Nebraska Section January Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014, 5:00 pm

Location:
Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Omaha, NE

Attendees:
Shannon DeVivo
Joe Flaxbeard
Brandon Gardels
Ryan Hanson
John Hill
Matt Hubel
Tyler Klusaw
Ticha Rohan
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Andres Torres

1. 5:11 PM - Call to Order (Sklenar)

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Sklenar)
    Flaxbeard motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; Klusaw seconded; all in favor.

3. Previous Action Item Review
   a. Smith to contact photographer to take pictures at this year’s Truss Bustin’ Competition.
      i. Complete
      ii. Lots of pics taken at competition
      iii. Digital copies of pics available soon
   b. Torres to send out emails to all of ASCE and Board to call for comments on website.
      i. In progress
      ii. 2 responses received to date
      iii. Gopal to manage website updates
      iv. Action Item remains open
   c. Hill to meet with Gopal and train as Webmaster.
      i. Complete
      ii. Gopal will continue as Webmaster
   d. Flaxbeard to develop informational material for scholarship.
      i. In progress
      ii. Creating scholarship “Fact Sheet”
      iii. Action Item remains open
e. Sklenar to contact student members to obtain Region 7 Award nominations.
   i. In progress
   ii. Sent Nomination Forms to Student Advisors
   iii. **Action item remains open**

f. Torres to put together annual meeting information and formal invitation.
   i. In progress
   ii. Date: May 8, 2014
   iii. 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
   iv. Keynote Speaker: David Brown, CEO, Omaha Chamber of Commerce
   v. **Action item remains open**

g. Sieb to change “Outreach to All Schools/All Grades” to “Outreach to Schools” on Omaha World Herald E-Week Ad.
   i. Complete

h. Torres to contact UNO to use PKI as a venue for Truss Bustin’ Competition.
   i. Complete
   ii. (Additional) Flaxbeard and Smith to follow-up with displays.
      i. In progress
      ii. Manufacturer waiting for pics
      iii. Review mockup prior to production
      iv. **Action item remains open**

4. **Treasurer Report (Klusaw)**
   As of 01/31/2014:
   Current Liquid Assets: $96,685.39
   Current Total Assets: $130,766.41

5. **Website/Webmaster Update (Hill)**
   a. Gopal to assume Webmaster position/responsibilities.
   b. Gopal to manage website comments and updates.
   c. **Action Item:** Smith to email Younger Member Group to ask for help with the website.

6. **Scholarship Update**
   a. Names of Geotechnical scholarship recipients received.
   b. Plan to invite recipients to Annual Meeting.
   c. **Action Item:** Sklenar to obtain recipients’ contact information.
   d. **Action Item:** DeVivo to contact Dr. Dvorak about scholarship certificates and schedule for awarding Transportation scholarship.

7. **Life Member Champion**
   a. Aim to get Life Members more involved and engaged.
   b. See if current Life Member would be interested in becoming Life Member Champion.
   c. Life Members’ registration fees at monthly meetings to be paid for by ASCE.
   d. **Action Item:** Flaxbeard to draft letter to Life Members inviting them to events and asking for a Life Member Champion.
8. **Truss Bustin’ (Hill)**
   a. 2 schools in competition: Omaha North, Gross Catholic.
   b. 127 trusses in competition.
   c. One truss was broken prior to testing.
      i. Sklenar motioned to award student $50; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor.
   d. **Action Item:** Hill to obtain contact winning students’ contact information to award prizes.
   e. Ryan Hanson has volunteered to be next Truss Bustin’ Competition Chair starting in 2015.
   f. Hill expressed desire to rejuvenate interest in competition by working with teachers and awarding scholarship to winner.
   g. Hanson and Hill to discuss future direction of Truss Bustin’ and increase participation.
   h. New Truss Testing Machine
      i. Desire for new testing machine to allow expanded testing capabilities
      ii. Hill working on plans
      iii. Machine must be operational and tested by October when competition rules are issued to area schools
      iv. **Action Item:** Sklenar to contact Lincoln Northstar High School Engineering Club to see if they have interest in assisting with design/construction.

9. **LB 665 Update (Hill)**
   a. Bill Arneson gave presentation at February monthly meeting and Geotech Conference.
   b. Decision was made by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects to reject proposed changes to PE exam experience requirements.

10. **New Business**
    a. Monthly Meeting Timeframes
       i. Klusaw expressed interest in shortening meeting duration
       ii. Current meetings are scheduled to last approximately 3 hours
       iii. Proposed meeting schedule:
           
           5:30-5:45 Registration/Social Hour
           6:00-7:00 Dinner/Presentation

       iv. Possibility to hold monthly meetings and board meetings on same night
       v. Discussion on monthly meeting to be placed on next month’s board meeting agenda
    b. **Section Dues Increase**
       i. ASCE National asking if NE Section would increase dues
       ii. NE Section will not increase dues this year
    c. **Habitat for Humanity (HFH)**
       i. ASCE build date: Saturday, April 12, 2014
       ii. **Action Item:** Hill to send out email with HFH sign up info
d. ASCE Volunteer Committee  
   i. Need committee to find better ways to find volunteers and fill board positions  
   ii. Torres to lead committee  
   iii. **Action Item:** Torres to prepare document with ASCE volunteer opportunities  
   iv. **Action Item:** Klusaw to put together schedule of yearly events  

e. UNL Engineers Without Borders (EWB)  
   i. Elizabeth “Libby” Jones awarded EWB-USA Peter J. Bosscher Faculty Award for Outstanding Leadership  
   ii. Flaxbeard motioned to give $350 to UNL EWB Chapter; Torres seconded; all in favor.

11. **Old Business**  
    None.

12. **6:42 PM - Adjourn**  
    Sklenar motioned to adjourn; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor.

**Action Item Summary:**  
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