

Meeting Minutes

Maine Section ASCE Board of Directors February 15, 2007 Governors South Portland, Maine

Role: Executive Board:

Peter Merfeld, President	Present
Tim Merritt, President-Elect	Present
Erik Wiberg, Vice-President	Present
Chris Taylor, Secretary	Present
Walter Fagerlund, Treasurer & Co-Editor	Present
Patti Korbet, Director & Co-Editor	Present
Ralph Nelson, Director	Present
Jeremy Bragg, NE Delegate	Absent
Scott Gorneau, NE Delegate	Absent
Bob Chaput, Past President	Present

Other Attendees:

Phil Dunn, Awards Chair
Be Schonewald, former Past-President
Jen Tooley, Younger Member Chair
Steve Ribble & Jim Manzer, on behalf of MSLA

1. Welcome
2. Board Meeting Minutes
Minutes for Jan 18, 2007 board meeting were presented. Minutes unanimously approved.
3. Treasure's Report
 - a. The board suggesting moving the Red Sox events from Special Projects to Younger Members. Walter agreed to make the change.
 - b. Treasurer's report unanimously accepted.
 - c. Walter noted that recently several expenditures have occurred without the proceeds coming in yet, such as the Red Sox event and the Technical Seminar. The checking balance is lower than usual but it is not likely that funds will need to be transferred from savings.
4. Committees
 - a. Government Relations / Legislative Task Force (Be / Jeremy)
The approved adding \$1250 in section funds to the \$3750 SPAG grant for the MBTA campaign.
Be is monitoring the A/E Legislative Task Force info. There is little to report yet, although things are starting to get going.
 - b. Membership (Bob) - No Discussion
 - c. Public Relations (Tim) - No Discussion
 - d. Program Committee
 - i. E-Week (Erik)
Erik passed around the ASCE ad that will be placed in area newspapers proposing E-Week.
 - e. Younger Members (Jen)
Red Sox tickets have been ordered. Once they arrive Jen will begin selling. The ticket face value is \$45 and the cost of the bus is about \$17 pp. plus tip. The board suggested offering the package at \$80.
Jen is beginning to organize a community service project in April through the organization Rebuilding Together. A sign up sheet was started at the dinner meeting.
The chair of the NH Younger Members group is interested in having a joint gathering in Portland to watch the Seadogs and Fishercats. The date would be either Jun 30 and 31.

On March 22 YMG will be hosting a Financial Planning seminar.

The PE review course is expected to bring about 16 to the Portland site and 16-18 to the Augusta (DOT) site.

f. Scholarship (Leslie)

There were about 14 scholarship applications that made it before the deadline. They are in the process of being judged.

g. Awards (Phil) - No discussion

h. Student Outreach (Phil)

Jeremy is working on the Westpoint Bridge web site.

i. Website (Ralph)

Some recent updates are in place; however online voting is still not functioning properly. Ralph will add a downloadable Word/RTF document that can be filled out and email or faxed.

Web traffic has been up recently, likely from people looking for the online voting.

j. Newsletter (Patti / Walter) - No discussion

k. History & Heritage (Greg) - No discussion

l. Maine DEP Task Force (Kathy) - No discussion

m. Nominating Committee (Bob)

Nominations for next year's board are being prepared and ballots will be in next month's Informant. Revised bio's should be submitted to Patti by Feb 25th.

n. Student Chapter (Eric) - No Discussion

5. Old Business

a. By-Law Change Status

Only a few votes have been received to date. An announcement to be made at dinner.

b. Region 1 Issues- No discussion

c. Diversity Committee creation

Peter nominated Jen Paul at MaineDOT to be the Chair. She has re-upped her membership and is involved with employee committees at MaineDOT that are discussing the same issue. He suggested we send a call out to the Maine Section membership to solicit committee members to join Jen (email, web site & Informant). She would plan on starting in earnest once a committee has been formed (mid-Spring). Board discussed the purpose of the committee which would essentially be to identify and try to remove obstacles that may be discouraging women and minorities from entering the field of civil engineering.

d. Maine Society of Landscape Architects

Steve Ribble provided an updated version of the proposed licensure act. Be pointed out that one paragraph that previously included many exemptions for other practices also removed language that stated a licensed architect must perform within their skills, knowledge and abilities. Steve pointed out that it is still in the rules but agreed to consider re-inserting that statement. Once the final version of the bill is prepared Peter will submit on behalf of ASCE a letter stating the we have reviewed the proposal on are not opposed to it.

6. New Business

None

7. Adjourn

Minutes prepared by Christopher Taylor, P.E., Secretary