

**Maine Section ASCE
Board Meeting
September 17, 2009
Verillo's
Portland, Maine**

Role: Executive Board:

Chris Taylor, President	Present
Walter Fagerlund, President Elect	Absent
Ralph Nelson, Vice President	Present
Will Haskell, Secretary	Present
Sarah Ashley, Treasurer	Absent
W. Scott Gorneau, 2 nd Year Director	Absent
Lauren Swett, 1 st Year Director	Present
Jennifer Tooley, 2 nd Year NE Delegate	Absent
Ellen O'Brien, 1 st Year NE Delegate	Present
Erik Wiberg, Past President	Present

Other Attendees:

Peter Merfeld, Past President	Present
Be Schonewald, Past President	Present
Kevin Merrill, Student Chapter	Present

Minutes:

1. Welcome
2. Approve August Board Meeting Minutes (Walter)
 - Motion to approve by Ellen, second by Erik, unanimously approved.
 - April meeting minutes are still outstanding
3. Treasurer's Report (Sarah)
 - Motion to table by Erik, second by Ellen, unanimously approved.
 - October 1 is beginning of new fiscal year.
 - Annual report due in November
4. Committees
 - a. Program Committee (Ralph)
 - i. Monthly Meetings
 - Tentative schedule of meetings and locations
 - tonight – 38 people registered
 - October – Tabor II panel/speakers, venue in Portland; possible joint meeting with MBTA
 - November – Topic - revised stormwater rules with Don Witherall from Maine DEP; venue – shift venue from Maple Hill B&B in Hallowell to Sea Dog in Bangor.
 - December – no regular monthly meeting; transportation conference
 - ii. Technical Seminar (Scott)
 - Reservations were made for March 18, 2010 at Ramada Inn in Lewiston
 - Theme - Water (stormwater, sanitary water, drainage, groundwater, social and political implications)
 - Looking for ideas for speakers
 - b. Younger Members (Jen/Lauren)
 - Amended YM Bylaws
 - Discussion on draft revisions to section bylaws to recognize the amended YM bylaws. Changes need to be approved by Section and National. Lauren to check with National on format of changes. Board

to approve by e-vote after Lauren makes changes and distributes. National typically meets in October and April.

- Lauren to check constitution regarding approval of changes
- Canoe trip was canceled due to low registration and rain
- Seadogs and Red Sox games went well
- Planning some fall event

c. Legislative Affairs (Be / Walter / Peter)

- Joined coalition against TABOR II / Excise tax.
- Received one letter opposing our decision – to be included in next Informant
- Chris to provide brief statement that Board welcomes comments from the membership and an explanation why the Board voted to join the coalition.
- Idea for October meeting would be pro/con panel or speakers on TABOR II debate. Best location would be in Augusta or Portland.

d. History & Heritage (Greg / Will)

- SPAG application for Exhibit to honor John Stevens at West Gardiner service plaza
- Katahdin Iron Works – limited relevance to civil engineering, decided not to pursue at this time
- Ellsworth Dam – have not received authorization from the owner
- Memorial Bridge in Kittery – possible joint application with NH Section. Will has made preliminary contact with NH Section and they are interested.
- Be suggested looking into the Portland Pipeline Pier. She thought this was once the deepest draft pier on the east coast. Will to look into.

e. Maine DEP Task Force (John / Kathy)

- Task force meeting schedule – no update

f. Student Chapter (Kevin)

- Update display case with ASCE awards
- Engineering job fair in October 21. Trying to set up low key CiE 1000 session afterwards with employers. Try to get Dana and Eric to participate
- Students looking for lunchtime meeting presenters. Kevin to send out an email to Board members.

g. Transportation & Development Institute status (Peter)

- No updates

h. Engineers Without Borders (Kathy) – establishing a chapter in Maine.

- Kathy would like to make a brief presentation at a monthly meeting. Could possibly do a full presentation at a meeting if desired. Would like to get a chapter started in Maine

5. Other Business

a. MBTA application submitted

b. Moving day for Children's Discovery Center is Saturday, December 17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Conference planning is shaping up. Peter & Chris participated with technical agenda planning committee and at conference planning committee meetings.

Report Card: This summer Peter participated in a task force on State & Local Report Cards as part of the America's Report Card on Infrastructure committee. We updated the guidance from Nationals and process required of state and local chapters who plan to pursue a local report card.

Informant: Please try to meet the deadline for the 20th of the month for your entries! The next issue will have to go out early to provide enough time for RSVP for the October meeting. If you have any articles or suggestions for content, please pass them along.

Younger Members: We are still waiting to hear back from Nationals with regard to the 2011 ERYMC. The plan is to have the YM bylaws on the agenda for a vote at an upcoming fall meeting.

The YM Red Sox game worked out on the second try. Many ticket holders were able to come back or find someone to take their tickets for the rain rescheduled game. The PE review course is ongoing with 6 attendees. *"the re-scheduled game on Sunday, September 13 (Friday Sept 11 was a wash out) was one of the best games I have ever seen. Perfect weather, a classic pitching duo, home run to win it in front of us and a classic save performance from Jonathan Papelbon. Thanks to Jen and the Younger members for setting up again!"* – Peter

Scholarships: In the process of mailing out the application to all high schools.

Maine Engineers Week: Will be from 21-27 February 2010 with the Expo at the University of Maine Field House on Saturday 27 February 2010. The Expo will be preceded by the Engineers Week Banquet on Friday 26 February 2010 in the Bangor/Orono Area. The Maine Engineering Promotion Council will be mailing out fund raising solicitations in the next week or two.

Membership Committee: Near the end of October I will contact Pamela Oaks at UMaine to prepare an ASCE Membership mailer and Maine Section congratulations to fall semester, graduating civil engineering students.

School Age Outreach: the Children's Discovery Museum is moving locations in Augusta. They have been downtown on water street for over 15 years and are moving to new space in the Shaws Plaza on Western Avenue sometime this fall. They just signed the lease. We will be asking ASCE membership to come and help with painting, moving, carpentry, sign installation, etc... likely last few weeks of October and first few weeks of November. I plan to submit a SPAG as well for museum support again.