
ASCE Syracuse Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - CW: March 3, 2015 at Barton & Loguidice Conference Room at 5:52pm

Attendees:

Chuck White – Pres Elect

Kelli McArdell - Director/Sec

Bill Finch

Kip Witchen – Vice Pres/Web

Brian Byres – Director

Dawn Penniman - Treasurer

Seth Livermore - Director

Approval of January's Meeting Minutes

First: BB, Second: KW

1. **Treasurer's Report (DP):** Just a reminder to utilize the tax exempt form for ASCE purchases. If you need the tax exempt form just send me an email.
2. **President's Report (CW for SG):**
 - The next board of directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, but that is St. Patrick's Day and only two weeks away from this meeting. An email will be sent to select the date of the next meeting.
 - I have been working on the Student Chapter Meetings. If anyone has any ideas or contacts I will be looking to you for help.
 - Normally the past president, Dan Borcz, would serve on the Nominating Committee to nominate the board members for the next year so I am proposing that CW, BK, and I make up the committee. There were no objections from the board.
 - The annual meeting is quickly approaching and I would like to ask Kelli and Kip if they would like to plan the event. KM: Kip and I will plan and coordinate the annual meeting.
 - We have some upcoming events and I encourage you to reach out to colleagues. Hockey Night at the Utica Aud which is Sunday, April 12th. Kelli, can you reach out to your SUNY Poly contacts. KM: Yes, I will sent the event flyer to my SUNY Poly contacts. Secondly, we have the wine tour schedule for Saturday, May 2nd. CW: I can advertise and reach out to the Ithaca Section.
 - I am looking for someone to spear-head the volunteering effort at the NYS fair. Last year we volunteering in the children's building going small projects. KM: I will coordinate the NYS fair volunteering event.
3. **New York's Infrastructure Report Card (CW):** There has been a push from National Society to produce a NYS report card. I will report back when the search for individuals to serve on the committees that will produce the report card start.
4. **PDH Event: Porous Pavements at Dinosaur BBQ (CW):** The event was successful and reviews from attendees were positive. We now have contacts at Dinosaur BBQ for future events to potentially be held there.
5. **Website/Member Database (KW):** There is now a new way for the board members to see who has registered for our events. Kip passed out the log-in information and password to the board members.

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

I have exchanged emails with the Society (Tara Hoke) and she has provided the following input:

Sent to Tara:

The Syracuse BOD is working to finalize our Bylaws and have a question. We currently have language in the Bylaws that we believe prevent an individual from serving in an elected position (i.e. as President, VP, etc.) twice, ever.

Current:

6.1.1.1 Term. The President shall serve a one (1) year term. The President shall assume the office immediately following the conclusion of a term as President-Elect. After serving one (1) full term, the President shall be ineligible to serve in the same office.

We would like to propose language that would allow an individual the opportunity to serve again as president with an appropriate lag. We have debated language such as:

6.1.1.1 Term. The President shall serve a one (1) year term. The President shall assume the office immediately following the conclusion of a term as President-Elect. After serving one (1) full term, the President shall be ineligible to serve in the same office until completing their term as Past-President and one additional consecutive election year non-service period.

We would like your input as to how we should frame the language that would allow individuals to serve multiple terms in elected positions yet forcing them to step off for a period.

Response from Tara:

Your draft language would certainly do – but if you prefer, the GDC has recently approved bylaws changes for two other Sections with similar concerns. In those cases, the language has simply said, “After serving one (1) full term, the President shall be ineligible to serve in the same office for a period of ____ year(s).”

I note that your language suggests that the President cannot run for any elected office after his/her year as Past-President; is that your intent? (That’s fine if so, but it’s definitely more restrictive than our model language.)

SG: I recommend that we follow the model that has already been approved for other sections.

