

Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: February 14, 2024 at 12:00 PM AST
Location of Meeting: Mat-Su College Room JKB 128
Purpose: Monthly Meeting

Meeting Summary / Comments:

The purpose of this meeting is to update the membership on ASCE activities and give an opportunity for continuing education credit.

Discussion Items:

1) Branch Items

- a) President Report – David Darrington, P.E.
 - i) MatSu Branch officer open leadership positions.
 - Secretary.
 - Some tasks previously performed by the secretary will be broken out. This will create new volunteer opportunities with a limited scope. Examples include updating the ASCE MatSu Branch website, editing branch meeting presentation videos, etc.
 - ii) Other leadership/volunteer opportunities.
 - Scholarship fundraising.
 - EWeek.
 - Videos and uploading to YouTube, etc.
- b) Treasurer Report – Tor Anderzen, P.E.
 - i) Current Balance is: \$3,639.25 – Checking, \$60 – Petty cash.
 - ii) Anticipated Expenditures:
 - Microsoft Teams Account – Approximately \$50 per year.
 - The MatSu ASCE branch plans sent the branch VP to the Regions 8 & 9 Multi Region Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA (February 9-10, 2024). The treasurer also attended the event.
 - Pizza for in-person branch meetings.
 - Cost for in-person lunch is \$10.
 - In an effort to increase membership engagement, the lunch fee for in person meetings will be free for new attendees and anyone who has not attended in person within the last 6 months.
- c) Secretary Report – Mwasi Mwamba, P.E., ENV SP
 - i) Hybrid Meetings, i.e., Teams and in person at the Mat-Su College. Please RSVP if attending in person so we get a realistic headcount for pizza.
 - ii) MatSu branch still needs a volunteer for the secretary position. Officers can earn 1 PDH for every 2 hours of service.

d) Subsidiary Organization and Committees

i) Program Committee

- Presentation ideas are always welcome. If you would like to present or have a presentation idea, please contact us at asce.matsu@gmail.com.

ii) Outreach

- Provide a \$500 Scholarship from existing Branch Funds.
- We are in need of scholarship fundraising ideas and someone willing to run the event. If you have ideas and/or are willing to volunteer, please reach out to one of the officers.
- E-Week is ongoing and if you would like to participate in classroom presentations or have other ideas on how our branch can participate, please let us know.

2) National/Regional/Section Items of Interest?

- a) National: ASCE is producing a new IMAX movie titled "Cities of the Future". Will be in theatres in February of 2024. Will be followed by a K-12 outreach.
- b) Alaska Section: No updates.

3) Other Business

- a) Check out our website which includes meeting links! <http://branches.asce.org/mat-su/>
- b) Arctic Winter Games.
 - i) March 10-16, 2024 in the MatSu Valley.
 - ii) Volunteers require a background check.

4) Presentation: Steve Rowland, P.E. (RECON LLC) gave a presentation on "*Getting to the Graphite*".