



**Maine Section ASCE
March Board Meeting Minutes
15 April 2009, 5:00PM-6:30PM at HDR – DTA offices, Portland, Maine**

ATTENDING:

Erik Wiberg
Kevin Merrill
Lauren Swett
Ralph Nelson
Scott Gorneau
Tim Merritt
Will Haskell
Walter Fagerlund
Sarah Ashley (phone)

AGENDA:

1. 5pm start; Welcome any guests, introductions
2. Review, modify, and approve agenda.
3. Approve 18 March 2009 Meeting Minutes. (Ralph) Approved minutes.
4. Review/approve 18 March 2009 Treasurer's Report (Ralph)
Tabled the treasurer's report until Ralph sends out a PDF for an email vote.
5. Student Chapter Judging (Kevin)
 - Section judges for 16 April 2009 in Orono The meeting is in Wells common for the judging and meeting with the student chapter. Tom is going to meet the Section with all the equipment required for the judging. Prizes will be awarded; where first is \$500, second \$250 and third is \$100. As an update the Steel Bridge contest was last weekend. The concrete canoe race is this coming weekend.
6. President- Elect Blaine Leonard Visit (Erik)
 - The Pres-Elect is doing a New England Tour and arrives evening of 29 April 2009, Staying at Holiday Inn by the Bay. Erik will pick him up at the airport, and is looking for some of the leadership to be there.
 - Breakfast of 30 April 2009; Erik, Be, Scott, Lauren , Walter and possibly Tim are planning on attending. Erik will send out a confirming email.



7. YMG/NEC Report of Albany meeting of 03-05 March 2009 (Lynn, Jennifer)

- a) NEC – Lauren reported that she chaired the meeting. Started with a round-table discussion and then discussed expanding the benefit of the NEC. Discussed working a little more at communications and distribution of issues. Possibility to bring all the sections together as a group for an activity like a project visit or other.

Prepared one resolution regarding the national database, stating that they believe there are issues with the database and to keep the sections involved in the solution. NEC decided to endorse M.Gouda for the 2009 president-elect election. Andy Hermann acknowledged that he will be running for president elect for the 2010 election. There was one open governor position, which Shawn Kelley has accepted, and one open elected position for next year.

- b) Lauren suggested that the Maine Section consider reaching out to a higher profile.

Vermont nominated two fellows the past year, and Lauren suggested that we consider looking for candidates. Lauren mentioned that one of the requirements is that two fellows must nominate a candidate, and suggested that it was something to move toward.

A number of sections are having some milestone anniversaries, and Lauren noted that 2010 is our 60th anniversary.

Lauren reported that *Supplemental Grants* are available through ASCE Geographic Services, Nancy Berson. Vermont recently received a \$3,000 grant to take students skiing.

NEC discussed the possibility of NEC reimbursement of delegates; requiring increase assessments of appx \$750 to the NEC.

Next NEC meeting is in Providence.

- c) Younger Member. Preparing to sell the Red Sox tickets.

YMG have some ideas for the annual meeting. Perhaps a movie/video running like Andy Hermann used at the meeting. Perhaps have some of the National Report card to distribute.

8. Section Endorsement of Aviation Part (Lifeflight) of Governor's Bond Package

- Review of information. Motion to endorse package. All in favor. Erik will send an email to Chris.

9. A/E (ASCE) Golf Tournament (Travis Noyes)

- Discussion of status.
- Discussion of possible name change for the tournament.
- Richard Kane has also volunteered to help in southern Maine.

10. ASCE Headquarters Orientation - 12 or 19 October 2009

- Section will need to pick up costs for attendance.
- Erik will inform Nancy that no-one from Maine will be there.

11. Annual Meeting (Walter Fagerlund)

- Walter reported that the rooms are booked at Hollywood Slots and the tour with the Cianbro facility in Brewer.
- YM is still planning on a trivia contest based on section activities and some activities for spouses. Raffle two Red Sox ticket.
- Walter is planning on raffling off a Holiday Slot hotel room.
- Walter is going to explore a gift card with the slot room.

12. Life Members.

Tim presented the draft of the life member award letter.

13. Awards

The three awards do not have many applications for the awards; just one each so far. Erik mentioned that Phil Dunn was going to send out a tickler to remind people about the upcoming schedule. Action needs to be taken by the end of next week to select and approve award recipients and order the plaques in a timely fashion for the annual meeting.

14. History & Heritage

Will Haskell presented a summary of the status of his letter to National and the update

- Citation Application to the National history and heritage committee
- Brochure – Update and Printing Status. The Maine Tourism association reports that we have appx 1,900 of our existing brochure remaining.
- We will need to make another payment to the Maine Tourism.

15. Jennifer Turner Housing – Extreme Makeover Coalition Meeting on 18 or 19 April 2009

16. Adjourn