



## **South Dakota Section Eastern Branch**

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#### **ASCE, SD SECTION, EASTERN BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING**

**Thursday, MARCH 29, 2018**

6:00 PM, The Ram Pub, Brookings, South Dakota

Present: Justin Bucher, Jedidiah Reimnitz, Chuck Tiltrum, Mo Phifer, Krista May, Nick Gillen, Matthew Brua, Erin Steever, Tevis Holzer, Chris Brozik, Beth Niemeyer, Carey Bretsch, Arden Sigl, Andrew Kangas, and Dennis Martenson.

President Jedidiah Reimnitz called the meeting to order.

No previous meeting minutes had been recorded to present. Tabled until next meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Kent Ode was not present to give a report. Expenditures for year-to-date were listed on the agenda. An ending balance of \$2,763.57 was recorded.

#### Student Chapter Report (Chuck Tiltrum)

Geowall presented for their second year in the competition and received first place. Dr. Jones is putting together an article.

Dennis Martenson spoke the previous night about ethics and licensure.

The upcoming events include the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with the CEE Advisory Board and the Mankato canoe trip.

#### South Dakota Section Report (Matt Brua)

The Annual Meeting in September will be maintained as a stand-alone meeting. The Section will coordinate with the Student canoe competition. For the main speaker, the Section is looking into having someone from the Surveying Institute. The section will need to confirm a hotel and where on the river the students can compete.

The Section is supporting the School of Mines in their effort at hosting the annual competitions. They will pay for SDSU next year upon request.

Within the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of April, Marsia will be reporting to a congressional committee. An update will be sent.

#### Region 7 Report (Erin Steever)

Erin reminded everyone that the Region 7 Award nominations will be held soon.

The Midwest Student Conference will be March 30-31 at the U of I in Iowa City.

A reminder that open voting is from May 1 through June 1 for all paid members. The Society President and Region 7 Governors for Kansas are open.

Erin noted that the Region 7 Assembly will be held in St. Louis, Missouri this year on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

The ASCE Convention this year is in Denver Colorado on October 12-15.

Next year's MRLC is February 7-9 in Dallas Texas.

The Concrete Canoe Competition is April 13-14 at the UM in Mankato.

The Dream Big DVD and Took Kit is \$5 each and Erin challenged everyone to donate to their kids' school or alma mater. It will be coming out on Netflix this summer.

The Society/Director Board meeting was held and had exciting improvements in the works. The Future of Civil Engineering was discussed. What skills are needed and what ASCE's role will be in shaping the future of Engineering.

Carey Bretsch asked about the Raise the Bar initiative. It has been noted by the Board of Directors that ASCE will no longer be seeking legislative action on this. Dennis Martenson noted that non-civil engineers have an attitude against it and no state legislature has ever been able to pass any such requirements.

#### Old Business



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It was noted that the last Business Meeting was held in January at HDR with a presentation on the Highway 100 project.

February was the Annual Awards Banquet. Matt Brua was presented the 2017 Outstanding Young Civil Engineer award. No project awards were submitted.

Matt Brua attended the Fly-In.

New Business

April 4 is a joint meeting with the Branch and Student Chapter for the SDSU CEE Advisory Board.

April 26 is the SDSU PAC tour. Will also be holding the 2018-2019 officer elections. Terms start in October of each year.

Dream Big initiative is looking to supply Middle and Elementary schools with packets in South Dakota. The Section has already started the discussion. High Schools are covered by the Society through a grant. It was noted that large school districts may not need one toolkit per school. Without any clear number of schools and cost Chuck Tiltrum moved and Justin Bucher seconded a motion to table further discussion until the next business meeting.

Krista May moved and Erin Steever seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Speakers

Dennis Martenson, the 2006 Society President, presented on the ASCE report card Society initiatives.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jedidiah Reimnitz



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