

Branch Executive Meetings:

08/09/2012 – Met to review June and July’s Events and plan for September, October and December’s events. Discussed upcoming officer elections and decided to take an official vote at the beginning of the September happy hour.

09/06/2012 – Prefacing the Professional/Student Mixer, the board met to vote on new officers. The results were as follows: President – Matt Moffitt, Vice President – Gen Long, Treasurer – Chris Gutkowski, Secretary – Giselle Rodriguez, Social Chair – Justin Swinford, Student Liaison – Dan Levitucus.

10/10/2012 – Met to transition board members including passing off records and updating emails. Also finalized details for the October dinner seminar and review details of the combined ASCE/ISPE November seminar.

11/13/2012 – Met to review the October Dinner Seminar and the November Luncheon seminar. Discussed the upcoming ASCE/ISPE Toys for Tots Holiday Happy Hour. It was decided that Matt Moffitt will be nominated to attend the ASCE Regions workshop for Section and Branch leaders. The second half of the meeting was spent as a “big idea” brainstorming session, some resulting concepts were brought up: continuing different event ideas to increase attendance, new ideas for working with students, more activity or family events, setting long term fiscal goals, establish annual and more regular events, streamline website and grow it to a regional resource for all engineering activities, host a workshop, and incentivize students to get professional development hours (see if the university will offer a credit hour for 15 PHDs).

General Meetings and Events:

09/06/2012 – **Professional/Student Mixer** The purpose of this event was to create interaction between professionals and students in a relaxed atmosphere. Professionals were expected to share experiences with students and fraternize with students. The overall event went great. However, at some point in the evening the students separated from the professionals and the actual student/professional interaction was lost. Students were socializing between themselves and professionals with other professionals. We intend to continue this event; to improve it in the future the professional members should take more responsibility to interact with the students.

10/10/2012 – **ASCE Dinner Seminar** Dinner seminar included presentation by Matt Moffitt, "Coupling New Technologies with Existing Methods: A Unified Stream Assessment Example." The meal consisted of five courses and a drink ticket was provided to each attendee to be used towards beer, wine, or soda. The first hour of the dinner was a happy hour, followed by dinner, and then the presentation was given as desert was served. The event went according to the agenda, dinner was served a little later than expected, but the presentation was completed on time. The food was exceptional and the atmosphere for the happy hour was good. The dining room was separated into two sections, and there was another group in the other part of the room. This made it hard to hear the presentation at times, but the presenter was not affected. While this event cost the branch roughly \$500, the board feels that it is a good event to continue.

11/07/2012 – **ASCE/ISPE Luncheon Seminar** Speaker Elliot Brinkman presented "It Takes a Network: Protecting Water Resources in Illinois" to a mixed group of ASCE and ISPE members during lunch provided by ISPE. The event went as planned. Food was served prior to presentation. The presentation was good and it seemed that the audience was engaged. The board really liked pairing with ISPE, is greatly eased the workload and increased attendance.

Upcoming:

December – ASCE/ISPE Toys for Tots Holiday Happy Hour. The two organizations will come together to enjoy each other's company while supporting Toys for Tots.

January – Board meeting to plan the next months' events.

February – E-week banquet: in the past this has been mostly ran by ISPE, this will be the first year that ASCE will be taking on a larger role and cohosting the event.
