

**Iowa Section ASCE  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2010, 12:15 PM  
Quality Inn Highlander; Piper Room West  
Iowa City, IA**

1. Call to Order at 12:23 pm by Bryce Johnson.
  - a. Roll Call – Mandi Aldrich – motion to waive the roll call (Tom Lisi), second (Rick Fosse) and approved.
  - b. Approval of September 10, 2009 Minutes: Motion to approve (Jon Conzett), second (Rick Fosse) and approved.
  - c. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve (Bryce Johnson), second (Jon Garton) and approved.
  
2. Treasurers Report – Tom Lisi
  - a. Net worth decreased by \$5,331.03 over this period and has increased by \$1,337.67 for the 2009/10 fiscal year to date.
  - b. Business expenses during this period totaled \$1,381.14 while business income totaled \$0. A transfer of \$2000 from the business account to the scholarship account was performed.
  - c. The business account balance has decreased by \$2,190.60 for the 2009/10 fiscal year to date.
  - d. Scholarship account expenses during this period totaled \$3,120. Scholarship account income during this period totaled \$2000 due to the above referenced transfer. The scholarship account balance (which includes Heartland Investments) has increased by \$3,528.27 for the 2009/10 fiscal year to date.
  - e. The value of the Heartland Investments Portfolio decreased by \$829.89 since the last report and has increased by \$3,643.27 for the 2009/10 fiscal year to date.
  - f. Motion to approve (Dave Claman), second (Gary Reed) and approved.
  
3. Newsletter & Website Report – Jon Garton
  - a. Newsletter Report
    - i. Two published news letters during this last year.
    - ii. Looking for a new Newsletter Editor and Web Master.
  - b. Website Report
    - i. IowaASCE.org
    - ii. Website has undergone a transformation in this last year.
  
4. Membership Report – Steve DeVries
  - a. 861 members in 2009 and 863 members in 2010
  - b. Sent out 60 UI and 120 ISU congratulations graduates letters
  - c. 5 lifetime members
  - d. We need your current email addresses as we are going more and more to electronic information

5. Scholarship Report – Roger Schletzbaum
  - a. Awarding 2 ASCE Scholarships and 1 Karl Eckbert scholarship to ISU, and 1 ASCE Scholarship to UI.
  - b. Scholarship fund raising contest for donations of \$100 or more will receive a series of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stamps. The winner is Phil Larson.
  
6. Awards – Lyle Brehm
  - a. Five awards will be presented at the banquet.
    - i. Associate Member of the Year
    - ii. Outstanding Government Civil Engineer
    - iii. Outstanding Civil Engineer
    - iv. Outstanding Civil Engineering Project Achievement
    - v. Will also be presenting the 2009 Iowa Section Award – Ken Dunker.
  
7. Younger Member Group Reports
  - a. Central Iowa – Chris Bauer
    - i. Working to group the group
    - ii. Socials with ISU Student Chapters
    - iii. Board elections were held in January along with the Joint Meeting in Ames.
    - iv. Social Events: Bucs , IA Energy, Barnstormers, ICubs games
    - v. Volunteer Events: River Run Garbage Grab (R2G2) was canceled this year due to high water. Instead it was replaced with a flooding clean up project in Colfax.
    - vi. Looking for more volunteer opportunities.
  - b. Eastern Iowa – Lisa Burch
    - i. 58 members: stable and growing
    - ii. Monthly lunch board meetings
    - iii. PE review course
    - iv. Assisted with the Future Cities event
    - v. Held E-week activities
    - vi. Quarterly lunch webinars
    - vii. Facebook page
    - viii. Rough Riders Hockey night
    - ix. Winter social
    - x. Fall Harvest party
    - xi. Golf outing with this years Annual Meeting.

