

**Maine Section ASCE**  
**March Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2008**  
**Sea Dog**  
**Bangor, Maine**

ATTENDEES: Tim Merritt, Walter Fagerlund, Jen Tooley, Scott Gorneau, Bob Chaput, Sarah Mosley, Erik Wiberg, Pat Natale (ASCE National), Student chapter Representatives

MINUTES:

1. 4PM start; Welcome Pat Natale and student chapter officers, introductions.
  2. Approve March Board Meeting Minutes. (Walter) – **Approved via email and present officers.**
  3. **Review/approve Treasurer's Report (Tim in Ralph's absence)**
    - a. No update on Transportation Conference receipts from MBTA
    - b. West Point Bridge sponsorships???
    - c. Student chapter disbursements.
    - d. Nationals paying for MDOT membership pizza party
    - e. \$500 to Augusta Children's Museum
    - f. Holding off on Rebuilding Together disbursement until we know what we need to match from member firms.
    - g. Move \$3500 MEPC sponsorship and one E-week newspaper ad from #80 to #96 (SPAG disbursement).
    - h. Peter only using \$625 for Membership out of committee expenses item, leaves \$375.
  4. Maine Section/Region 1/National events calendar (Tim)
    - a. **Spring Region 1 Assembly/NEC mtg; April 4-6 @ Springfield – summary**
      - i. **Tim passed on summary from VT Section**
    - b. Rebuilding Together – May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday); need volunteers to sign up ASAP
  5. Committees
    - a. **Government Relations / Legislative Task Force (Be/Peter/Phil / Jeremy) – Walter briefly summarized the Legislative Fly-in and discussed the results with Pat**
      - Legislative session coming to an end
      - Governor signed a bill for additional bridge funding (see MBTA's web page)
      - Update on state building code bill, energy code (fire code) portion was threatening passage
    - b. Program Committee (Chris, Erik, Patti)
      - i. Monthly meetings (Chris):
- Membership survey RE: meetings. – Tim announced the survey was available online**
- **Chris has uploaded online, Tim announce tonight/put in May Informant.**
- c. Student Chapter (Eric/Lynn) - Students provided update on canoe and steel bridge
    - **Concrete canoe update – Concrete canoe is having a successful year of fundraising, particularly through a silent auction. As a result, they believe they have covered their costs for regional competition.**
    - **Steel bridge update – Steel bridge is having somewhat of a rebuilding year and is re-using the bridge from last year to compete.**
    - **Tim presented checks to the student chapter in accordance with allocated funding**
    - **Brown bag speakers?**

- Other student chapter news?
- d. Younger Members (Jen/Lynn/Lauren) – Jen provided status upcoming events
- Recent and upcoming events?
  - Go-karting in Portland, turnout?
  - PE review class conclusion
  - Rebuilding Together involvement??
- e. Awards (Phil) - Phil to send out letters to award recipients
- All 3 awards have qualified nominations, EOY & YEOY have been selected, still voting on Citizen Engineer.
- f. Newsletter (Lynn/Lauren)
- **4/20 deadline for May Informant submission. Need filler material??**
  - **May mtg announcement/program incl golf outing**
- g. Scholarship (Leslie) – Leslie provided a letter summarizing the results of the award process  
Judging done, see her letter. 2 winners are Catherine Joseph and Prentiss Swett
6. Old Business
7. New Business

Erik Wiberg gave a summary of a recent article highlighting the Maine Section's work with MEPC and Engineer's Week, including recent public relations efforts with commercials, etc. This provided great exposure for the Section and generated inquiries from Sections around the country.

Pat Natale – Presented ASCE National effort associated with Report Card, media coverage during infrastructure events. He encouraged engineers to remember the importance of their role in the overall "quality of life" for their communities.