
**Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 2007**

Attendees: Christina Ammens, Rob Berry, Ryan Delo, Shawn Maslaney, Josh Tomblin, Glenn Bottomley, Gary Schafran, Mike Bumbacao, **Tiffany**

Business (Action items are shown in **bold**)

1. Budget Reports – Ryan reviews budget reports for the month of September. Total interest for the period was \$263.46. Mike motions to approve September report. Josh seconds the motion. September budget report was approved unanimously.
2. Minutes of Past Meetings – Ryan reviewed meeting minutes. July meeting minutes have been corrected and no additional changes were determined. Rob motions to approve the July meeting minutes as corrected. Shawn seconds the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. September meeting minutes were reviewed and no additional changes were recommended. Mike motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Josh seconds the motion. Motion was approved unanimously

Committees

1. Awards - Mike reports that as a large branch we did not meet several requirements for the outstanding section newsletter award and that the board decided via e-mail to not apply. Ryan indicated that we need to plan on distributing past presidents pins, possibly in February.
2. Educational Outreach - No Report
3. Government Relations - Ryan summarized an e-mail message from Pam indicating that she is compiling a list of voting records in preparation for the upcoming election. It would act as a voting guide and focusing on representatives engineering related voting history. She would like this as a basis for a SPAG. Mike indicated that ~\$1700 of the existing transportation SPAG may be usable for GR. Glenn indicated that at the legislative fly in representatives were worried about being evaluated on voting history and we should be careful in how we proceed. **Ryan will follow up with Pam to determine funding requirements.**
4. Public Relations - Shawn indicated that SPAG for this year is due in three or four weeks. Shawn mentioned having ASCE support a development plan for the existing train rails. Ryan & Mike indicated that several different alternatives have been suggested and we would be riding the wave versus starting a new course of action. Mike indicated that we should expand our infrastructure evaluation to include group transport. It was suggested that we delay to next year as the deadline is rapidly approaching. **Shawn will locate the application form and send on to Ryan.**
5. History and Heritage - No Report
6. Membership and Newsletter Database - Ryan indicated that we should begin working on expanding our membership list to non-members to improve participation. He suggested that we should try and recruit as much as possible from events such as the YM social.
7. Student Chapter - Tiffany reports that Chip Conrad from Collins Engineering spoke to the student chapter at their previous presentation. The presentation had a slight push towards recruitment. Ryan asked if it was a common occurrence. Gary indicated it was a general overview and had only a slight push towards recruitment but overall had a good balance. Upcoming events, next Friday @ 6:00 PM there will be a Halloween social with pumpkin carving competition. Will take place in the soils lab.

Open to board members. On Saturday the 13th of October at 9:00 AM they will be painting the offices for Habitat for Humanity. First concrete canoe meeting will be Saturday November 11th at 10am. The steel bridge meeting has been delayed. **Tiffany will let us know once a meeting time is announced.** Ryan indicated that they should feel free to add items to website to help keep everyone aware. Gary mentioned Tom Jenkins, a former ODU student) is a lead structural engineer for the replacement I-40 bridge in Minnesota. Story and picture on ABC. **Gary will send link to Josh to be included in meeting minutes.**

8. Younger Members Committee - Josh reported on the Younger Member social. Approximately 25 people attended in total with around 15 present at any given time. He indicated that the next social will take place at the end of November at a different venue. Ryan indicated that we should try and have the social close but no immediately before a board meeting to help transition attendees into open board service. Josh then discussed the basketball game. Ticket prices will be \$13 per person. Catering information is available but no decision has been made as to what food will be served. The ODU point of contact presented several different options for alcohol: Purchase from kiosk at event, pre-purchase and have in group box, cash bar, or open bar. Discussion generally confirmed that cash bar is the best way to go. Josh is going to hand off the rest of the event planning to Rob. **Josh will send contact information to Rob.**
9. Order of the Engineer - No Report
10. Transportation Report Card – Mike indicated he will try and take Pam’s information and tie it in with Pam’s work. Mike indicated that we have until the end of June to spend it.
11. Website - Website is down Josh will work with Brian to address it. ****Website is back up****

Miscellaneous

- Anyone with ideas about a SPAG should follow up with Shawn.
- An engineer in our region is eligible to become a fellow. The board will need to vote and send in paperwork. Voting will take place over e-mail
- Attendance for the region 4 meeting was discussed. Rob & Christina will be the board representatives. Several others expressed interest as this is a close event and can be driven to. Josh & Barry have both indicated they would consider going.
- Discussion on the student request for ASCE research funding was continued. Mike was lead to believe that we cannot fund by our by-laws. Ryan brought up that it would be difficult to manage and we would be better suited supporting ODU. Gary indicates that we should be eligible to fund but ought not to since it will open a can of worms in terms of evaluating proposals. Item was tabled for further discussion. General consensus is we should not fund this particular item.
- Legislative fly-in will be March 5-6th. Paperwork is due by January 18th. Josh expressed interest.
- Christina will be attending the HQ visit on Monday the 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm. The next BOD meeting will be November 9, 2007 at Parsons Brinkerhoff.

Respectfully Submitted.

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