

Indiana Section Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2005 at 4:15PM

Stewart Center, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Current Indiana Section Board:

President: Theresa Harrison, P.E.

Vice President: Dave Devine, P.E.

Treasurer: Eduardo Calderin,

Secretary: open

Past President: Marvin Obermeyer

Past Past President: Tim Wells, P.E.

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

1. The meeting was called to order by T. Harrison.

Attendees were T. Harrison, D. Devine, E. Calderin, T. Wells, M. Obermeyer, Mark Foster, President, North Central Branch, and Maryo Pasarel, Vice President, North Central Branch. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. The Agenda was accepted as written and approved with additions of items for the Section Report and a report from the Northeast Branch. A note was made to invite the ASCE President Elect to the Section Board meeting since this person typically attends the Civil Engineering Professional Development Seminar.
3. The Minutes from the Previous Meeting, August 13, 2005, were reviewed. M. Obermeyer motioned to approve the minutes and T. Wells seconded.
4. Reports
 - A. Secretary Report – The Section Report is due at the end of November. This position is open.
 - B. Treasurer Report – T. Harrison made this report as she has been serving as Treasurer in the interim following recent resignation of J.D. Taylor. The checking account balance is \$3577.22. Jan. 1 to 3 November income was \$20,794.07 and expenses were \$20,416.16. The Merrill Lynch investment account has a balance of \$30,193.09. Eduardo Calderin has accepted the position of Section Treasurer.
 - C. Vice President Report – D. Devine presented plans for the annual meeting. The location will be The Fountains in Carmel and the date is Tuesday March 21, 2006. There is need for speakers. Contact through Metro Branch and Institutes suggested for lining up speakers. Need assistance with exhibitors.
 - D. President – T. Harrison was at ASCE Conference in LA last weekend. Rose Hulman won the best Student Chapter award. Prof. Kumares Sinha became an honorary member. M. Obermeyer noted that he was able to visit 6 student chapters in the past years (1.5 to 2 years) and suggest that this be continued with future presidents.

5. Old Business

- A. Potential candidates for secretary were discussed. M. Obermeyer and T. Harrison will follow up to submit names and secure commitment.
- B. Section Handbook was mailed to all by Marvin. T. Harrison will send copy to E. Calderin.
- C. Officer duties are included in handbook. The handbook should be continually updated as needed for this to be a valuable resource.
- D. It was suggested that travel expense issue should be updated in the handbook. The mileage issues and airfare topics are out of date. With the dissolution of District 9, some farther distance travel will be needed in the future.
- E. The Northeast Branch will have the first meeting in many years this next week.

6. New Business

- A. T Harrison offered that the Section could submit a SPAG application. SPAG stands for State Public Affairs Grants. This would allow the Section to conduct some government affairs event. M Obermeyer will contact a member who has interest in an infrastructure report card for Indiana. T. Harrison will submit a grant application. This could be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Government involvement is encouraged within ASCE. It was suggested that members enroll in the Key Contact program to alert them about government actions that ASCE is involved with or that is of interest to ASCE and members. The infrastructure report cards also support this involvement.
- C. Many awards are given by ASCE and are presented on the ASCE website. In particular there is an emphasis to find leaders and present them with leadership awards. This is consistent with ASCE President Elect William F. Marcuson III statements made at the Civil Engineering Professional Development Seminar luncheon today.
- D. Younger members activities are also supported. Direct this on to the Branches to encourage more involvement.
- E. The Section Vice President was directed to attend the Zone Leadership Conference from 27 to 29 January 2006.
- F. The use of ASCE logos should always follow guidelines. Guidelines are found on the ASCE website.

The next meeting will be held on Marvin's porch in Cicero, Indiana on Saturday 21 January 2006 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Note: It was stated, and confirmed by many, that Nancy Berson is a great resource with ASCE HQ. It is highly advised to inquire about her dog, Maggie, before discussing other issues.