

**Maine Section ASCE
March Board Meeting
March 26, 2008
Stantec
Scarborough, Maine**

Role: Executive Board:

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| Tim Merritt, President | Present |
| Erik Wiberg, President Elect | Present |
| Chris Taylor, Vice-President | Present |
| Walter Fagerlund, Secretary | Present |
| Ralph Nelson, Treasurer | Present |
| Patti Korbet, 2 nd Year Director | Present (Phone) |
| Sarah Ashley, 1 st Year Director | Present (Phone) |
| Scott Gorneau, NE Delegate | Present |

Other Attendees:

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| Lauren Swett, Newsletter Co-editor | Present |
| Peter Merfeld, Past President & Membership | Present |
| Be Schonewald, Past President | Present |
| Teresa Patten, Diversity Committee | Present |

Minutes:

1. **Approve February Board Meeting Minutes. (Walter)** Minutes approved, Peter, Erik
2. **Review/approve Treasurer's Report (Ralph)**
 - a. Tech Seminar receipts. Do we need to refund any student sponsorships????
 - No refunds required, money to be used for Student Chapter, Student Outreach or similar expenses. Money will be parked under Student Chapter until use is determined.
 - Tech Seminar profit about \$7000 (\$4000 budgeted)
 - Monthly meeting budget on track
3. Maine Section/Region 1/National events calendar (Tim)
 - a. **Maine Handicap Ski-a-thon – March 29th, last opportunity for donations**
 - b. **EOY, YEOY, & Citizen Award nomination deadline – April 1st**
 - i. Still need YEOY, nominations have been received for the others
 - c. **Spring Region 1 Assembly/NEC mtg; April 4-6 @ Springfield – hotel reserve. by March 4th**
 - i. Need someone to go
 - d. Rebuilding Together – May 3rd (Saturday)
 - i. More to come later.
 - e. Web page award deadline – June 1; Ralph emailed Nancy Berson
4. Committees
 - a. Government Relations / Legislative Task Force (Be/Peter/Phil / Jeremy)
 - Legislative Fly-In; DC, March 5-6; Phil and Walter report
Walter provided verbal report, written report to follow
 - Any news yet from A/E Task Force on proposed bills?

- Public hearing this week on Resolve 46 Draft Proposal; building code changes

b. Program Committee (Chris, Erik, Patti)

i. Monthly meetings (Chris):

Apr 16: Student Chapter led meeting; Dr. Dana Humphrey & ASCE Executive Director, Pat Natale
Sea Dog in Bangor

- Lauren to send a flyer to Ralph for advertising
- Dan will speak on role of engineer in the economy

May 15: Annual Meeting

Location TBD, YM helping Chris; discuss meeting format changes/ideas/program

- Dinner at Old Mariner's Church
 - Buffet, \$30 per person
- Tour of Ocean Gateway
- Order of Engineer ceremony TBD based on interest
- Trivia Contest?
- Awards
- Officer Induction
- Life Members
- Golf?

Membership survey RE: meetings.

- **Locations, times, cost, topics, etc.**
 1. Ralph and Chris to look into available services for online surveys, Board authorizes up to \$100 to fund it
 2. Board to review the questions and get back.

ii. Special Programs – Jeremy mentioned trying to do another seminar with SEAM like Blodgett's Welding seminar. SEAM has plans to do a NDS timber design seminar, we had initial talks at Jan joint meeting.

c. Infrastructure Report Card (Peter)

Progress is being made though slow. Presentation Peter made a seminar resulted in 4 new people- 2 for schools and possibly one for wastewater. Parks & rec is covered now as well. He will follow up on these and still looking for **trains/transit**. He has seen an outline for aviation from Dave Dargie and have participated in a draft for Roads with Steve Sawyer. He is confident on strategy for release and will coordinate/strategize with John O'Dea who has some great ideas (At AGC and a former State Senator).

- Draft by Mid-May 2008

d. Nominating (Peter)

Peter submitted a full ballot in February (no changes or new additions- should be final).

e. Membership (Peter)

Peter has updated Powerpoint presentation for use by anyone that discusses membership in ASCE and what the Section is all about. If anyone wants it let him know and he will forward. He plans to use at a pizza luncheon sponsored by Maine Section at MaineDOT on April 25th (Jen Paul is the "Champion" at DOT). He has not done anything regarding U.Maine graduates (gifts) except call Pam Oakes who will send him a list of graduates when it is ready so we can send the gift and a reminder about joining ASCE. The gift will be a \$10 gift card. If we plan right we (though Peter will not be there) can hand out at April student chapter meeting?

Peter is looking at March list of members and reviewing who has not paid and at some point we might discuss sending a mailing out to those who are dropping (this will require some effort though).

- Also include free dinner meeting if student attends a meeting.

f. Public Relations (Erik)

- **Develop E-week piece for Section Informant, requested by Region 1 BOG??**
- Focus on reporter database and Report Card PR.
- Join Maine Public Promotion Council and subscribe to MaineBusiness.com????
- Rebuilding Together event on May 3rd. **Raise money??? Give more than \$500????**
 - \$500 additional funding approved
- Peter's proposal for funding a permanent historic landmarks display at the Children's Discovery Museum on Water St in Augusta. The display will consist of a 15foot by 8 foot high wall behind plexiglass –using the pictures and descriptions from the brochure. We can have brochures there as well for the taking. The key piece will be a scale model of a covered bridge (4 ft wide, 4 ft high by 15 ft long) that covers the stairwell. I am trying to get folks at CPM who have built 3 covered bridges for DOT in last 5 years to assist with design and material selection. As total budget will be close to a \$1000 for lumber and plexiglass (I will provide labor and will require others to assist), as much as **ASCE can provide for the display will be greatly appreciated.**
 - \$500 funding approved

g. Student Outreach/West Point (Jeremy)

- **West Point sponsors been contacted?????**
 - Sponsors have started coming in
- **Engineers in Classrooms update**
 - Working on database of teachers, guidance counselors

h. Student Chapter (Eric/Lynn)

- Order of the Engineer ceremony on March 25th. Turn-out
- April joint meeting

i. Younger Members (Jen/Lynn/Lauren)

- Recent and upcoming events?
- Go-karting in Portland, Wed. April 9th
- Comedy night – potential but costly
- Canoe trip

j. Awards (Phil)

- Nominations??? Brainstorm potential nominees; plant seeds.
 - EOY submissions (1-2 received?)
 - YEOY – still need
 - Citizen – some potential nominations
 - Deadline to be extended to April 15

k. Newsletter (Lynn/Lauren)

- **3/20 deadline for April Informant submission.**
 - Lauren to add Rebuilding Together, Report Card, Museum

l. Web page (Ralph)

- Submitted for web award. Do we need to do any updating before judging?
- Upload Tech Seminar presentations as pdf's, except I-35W bridge.

m. History & Heritage (Greg)

- **Status of dam applicataions? Wyman Dam? Bangor water tower?**
- Landmarks poster for children's museum.

- Need to find co-chair for Greg to better progress potential Landmark applications
- n. Maine DEP Task Force (Kathy K/Dave K)
- o. Scholarship (Leslie)
Scholarship winners????
- n. Diversity (Jen)
 - New Chair Teresa Patten
- 5. Old Business
 - o Member Survey???
- 6. New Business –
 - **Region 1 grant program?????**