

**Maine Section ASCE Board Meeting**  
**February 18, 2010**  
**Clarion, Portland, Maine**

**Role:** Executive Board:

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

Other Attendees:

Kevin Merrill	Present
Tim Merrill	Present – arrived late

**Minutes:**

1. Welcome
2. Approve January Board Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve by Sarah, second by Lauren, unanimously approved
3. Treasurer's Report (Sarah)
  - Recovery of savings account funds in process. What should we do with the money? No clear idea or direction was defined
  - Cash flow spreadsheet is functioning again.
  - National tax spreadsheet is being filled out. National has requested and received an extension from the IRS.
  - Motion to purchase QuickBooks by Will, second by Ralph, unanimously approved.
  - Motion to accept treasurer's report by Lauren, second by Erik, unanimously approved.
4. Committees
  - a. Program Committee (Ralph)
    - i. Monthly Meetings
      - Tonight – 46 people signed up, cost of dinner is higher than anticipated, so there will be +/- \$300 loss tonight
      - March: Technical Seminar
      - April: Student meeting in Bangor/Orono. Topic will be Energy in Maine and Ralph noted that Governor Baldacci has agreed to attend but has not committed. Governor would be lead presenter, but need a plan B if he cannot attend. Ideas for plan B include, Chet Rock or Habib. Kevin and Walter to find out what the student agenda is and to push for having the program on the campus rather than at the Sea Dog.
      - May: Annual Meeting – venue in Portland.
    - ii. Technical Seminar update (Scott)
      - Thursday, March 18 - Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Reservation is confirmed.
      - Theme - Water (stormwater, sanitary water, drainage, groundwater, social and political implications)

- Keynote speaker is Joe Manous from Army Corps
- No sponsorships yet
- Scott to contact Don Witherill at Maine DEP regarding a presentation on the proposed Chapter 500 Stormwater Rule changes.

b. Outreach (Will).

- Rebuilding Together event has been cancel for 2010. Board will hopefully regroup for 2011.
- Response from National discouraged sponsoring “Rebuilding Together” type project due to liability concerns.
- Other options include Habitat for Humanity or something completely different, such as volunteering at the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. Habitat Greater Portland is booked on every Saturday through July 2010. Will to contact other Habitat Chapters to see if they have opportunities.
- Engineers Without Borders – The Maine Chapter has been formed. Will attended the first meeting on 2/10 with about 12 people attending. This looks like a great group and Will volunteers to be the unofficial liaison between our two groups to see if we can help each other out.

c. PR Committee (Walter)

- Legislative Fly-In will take place March 23-25, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Scott Gorneau, Ellen O’Brien, Walter Fagerlund, Greg Blake to attend. Three sponsorships received.
- Preparations underway for Fly-in, including planned coordination with sister organizations
- Maine Section Ads were taken out in Bangor Daily News and Portland Press Herald for eWeek
- eWeek sponsorship submitted
- Plan on going to Silver level sponsorship for next year for Engineers Week. Send check for additional \$1,000 to MEPSE.

d. History & Heritage (Will)

- Will to check with Mike Moreau on status of brochure printing.
- Article for March Informant on a Maine engineer.

5. Other Business

a. eWeek: Feb 27 at the UMaine fieldhouse in Orono.

- Jeremy is planning to setup the booth but needs a backup in case his childcare falls through. Looking for volunteers to assist throughout the day at Maine Section booth.

b. Bridge Design Lecture with Architalx – we have agreed to co-sponsor this talk.

- March 30 at USM. Planning meeting next week. Would be good if we could set up the display. Chris will check.

c. Women Unlimited trade show (Scott / Sarah) – table at the fair and ads in promotional material. Attended by over 200 people last year. Could be a good opportunity for diversity.

- Table is \$125. Fund it out of PR budget. 1/8 page ad. Flyer for event in the Informant. Sarah to follow up and will ask if they will sponsor the Tech Seminar. Lauren to check into getting promotional materials from National. Event is scheduled for March 19-20. We will get a table for the career fair on March 19.

d. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1950): Looking for ideas to celebrate, promote the Section.

- One life member for this year
- No specific proposals or ideas were put forth.

e. Lauren submitted nomination for Region 1 Governor. Application is accepted – starts in October

f. Region 1 Assembly meeting in Albany, April 17-18. NE Delegates typically attend this meeting.

g. Regional Leadership Meeting and Younger Members conference in Atlanta did go on despite difficult travel conditions in the northeast. No one from New England made it due to flight cancellations.

h. Craig Coolidge and Francis Mackell have indicated a desire to get involved with the Maine Section Board.

i. Status of Maine DEP Task Force? Maine Section representatives have not been able to determine when the meetings occur.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Nominating Committee:** The committee has chosen and obtained the consent of Nate Cote of S.W. Cole Engineering to join the Section Board as N.E. Delegate (Year 1) for 2010/2011. For the 2010/2011 board, Sarah Ashley would remain as Section Treasurer, Scott Gorneau would move up to Secretary, and all others would move up one position.