## 8. Student Chapter Activities

### a. Iowa State University – Pam Erickson

- i. TJ Goode memorial picnic table dedication ceremony to be held on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Membership drive cookout was held on September 1, 2010.
  1. 190+ attended
- iii. 6 bi-weekly meetings held throughout the semester
- iv. Outreach Events
  1. 5k Run/Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. 12 members participated
  2. Middle School day
  3. Road Less Traveled event
- v. Social Events
  1. Tailgates
  2. Intramurals
  3. Bowling night
  4. Competitions
    - a. Softball tournaments against other departments
    - b. Tug-of-war against the Forestry Club
- vi. Steel Bridge Competition
- vii. Concrete Canoe Competition

### b. University of Iowa – Nick Turner

- i. Both the Steel Bridge and the Concrete Canoe teams had to find new homes this year.
  1. Concrete Canoe team finished 5<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Steel Bridge team was disqualified due to the amount of deformation when fully loaded; David Blanco took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional Paper Competition
- ii. Visited every public high school in Sioux City and spoke to every "Project Lead the Way" class
- iii. Stream clean up project with the Engineers for a Sustainable World and the Chi Epsilon Fraternity
- iv. Fall picnic with students and staff
- v. Pizza night
- vi. Joint meeting with the IA Section Board
- vii. Science Fair judging
- viii. Working to grow membership; 90 new members at the first meeting last week
- ix. Sports Day – flag football
- x. Intramurals
- xi. Tailgates
- xii. Fund raising projects
- xiii. Both the Steel Bridge and the Concrete Canoe contests are in North Dakota in 2011

- c. Dordt College
  - i. Justin Vander Werff
    - 1. Located in Sioux Center, IA
    - 2. Has operated for 2 yrs with an Unofficial Status
    - 3. Is in the review process with the Society to obtain official recognition
  - ii. Nathaniel Paris, President of the Student Chapter
    - 1. Working to grow and get new members
    - 2. Working on a concrete canoe and involving all 3 Engineering Curriculum
    - 3. Both ISU and UI have offered to help get things going.
  - iii. Roger Schletzbaum – We are supporting Dordt in becoming an official student chapter. The Board has discussed financial support and establishing a scholarship once they are officially recognized.

## 9. Technical Conferences

- a. Environmental & Water Resources – Michael Ryan
  - i. Rotates between Ames and Iowa City; will be in Iowa City in March 2011
  - ii. Looking for new ideas, topics and members
  - iii. Water quality and quantity topics
- b. Geotechnical – Zach Thomas given by Steve Jones
  - i. Attendance was down this year. Guessing it's economy related
  - ii. Conference is in Ames March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- c. Highways & Transportation – Pat Kueter given by Steve Jones
  - i. Pat is looking to rotate out as the chair so they are in need of a replacement
  - ii. Conference is in Ames November 9, 2010
- d. Structural – Norm McDonald given by Steve Jones
  - i. Conference is in Ames on November 8, 2010
  - ii. Regularly 200+ in attendance at this conference; only about half are ASCE members
- e. Surveying & Mapping – Dave Patterson given by Steve Jones
  - i. Focuses on Engineering Survey
  - ii. Conference is in Ames on August 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

## 10. Region 7 Director – Robert Stokes

- a. Top 3 Strategic Priorities for the Society
  - i. Raise the grade on American Infrastructure
  - ii. Raise the competency level of the professional practice
  - iii. Sustainable development certification program
- b. Presented Mike Vander Wert with an award for service at Region 7 Governor

11. Teller's Committee – Marlee Walton
  - a. ISU Civil Engineering Department is setting up a scholarship in honor of TJ Goode.
  - b. Voting results
    - i. President – Bryce Johnson
    - ii. Vice President – Steve De Vries
    - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director – Gary Reed
    - iv. Associate Director – Brian Willham
    - v. Motion to destroy the ballots (Dave Claman), second (Jon Conzett) and approved.
  
12. Strategic Plan Update – Jenifer Croat
  - a. Accomplishments in the first year of a three year plans
    - i. Held joint meetings with both the ISU and UI Younger Member Groups and Student Chapters.
    - ii. Social Media: have created both Facebook and LinkedIn pages
    - iii. In the process of updating the Constitution and Bylaws.
  
13. Old Business
  - a. Certificates of Appreciation were presented.
  - b. Discussion of any other items
    - i. None were presented
  
14. New Business
  - a. ASCE Annual Conference 2010 in Las Vegas.
    - i. Steve De Vries will be representing the Iowa Section.
  - b. Simon W. Freese Environmental Engineering and Lecture Award
    - i. Recognition was given
  
15. Adjourn Board Meeting at 1:36 pm: Motion to approve (Dave Claman), second (Bob Lentz) and approved.

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 Annual Business Meeting on September 9, 2010 according to my notes taken.

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