

Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: 10 January 2024, 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.
 - ii) Other leadership/volunteer opportunities.
 - Scholarship fundraising – Officers decided to move forward with a \$500 scholarship. A volunteer is needed to lead this effort.
 - EWeek – Volunteers needed to present at local MatSu schools. President is waiting for feedback from teachers.
 - Cities of the Future – Outreach to schools and bus students to a showing and provide opportunity to reach out to engineers. Will begin same month as EWeek.
- b) Treasurer Report – Tor Anderzen, P.E.
 - i) Current Balance is: \$3,535.04 – Checking, \$60 – Petty cash.
 - ii) Anticipated Expenditures:
 - Microsoft Teams Account – Approximately \$50 per year.
 - The MatSu ASCE branch plans to send an officer to the upcoming Regions 8 & 9 Multi Region Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA (February 9-10, 2024). MatSu Branch Vice President will attend the Conference.
 - 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 coming up soon 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.
- c) MatSu Transportation Fair.
 - i) Event will be held on January 25, 2024.
 - ii) Event Sponsors: Alaska DOT&PF, the Mat-Su Borough, The Cities of Palmer and Wasilla, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation.
 - iii) More Information: <https://www.mat-su-transportation-fair.com/>
 - iv) Members can reach out to officers for presentation on any interesting topics or exhibits they encounter.

- 4) Presentation: Jennifer Gross (Michael Baker International) gave a presentation on "*Geospatial Empowerment: Leveraging Esri Apps for Efficient Data Management*".