

Indiana Section Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2005 at 10:00AM

Cicero, IN

Current Indiana Section Board:

President: Marvin Obermeyer, P.E.

Vice President: Theresa Harrison, P.E.

Treasurer: JD Taylor.. Resigning

Secretary: Dave Devine, P.E.

Past President: Tim Wells, P.E.

Past Past President: Ali Abufares, P.E.

Webmaster/ Newsletter Editor: Ward Martin, P.E.

1. The meeting was called to order by M. Obermeyer.
2. Attendees were M. Obermeyer, T. Harrison, D. Devine, T. Wells, A. Abufares, and W. Martin.
3. The Agenda was accepted as written and approved by all.
4. The Minutes from the Previous Meeting, June 18, 2005, were reviewed. Stephen Weintraut's name was not spelled correctly under item 7 A. The information discussed at the meeting for item 7 B was factually incorrect because audit materials have never been provided to A. Abufares. However, the minutes accurately describe what was discussed at the meeting.
5. Reports
 - A. Vice President Report – There was no report.
 - B. Secretary Report – There was no report.
 - C. Treasurer Report – M. Obermeyer passed out income and expense information. The Key Bank account includes fees for numerous overdrafts. The Key Bank balance is on the order of \$11,000 but this value is approximate as the records were not currently available. This value is before disbursements to the Branches. The Merrill Lynch investment account has a balance of \$30,044.66. The Section Treasurer, J.D. Taylor resigned on August 12, 2005.
 - D. Newsletter – W. Martin asked that information for the fall newsletter, which is due out in October, be submitted by the end of September, a bit earlier than usual.
 - E. Correspondence – There was no correspondence.
6. New Business
 - A. The Northeast Branch is no longer listed as “inactive.” D. Devine is now the Branch President and is working with other members to plan a meeting in the fall.
 - B. The issue of costs associated with Section duties was discussed, particularly fuel costs to attend meetings and higher fuel costs. Employers are encouraged to cover expenses related to ASCE activities of their employees. However, in the absence of such employer funding, the Board realizes the costs incurred by

officers. The Board approved a plan for reimbursements for travel due to Board Meetings at the rate of \$0.40 per mile for one-way distances over 50 miles.

- C. The Section Treasurer, J.D. Taylor resigned on August 12, 2005. M. Obermeyer passed out copies of the resignation letter. Nominations for a Treasurer will be solicited from the various branches. M. Obermeyer will lead this effort to make contact with the branches and entertain nominations. Nominations for Secretary will be needed in the near future also. T. Harrison offered to serve as Treasurer in the meantime. She will contact J.D. to have the files sent to her.
7. Old Business
- A. The Section Operations Manual is being updated to include outlines of officer duties and other relevant information. Duties will be identified in a calendar format to identify when certain responsibilities need to be performed.
 - B. Materials for the Section Audit were never provided to A. Abufares. When T. Harrison obtains the treasurer's files she will contact A. Abufares to arrange the audit.
 - C. M. Obermeyer will contact ASCE HQ for information about the Young Engineer of the Year award.
8. Other Business – There was no other formal business. It was noted that Kumares Sinha, Ph.D, P.E. was elected to the grade of Honorary Member, ASCE.
9. The next meeting will be held at Purdue University on the day of the Civil Engineering Professional Development Seminar. The exact date was not available. [The date was reported as the 3rd of November in a subsequent phone call to Purdue University Continuing Education and Conference Center.]
10. Adjournment