Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015, 5:30 pm

Location:
UNL, Othmer Hall, Room 106, Lincoln, NE

Attendees:
Bill Arneson
Aaron Buettner
Brent Ciecior
Joe Flaxbeard
Brandon Gardels
Ryan Hanson
Matt Hubel
Mike Sklenar
John Smith
Marie Stamm
Andres Torres

1. 5:30 PM - Call to Order (Torres)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Torres)
   Flaxbeard motioned to approve; Sklenar seconded; all in favor.

3. Grant Proposals Update (Torres)
   a. SPAG Grant: Funds for student outreach program
      i. $1,000 was requested in grant proposal
      ii. $750 grant was awarded to NE Section

4. Treasurer Update (Torres)
   a. E-Week Advertising
      i. $1,000 allocated in budget
      ii. 4 options for Omaha World Herald Ad:
         1. 1/8 page black and white
         2. 1/8 page color
         3. 1/4 page black and white
         4. 1/4 page color
      iii. 1/8 page color ad was chosen at price of $975

5. Review Action Items (Torres)
   5.1 Truss Bustin’ (Hanson)
      a. Competition to be held on 2/28 in PKI Atrium, UNO
         i. Anticipating 200 trusses
         ii. Three schools participating (Omaha North, Omaha Gross, Bellevue West)
b. Lesson Learned: Need to talk to teachers before curriculum is set in summer
c. Will need 3 or more volunteers to help with competition
   i. Request to be included in next Section email
   ii. **Action Item: Hanson to produce write-up to include in next newsletter**

5.2 LB 23 (Torres/Prost/Arneason)
a. Hearing 1/23 in Health & Human Services Committee, expected to pass
b. LB22: Immunity for volunteer engineering services
   a. Hearing 1/23, unsure if will pass
c. **Action Item: Arneson to email copy of “Bills of Interest Report” to Stamm**
d. **Action Item: Arneson to write blurb for next newsletter**
e. Arneson will be representing Nebraska Section at ASCE Legislative Fly-In

5.3 NEASCE Displays (Stamm)
a. Stamm provided print-outs of current display designs for comment and mark-up
b. **Action Item: All to provide comments to Stamm ASAP**

5.4 Finances – Audit (Klusaw/Flaxbeard)
a. **Action Item: Flaxbeard (as Pres-Elect) to provide audit by 2/17/15**

6. K-12 Outreach Efforts & School Blitz (Smith)
   a. Have 19 volunteers and 12 schools
   b. Chi Epsilon to get UNO students involved
   c. Pair students with professionals
   d. Working to get info on number of students and ages
   e. Will need volunteers to help stuff gift bags

7. Job Shadowing Proposal (Torres)
   a. Goal to get more interaction between students and professionals
   b. Torres has been discussing this idea with Dr. Linzell, UNL
   c. Flaxbeard volunteered to spearhead effort to develop program

8. PKI Industry Mixer (Torres)
   a. Goal of event to provide networking opportunities for diverse groups
   b. Held Friday of E-Week
   c. ASCE should find volunteers to attend event
   d. Flaxbeard motioned to provide $500 for event, Smith seconded, all in favor.

9. New Business and Open Discussion (All)
   a. Opportunity for NE Section to host CRYMC in 2017 (Gardels)
      i. Younger Member attendees at 2015 CRYMC would provide proposal presentation
      ii. Stamm motioned to pursue opportunity, Flaxbeard seconded, all in favor.
   b. Region 7 Awards
      i. Need nominations for the following:
         1. Outstanding Younger Member
         2. Outstanding Practitioner Advisor
         3. Outstanding Faculty Advisor
         4. Lifetime Achievement
      ii. **Action Item: All to send nominations to Torres (can submit multiple nominations)**
   c. Upcoming Meetings:
      i. 2/12/15 – Board Meeting and Geotechnical Monthly Meeting, Location and Speaker TBD
d. Dr. Linzell spoke to board to thank them for their work and to offer his assistance wherever possible

10. 6:25 PM – Adjourn

Action Item Summary:
- Hanson to produce Truss Bustin’ write-up to include in next newsletter
- Arneson to email copy of “Bills of Interest Report” to Stamm
- Arneson to write blurb for next newsletter on legislation
- All to provide comments on NEASCE displays to Stamm ASAP
- Flaxbeard to perform audit by 2/17/15
- All to send award nominations to Torres