

**Iowa Section ASCE  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2010, 12pm-3pm  
Conference Call**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Roll Call – Mandi Aldrich

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Tom Lisi Jon Garton Steve De Vries Roger Schletzbaum-arrived @ 12:30 Mandi Aldrich Marlee Walton Gary Reed	Jenifer Croat Bryce Johnson Mike Vander Wert Dave Claman Lyle Brehm	

- b. Approval of January 27, 2010 Minutes: Motion to approve (Marlee), second (Gary) and approved.
    - c. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve (Gary), second (Marlee) and approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – Tom Lisi
  - a. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Not able to generate the report for this meeting. Will present it at the next Board meeting.
  - b. Section Tax Report update
    - i. Spoke with the Society's Representative. This year we were just under the wire for the short form. The Society will take care of the paperwork but it will have to be revisited next year to see where things stand.
3. Newsletter & Website Report – Jon Garton
  - a. Newsletter
    - i. Received several articles. Will work to get the newsletter published in the next week or two.
    - ii. Gary will do a write up on the ISU joint meeting. Does anyone have photos?
    - iii. Jon will try to get something written on the Governor's proposal to divert funds from the Road Use Tax Fund.
  - b. Website
    - i. New website is up and running. Let Jon know if there are any comments about the set up.
    - ii. Jon will get the Road Use Tax Fund letters on the site.
    - iii. Events are up to date.
    - iv. Jon is getting Jen's emails.

4. Membership Report – Steve DeVries
  - a. There are 4 new life members this year. They will be presented with a certificate at the Annual Meeting.
  - b. 90 members still have not paid 2010 dues.
  
5. Annual Meeting Report – Bryce Johnson
  - a. Bryce has spoken with Alicia Karwoski at ASCE National about coming to the Iowa Section Conference to deliver her presentation on Generational Differences. They aren't usually asked to do this so she needs to check with her supervisor to see how this type of thing would work. Her supervisor is Jim O'Brien who also happens to be the person that visited with us at the hotel after the Joint Meeting last month. Jim will be in the office this week so I expect to hear from back from her soon.
  - b. Bryce has contacted Bobb Stokes, the Society Regional director, regarding the date of the conference and golf outing so he can get it on his calendar. I've heard back from him and he plans to attend. I will forward the official information to him about the conference and hotel when it's ready. I will also coordinate with him when it gets a little closer and see if we can take him out to dinner or something if he is there early enough the night before.
  
6. YMG and Student Chapter Activities – Gary Reed
  - a. Summary of Joint meeting in Ames
    - i. 58 total attendees for buffet dinner
    - ii. Total cost = \$ 1,491.19
  - b. Joint Meeting in Iowa City
    - i. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 21, 2010
    - ii. The UI Student Chapter and EIYMG are looking at two options:
      1. Kinnick Stadium
        - a. Room cost is \$800
        - b. Catering would be needed
      2. Campus Recreation and Wellness Center
        - a. Close to engineering bldg., Union and Sheraton
    - iii. Proposed overall budget = \$ 1500
  - c. DMACC Outreach Event
    - i. Scheduled for April 7, 2010 from 10 am – 1 pm
    - ii. The event is focused on getting women and minorities to enroll in the pre-engineering courses at DMACC.
    - iii. Have communicated with CIYMG and ISU Student Chapter on their desire to participate.
      1. Display steel bridge or concrete canoe at event.
  - d. YMG/Student Chapter Contacts
    - i. UI Student Chapter President – Matt Flanigan  
ISU Student Chapter President – Rudy Koester  
EIYMG President – Lisa Burch, Ament, Inc.  
CIYMG President – Michael Roth, HR Green
    - ii. Gary will send out emails for these individuals.
    - iii. Gary sent a reminder to the two student chapter presidents concerning the scholarship deadline.

7. Technical Conferences and Scholarship Report – Roger Schletzbaum
  - a. Technical Conferences
    - i. Need a write up in the newsletter concerning the need for participation on the committees.
  - b. Scholarship Report
    - i. Gary sent a reminder to the two student chapter presidents, Matt Flannigan (UI) and Rudy Koester (ISU) concerning the scholarship deadline.
8. Region 7 Governor/Assembly Report – Mike Vander Wert/Dave Claman
  - a. N/A
9. Awards – Lyle Brehm
  - a. N/A
10. Old Business
  - a. Modifications to the Bylaws and Constitution
    - i. Note from Jen: The modifications have been sent to the Society for review. She has received preliminary comments. Section 7.1.1 has been deleted because it is repetitive and unnecessary. Once we get the final approval we can get it out to the membership for a vote.
  - b. Update on Governor's plans to divert RUTF opposition letter
    - i. From the Governor's response it sounds like they intend to proceed with diverting funds for the supervision of the highways (i.e. State Troopers).
  - c. E-week ads (DSM Register & Fort Dodge Messenger) & news article
    - i. The Des Moines Register ad cost \$490 and the Fort Dodge Messenger ad cost \$90. Jen will forward the invoices to Tom as soon as she receives them.
    - ii. Steve DV saw the ad in the Des Moines Register and said it looked good. He commented on the number of ads in the Des Moines Business section.
  - d. Fly-In in Washington DC
    - i. Marlee has submitted an application to the Society for approval but hasn't gotten a response yet.
  - e. Public Relations
    - i. Marlee contacts Claire about an article for E-week. Dave sent her information on IJobs. She's working on it.
11. New Business
  - a. Approval of Expenditures
    - i. Jon submitted \$83.40 for a 12 months subscription for hosting the website
    - ii. Motion to approve (Tom), second (Marlee) and approved.
  - b. Already approved expenses
    - i. Gary reimbursement for the ISU Joint meeting - \$1491.19
    - ii. Gary's expenses for the Cleveland trip not covered by the Society- \$299.87

c. Legislative issues

- i. House file 2106 – Change requirement for an Engineers/Architects to prepare plans and specs for public improvement projects only if the project is estimated to cost more than \$10,000. County Engineers have spoken out against this.
  1. Marlee will email the information to us.
  2. Do we want to send a letter to address this?
  3. Share the information/letter with the Quad City's Section since they shared their response on the RUTF.
  4. Steve will work with Jen to get a letter put together.
- ii. Another bill would prohibit elected officials from speaking with legislatures.

12. Adjourn Board Meeting at 12:52 pm: Motion to approve (Marlee), second (Gary) and approved.

Next meeting is March 10, 2010.

These minutes are being submitted to the Board of Directors of the Iowa Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers as an actual account of the proceedings of the Board meeting on February 17, 2010 according to my notes taken.

Mandi Lu Aldrich, P.E.  
**Secretary**