



**Maine Section ASCE
Portland, Maine
April 26, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Peter Merfeld, Erik Wiberg, Sarah Ashley, Be Schonewald, Scott Gorneau, Tim Merritt, Jen Paul, Walter Fagerlund and Ralph Nelson

Guest: Steven Bolton, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland

1. Welcome
2. Steve Bolton gave a presentation on Habitat for Humanity. He referred to Dave Kamilla who was involved over the past years, now on the Board. There are 10 Habitat affiliates throughout the state. They need surveying and engineering support (professional services), more needs developing subdivision as it is becoming more cost effective. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland can be a conduit for statewide if ASCE would like to do a fundraiser. ASCE can promote or request volunteers with their website and newsletter. ASCE can organize a day where we help build a house. Erik suggested ASCE send a call out and collect names to share with affiliates for various needs.
3. Introduce Sarah Ashley and Jen Paul to the team. Reviewed and approved the minutes from the March meeting. Peter was filling in for Chris then as well as for today's meeting.
4. The treasurers report was approved.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Legislative Task Force – Be Schonewald.
 - Breakfast was well attended.
 - The task force is monitoring a few taxation bills.
 - Four letters were handed out. Letters have impact.
 - b. Membership – Bob Chaput.
 - Bob is following up with students at the University of Maine to stay in ASCE.
 - Jen asked about a poster for Maine DOT office. We suggested she post meeting announcements. Tim will look at kit to see what else is available.
 - c. Public Relations – Tim Merritt.
 - Plan to put Habitat info in the Informant summer issue.
 - Need to do a press release after rebuilding project next week.
 - Golf Tourney is June 15th at Springbrook in Leeds. We need sponsors.

- Rebuilding – Changed house for Saturday.
 - Be is walking for My Wonderful Dog MS Walk and is accepting pledges.
 - Scott G., Tim M., Kevin McKee, Jacob Bordeau (potential member) competed in the Maine Handicap Ski-Athon last weekend (ASCE team).
- d. Program Committee – Erik.
- Best Ball golf outing at Bangor Municipal Golf Course.
 - DOT has agreed to host a tour at the bridge in the afternoon. We are still working on timing and buses. We will probably have buses leave at 12 noon from the Muddy Rudder in Brewer.
 - Bruce VanNote will make presentations. Figg Engineering will provide exhibits and principal in charge will attend.
 - Looking for sponsors. Figg, Cianbro, Reed & Reed and DOT will be thanked at the meeting and on the website.
- e. Younger Members - Jen
- Red Sox tickets are still available.
- f. Awards – Jen Tooley and Phil Dunn.
- g. School Age Outreach – Jeremy.
- West Point Bridge Design Competition (K-12) – good participation. Announce winners at the May meeting.
- h. Website – Ralph. Website looks good.
- Adding “Section Members on National Committees” to the website.
- i. Newsletter – Patti/Walter.
- Walter suggested new editors for next year are a possibility.
- j. History & Heritage – Greg. Ralph call Greg Blake.
- k. Maine DEP Task Force – report was emailed. Peter will forward to Ralph.
- l. Nominating Committee – Bob. Waiting for ballots.
- m. Student Chapter – Eric. Good meeting last week.
- n. Diversity Committee – Jen. Jen reported activities at Maine DOT and her plans going forward.
6. Old Business
- a. Yes on the deadline of May 17th for the drawing of 3 gift certificates.
7. New Business
- a. Peter shared info on Dana Humphrey and recognized past activities, leadership and mentoring at Maine ASCE. Board voted yes 5-0 to send

letter out. Peter will share the letter with the team before mailing and Tim will sign.