Nebraska Section Board Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2015, 5:30 pm

Location:  
Benesch offices, 825 M Street, Lincoln, NE

Attendees:  
Aaron Buettner  
Joe Flaxbeard  
Matt Hubel  
Loras Klostermann  
Tyler Klusaw  
Tyler Kramer  
Greg Seib  
Mike Sklenar  
John Smith  
Marie Stamm  
Sam Thiele  
Andres Torres

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

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Torres)  
   a. Flaxbeard motioned to approve minutes from January and February NEASCE Board Meetings; Sklenar seconded; all in favor  
   b. Action Item: Hubel to send Stamm finalized copies for January and February minutes

3. Treasurer Update (Klusaw)  
   a. Balances as of 1/31/2015:  
      i. Checking: $59,932.73  
      ii. PayPal: $21,942.32  
   b. Audit has been sent to Society for review

4. Legislative Affairs Update (Torres)  
   a. Email was sent to Key Contacts from Society regarding LB 610 (bill to raise gas tax in Nebraska)  
   b. Action Item: Torres to have John Hill forward Society email to all members of NE Section  
   c. Bill Arneson and Ed Prost are currently attending ASCE Legislative Fly-In
5. **Job Shadow Pilot Program (Torres)**
   a. Torres has been developing ideas with Dr. Linzell, UNL
   b. Proposed plan:
      i. Spring 2015 (prior to graduation in May)
      ii. 5 students from UNL and 5 students from UNO
      iii. Students would be paired with local firm where they would shadow engineering professionals
   c. Feedback from pilot program would be gathered and a larger effort launched in the Fall of 2015
   d. **Action Item:** Flaxbeard to line up firms for shadowing
   e. **Action Item:** Flaxbeard and Smith to put together a list of questions to address during the shadowing and a list of goals of the program
   f. **Action Item:** Torres to coordinate student selections with Dr. Linzell

6. **K-12 Outreach Efforts & School Blitz (Smith)**
   a. Torres thanked Smith for his effort in making the Blitz a success
   b. Smith reported:
      i. 709 students were visited
      ii. 29 classrooms
      iii. 8 schools in Lincoln and Omaha
   c. **Action Item:** Smith to put together Newsletter article and Grant Report
   d. **Action Item:** Smith to add info to Best Practice Manual
   e. **Action Item:** Smith to coordinate development of pre-made presentations for outreach visits

7. **NEASCE Displays (Stamm)**
   a. Final revisions being implemented
   b. Stands from existing displays can be reused
   c. One new stand will be needed – if available stands are substantially different from existing stands, all new stands to be purchased
   d. **Action Item:** Buettner to make contact with sign manufacturer to determine the deliverables required to manufacture signs
   e. Smith motioned to give $50 gift card to Alissa P. for her help in developing displays; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor
   f. **Action Item:** Buettner to purchase gift card and deliver to Alissa

8. **NEASCE Annual Meeting (Flaxbeard)**
   a. Venue: The Pella at Blackstone
   b. Date: 5/19/15
   c. Speaker: Steven Rodie, Director of UNO Center for Urban Sustainability
   d. Save the date has been sent out to members

9. **Region 7 Awards (Torres)**
   a. NEASCE has nominations for Outstanding Younger Member and Outstanding Faculty/Practitioner Advisor
   b. Need nomination for Lifetime Achievement
   c. Nominations are due 4/30
   d. **Action Item:** All to send nominations to Torres
   a. Committee has been formed to determine nominations
   b. Torres to contact potential candidates starting next week

11. Additional Programming in Lincoln & Lincoln Branch (Torres)
   a. Torres presented overview of NEASCE membership and activities
      i. 750 total members:
         1. 150 students
         2. 425 in Omaha
         3. 175 in Lincoln
         4. Few in rest of state
      ii. Activities:
         1. Monthly technical meetings
         2. Conferences
         3. Younger member group
         4. Outreach to colleges and K-12 schools
   b. NEASCE events seem to be centered around Omaha
   c. Challenge to get people to travel between Omaha and Lincoln
   d. Some interest in creating a Lincoln Branch
      i. Would require setting up a board, creating budget, gaining approval from Board of Governors
      ii. Is there enough participation from Lincoln members to be sustainable?
   e. Consensus in meeting to avoid starting Lincoln Branch at this time and attempt to include Lincoln market in more Section activities
   f. Proposed effort:
      i. Incorporate video conferencing during monthly meetings
      ii. Increased Younger Member activities in Lincoln
      iii. More monthly meetings in Lincoln (November meeting)
      iv. Possible conference in Lincoln
      v. Add more Lincoln area schools to annual School Blitz
   g. Action Item: Torres to coordinate with Egger and Gardels to set up a YM event in Spring of 2015 in Lincoln

12. New Business and Open Discussion (All)
    None.

13. 7:10 PM – Adjourn
    Smith motioned; Flaxbeard seconded; all in favor.

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