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**

7. **TACNY Awards Banquet (CW) / Award Committee (CB):** Monday, March 23, 2015 is the TACNY Awards Banquet. In the past ASCE presents the Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year at this event. Craig, the head of the Awards Committee distributed a memorandum recommending the winners of the Engineer of the Year and the Project of the Year, chosen by the Awards Committee.

Motion to accept the Awards Committee’s recommendation of Project of the Year - KW, Second BB, 6-0-0, **Motion Passes**

Motion to accept the Awards Committee’s recommendation of Engineer of the Year – KW, Second DP, 6-0-0, **Motion Passes**

In the past, ASCE has purchased tickets to the TACNY banquet for the award winners and their dates. This year you can purchase a table (8 seats) at a discounted rate. I believe we should purchase a table and fill the table with the award winners and their dates and any remaining seats will be filled with ASCE members.

Motion to purchase one table (8 seats) at the 2015 TACNY banquet – CW, KW, 6-0-0, **Motion Passes**

We will coordinate who will fill the seats at a later date. DP: To advertise the awards of the Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year we should post pictures and past winners on the website. KP: I can add that to the website.

8. **Scholarship Committee (TH):** The Scholarship Committee made the following motion to the board for the 2015 Scholarship Awards. A total of 10 scholarship applications were received for this year's program; 2-SUNY Canton, 1-Clarkson, 3-SUNY Poly, 4-SU. The Scholarship Committee (Matt Millias, Aaron Falkenmeyer, Tom Horth) convened this past Friday Feb 27th to review the submissions and subsequently recommended who shall win which scholarships and determined the appropriate amounts. The scholarship committee distributed a memorandum with their recommendations.

Motion to approve the scholarship amounts and the scholarship winners as recommended by the scholarship committee – DP, BB, 6-0-0, **Motion Passes**

9. **Younger Member Committee (EH):** No report.
10. **EWB Liaison (LH):** The Professional Chapter of EWB is beginning the 90% Design Report for the Latrine Project at Las Majadas School in Guatemala. EWB's anticipated location for the latrines is no longer available, but the chapter hopes to quickly rework the intended latrine design for a new location and implement construction by late summer this year. Upcoming meetings are March 4, March 19, and April 1. The meetings are from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Buckland Community Room in the DeWitt Community Library. The SUNY-ESF Chapter of EWB is having their annual Engineers with Appetites Fundraising Dinner on April 2, 2015 at the SUNY-ESF Gateway Center. The event is the chapter's biggest fundraiser and will cost \$55 to attend. For more information, I have attached a flyer about the fundraiser.
11. **History & Heritage Committee (PR):** No report.
12. **Golf Committee (LK):** No report.
13. **Government Relations Fly-In (CW for SG):** The Fly-In is scheduled for March 24-26th. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2014. I am offering to attend this year on behalf of the Section. I live within the district of Representative Hanna who is a targeted member for building support for infrastructure funding support. I would like to see a YM participate as well if possible. [Update]: Shaun Gannon Ray Hollander and William Finch have registered to attend the Fly-In. [Update for January Meeting]: I may have a conflict on a project which will prevent me from attending. I will check with the Society if I can pass my stipend onto another Section member.
14. **Future PDH Event Planning (All):** No report.

Open Discussion:

CW: The Upstate New York Regional Student Competition is going to be held at West Point from April 16th to April 18th. EH, BF, and KW plan on attending to represent the section.

Motion to Adjourn - KW, Objection: KM

Open Discussion (cont):

KM: I send out the monthly e-blasts and we have on average 20% of the e-blasts open so we are missing the communication with 80% of our members. E-Blasts are our main communication with our members so we need to correct this. I am going to pass around a list of members who are not receiving Constant Contact emails. I think we should perform cold calls to recommend members to update their profiles with ASCE and they will then receive the informative emails.

DP: I think we should design a postcard to send to them in the mail suggesting they update their information within their ASCE profile.

KM: I will design a postcard we can send to our members.

Motion to Adjourn - KW, Objection: BB at 7:30pm