
- March PDH Lunch Meeting Recap (3/26) – *SUI gave presentation and provided lunch to the participants. About 15 members attended.*
- Joint Meetings with student chapters
 - SU: Wednesday April 17th - 7:00 pm - Combine award presentation with Dr. Clemence’s presentation “The Erie Canal and Its Engineering History” – *Joint meeting with SU; Matt Millias, MR, and DB to present scholarships. RD’H made a motion to spend \$297.25 to provide drinks and cookies to the participants, MH seconded the motion. Aye – 7, Nay -0 – Approved*

- SUNY IT: Thursday May 2nd - 5:30 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner & Presentation by Carol Smalley “Value Engineering of Subsurface Investigations” – *Joint meeting with SUNY IT; Aaron Falkenmeyer and DB to present scholarships. DB made a motion to approve \$300 to provide food for the students (\$15/person quoted price, limit to first 20 students). Fee to be charged: free for students, \$15/person for members, and \$20/person for non-members.*
- CU & SUNY Canton: April 26/27, details TBD – *Details to be provided at the next Board meeting.*
- Annual Meeting Planning Committee – *DB requested that an Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC) be formed to coordinate event. LB to chair w/ assistance from Shaun Gannon.*
- NYS Council Updates
 - CnC Participation – *Click ‘N Connect (CnC); Steve Kaufman is looking for greater participation; to date only 0.27% have contacted their senators.*
 - FYI - Lobby for Active Transportation – *MH – Organizations that qualify for 501 (c)(3) exemptions may be allowed to participate in lobbying events. Check with National to be certain.*
 - Next Meeting Saturday April 20th in Hartford, CT – *NYS Council & Region 1 meeting; DP to attend. DB to inform DP of discussions that are important to the Syracuse Section and what the Section would like advanced.*
- **Old Business: DB**
 - Constitution & By-laws review **BK** – *No updates at this time.*
 - Website sponsorship request email to listserv – *No updates at this time.*
 - Welcome to the Syracuse Section email to listserv (wait until Constant Contact is live) – *No updates at this time.*
- **Newsletter and Website: SL**
 - Website overhaul update – populate & utilize – *Reminder to Board and others to continue to populate and upload content onto the Section’s website.*
 - May 2012- May 2013 Newsletter Committee **MR** – *DB: write-ups to be completed in early to mid-May. Newsletter to be released at the Annual Meeting.*
- **Committee Reports**
 - Government Relations: **MH**
 - 2013 Legislative Fly-In Recap **MH/RD’H** – *Attended Fly-In and provided recap: water resources and development acts (Inland waterway trust fund and Moving Ahead for Progress in 21st Century Act (Map 21)). Map 21 bill to be funded in September of next year. Met with 113th Congress. National Report Card rolled out. National rating of D+*

- 2013 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure Released – *Overall rating of D+*
- Report Card contact – *Tabled for this meeting.*
- Welcome letter & Report Card to Representatives – *DB asked MH to send out welcome letter with the National Report Card instead of waiting for the NYS Report Card to be completed.*
- Support “Good Samaritan” Legislation in NY (CnC) – *Currently the bill is in the NYS Assembly. Its goal is to protect professions from liabilities while they are performing pro-bono work associated with natural disasters.*
- Awards: **RD’H** – *No updates at this time.*
- Community Outreach: **BK**- *Kim Powell (AnchorQEA) to assist next year.*
 - Earth Day Event - *Adopt-A-Highway occurring on 4/20/13. Info to be included w/in next e-blast.*
 - Expeditionary Learning Middle School (ELMS) Opportunity **MR** – *No updates at this time.*
- Engineers without Borders: **CB**- *DB provided update*
 - The Cornell Chapter of EWB is looking for a professional mentor – *Bolivia project; water supply, treatment and distribution.*
 - Engineers with Appetites Invitation – *RSVP by March 30th. Event to be held on April 4th at the ESF campus diner. Event will be a fundraiser and will include speakers.*
- Geo-Institute: **RD’H** – *RD’H received spreadsheet with contacts from National and prepare email seeking support from the Ithaca & Syracuse Sections.*
- Golf Tournament: **LK/DP**
 - Fundraiser update (Family memberships to Utica Zoo) – *To be used as door prizes at SUNY IT joint meeting.*
 - Facebook Page? – *To be prepared by DP and/or CH.*
 - Golf Tournament Tab on Section’s website? – *To be discussed at next GC planning meeting.*
 - Planning meeting dates – *April 12th, location TBD, lunchtime*
- History & Heritage: **PR**
 - Regional Landmark Identification Update – *Currently moving forward.*
 - St. Lawrence Power and Seaway Project National Historic landmark nomination Update – *Currently working through the paperwork.*
- Membership: **MH** – *No updates at this time.*
- Nominating Committee: **BK** – *BK Chair, e-blast recently sent out seeking support from Section membership. Received response from K.Powell.*
 - Meeting date – *April 4th after work.*

- Scholarship: **TH/DB**
 - Motion to Recommend the 2013 Scholarship Award Recipients (see Tom Horth’s e-mail dated 3/12/13):
 - Jon Thomas (Clarkson)
 - Andrea Butchko (SU)
 - Alyssa Baker (SUNY Canton)
 - Nicole Babula (SUNY IT)
 - Natnapin Tangpipith (SU) – *At Large*
 - *TH made motion through email correspondence, DP seconded motion at the meeting. Aye – 7, Nay -0 – Approved*
- Younger Member: **SL**
 - *Crunch Game Recap (3/20) LB – Syracuse Crunch won the game. Not well attended event w/only two attendees from the Section. Not planning to continue this event in the future.*
 - *Gaining Employer Support for ASCE Activities webinar – Webinar to be on April 4th, SL to attend.*
- **Other Items?**
- **Board Meetings for the remainder of the year** (subject to change, outlook invite to follow):

- 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** – *Motion made by RD’H, seconded by DB, all in favor.*