

**Maine Section ASCE
Board Meeting
October 22, 2009
Wyndham
South Portland, Maine**

Role: Executive Board:

Chris Taylor, President	Present
Walter Fagerlund, President Elect	Present
Ralph Nelson, Vice President	Absent
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
Jeremy Bragg, School Age Outreach Chair	Present
Kevin Merrill, Student Chapter Advisor	Present

Minutes:

1. Welcome
2. Approve September Board Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Ellen, second by Lauren, unanimously approved
3. Treasurer's Report (Sarah)
 - Motion to approve by Lauren, second by Erik, unanimously approved
4. Committees
 - a. Program Committee (Ralph)
 - i. Monthly Meetings
 - Tentative schedule of meetings and locations has been set
 - Ralph has requested some help. Jeremy Bragg will call him to discuss
 - November 19 meeting in Bangor. Presentation is on Maine DEP Stormwater Rules
 - 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
 - Discussed including a "save the date" advertisement in December 2009 Informant
 - Erik Wiberg suggested a Technical Seminar committee meeting in November. Scott to coordinate.
 - b. Younger Members (Jen/ Lauren)
 - Upcoming event ideas

- tickets for Red Claw basketball game
- social event in late Nov or early Dec
- Lauren going to ASCE national conference next week
- Nate Cote and Jen going to YM council in Atlanta. Jen will be business chair
- February 2011 looks like YM Council meeting will be in Portland (co-hosting this with NH Section)

c. New England Council/Region 1 Assembly report (Lauren & Ellen)

- Ellen sent out meeting minutes
- Ideas for membership participation
 - VT held a ski meeting
 - NH lunch time webinars
- Would be helpful to have delegates with some history of the Section going to the meeting, such as a past president or other board member with more knowledge of Section history.
- Several governor positions (elected and appointed) coming open. Current NE governor is Billy Cunningham from CT
- General consensus is Maine Section is doing a good job, especially when compared to Sections of similar size.
- Tax filing changes

d. Legislative Affairs (Be / Walter / Peter)

- TABOR II / Excise tax letter (Walter)
 - One page summary to membership discussing three significant ballot items
- MBTA would like to know if ASCE Maine Section would support the Transportation Bond. We have in the past.
 - Motion to support by Ellen, second by Walter, approved unanimously

e. History & Heritage (Will)

- Brochure update & reprinting
- Will Haskell to work with Mike Moreau on updating and reprinting the current brochure
- Peter Merfeld submitted SPAG for John Calvin Stevens display at MTA service center in Gardiner

f. Student Chapter Update (Kevin)

- Summarize topics from the semester kickoff meeting. Looks like they have plenty of members and ideas!
- Lunch time speakers set for fall
- There are currently 53 student members
- Mentoring program – upper classmen mentoring freshmen and sophomores
- Food drive community service
- Recap the Job Fair Social (CIE 1000 “Special Edition”).
- Students were wondering if any help will be needed at the November ASCE Meeting.
- Interested in job shadow with engineering companies. Lynn has list of firms that do this.
- Display case has been cleaned up and updated with more current awards, etc.
- Students willing to help out with registration for November meeting

5. Other Business

- a. Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders. Will and Kevin to attend. Registration Due Oct 31.
- b. Eastern Regional Younger Member Council. Jen Tooley & Nate Cote to attend.
- c. Revised Annual Report
 - Chris, Will and Sarah to work on paperwork.
- d. 2009 Outstanding Section and Branch Award. Due Oct 30.
 - Chris to complete.
 - Use government relations and public services award applications for information.

- e. Concrete canoe
 - Student chapter request for funding
 - Monetary gift usually given at the November meeting, including \$500 for concrete canoe, \$500 for steel bridge, and \$1500 for department
- f. Maine Engineering Promotion Council (MEPC)
 - Motion to reallocate \$1,000 from outreach e-week budget to the Children' Discovery Museum by Erik, second by Lauren, unanimously approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

History & Heritage:

- Memorial Bridge (Kittery to Portsmouth) – Jim Spaulding from the NH Section has contacted NHDOT and introduced the idea of designating this structure as a historic civil engineering landmark. Will is working on getting in contact with the right person at Maine DOT. No response yet.
- Need to decide if we want to expand our Historic Landmark brochure. I would suggest moving more towards a booklet format that would allow for unlimited expansion as necessary.

Transportation Conference: Peter made contact with Admiral Dave Nash and provided contact info to Marie/Dale/Conrad (keynote at dinner).

Informant: Keep the material coming. The November issue will come out on October 28.

Younger Members: We don't have any activities planned, but will be working on events for the holiday season. We've officially heard word that the 2011 ERYMC will be in Portland at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, and Jen Tooley will be serving as co-chair of this meeting with Jeff Bjrz from the New Hampshire Section. Jen and Nate Cote will be attending the 2010 ERYMC in Atlanta in February. Lauren will be attending the Younger Members Leadership Symposium at the Annual Conference in Kansas City next week.

Scholarships: All high schools in Maine have been sent the scholarship announcement and application.

School Age Outreach: Children's Discovery Museum: Good progress this weekend. 6 ASCE volunteers. Planning on same level this Saturday.