

ASCE EE&WR Group

Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2009

1. Call to Order

- Graig called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Some minor corrections need to be made to the meeting minutes, but will wait until next meeting to address them.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Tatiana is still receiving some checks and invoices for the group
- Treasurer's Report approved as submitted

4. Subcommittee Report

4.1 Student Outreach/Scholarships - Katie and Tatiana

- Two scholarships have been submitted, one from a graduate student and one from an undergraduate student
- Group decided to award one scholarship due to low volume of applicants
- Application deadline was extended to March 20, 2009 in order to encourage more students to apply
- Scholarship judging committee will consist of Katie Kukielka, Tatiana Hernandez, Graig Neville, Matt Miller, and Patrick Lach
- Katie Kukielka will contact Arun Heer to receive the most up-to-date contact information for ASCE Student Chapter Presidents and faculty sponsors

4.2 Public Outreach - Sandra Homola

- Sandra presented information on a volunteer opportunity with CMAP where we would potentially co-sponsor innovative idea competitions. The purpose is to re-vamp the Burnham Plan/capital improvement plans. The organization is looking for ways to modify their current ecosystem and stormwater practices.

5. Old Business

5.1 EE&WR Web Page - Pat Lach

- No updates

5.2 Future Cities Competition

- No updates
- Contact Matt Miller if you would like to serve as a school mentor next year. He explained that most schools do not make it to the competition without the guidance of a mentor.

5.3 Other Old Business

- No updates

6. Seminars and Courses

6.1 Pumps Seminar - Denise Armbruster

- No updates

6.2 APWA Seminar - Sandra Homola

- Strike this item from the agenda

6.3 HSPF - Graig Neville

- DuPage County may do HSPF/FEQ seminar in the future
- We will assist DuPage County if they ask, otherwise we will not plan doing this seminar in the near future

6.4 Recarga - Matt Bardol

- Matt Bardol has spoken to the Fish & Wildlife Organization, and they are predicting we will need a venue for 40+ people
- It was mentioned that there is interest from DuPage County to attend
- Need to vote on a date for this seminar so we can advertise a couple months in advance
- Members from the group explained that Recarga is a bio-infiltration program primarily used to design rain gardens (to members of the group who were unaware)

6.5 GIS Dinner Seminar - Heather Henneman

- Heather Henneman will meet with selected members of EE&WR for lunch to discuss speakers and topics for the dinner
- Seminar will be formatted to last 1-2 hours
- This course will be used as an introductory course to see how much interest there is in this topic. We may potentially do follow-up GIS seminars if it is a success.

6.6 LEED Seminar

- This seminar is potentially scheduled for the fall
- One possible topic matter discussed was having a seminar to go over the changes made to the LEED certification program in June. The speaker would highlight new criteria and go over major changes.

6.7 Other New Courses

- HEC-HMS Seminar a possibility for the future, with Thomas Burke as the likely instructor. This course has not been offered in about two years.
- LOMR Dinner Seminar with IASFM proposed as possibility for the future
- MWRD Ordinance Update Dinner Seminar suggested for future
- IDOT Drainage Seminar proposed for the future. We need to contact Rick Wojcik and see if he would be interested in putting together a drainage presentation similar to the ACEC-IL/IDOT Seminar held in 2006.
- Possible future seminar of interest would be to have a congressman speak about how the stimulus package will affect our industry. One topic of focus could be the EPA State Loan Revolving Fund.

7. New Business

7.1 Illinois Section Meeting - Graig Neville

- The President Elect-Scholarship Dinner will be held on April 13, 2009 at Maggiano's Little Italy. The cost will be \$50/person.
- ASCE Annual Legislative Day will be held on April 29, 2009. Members of the group will be there to discuss the National ASCE Report Card with state officials. We will be there as a resource for them, not to lobby for our causes. The trip is limited to 30-40 people. Contact Dipal Vimawala (AECOM) if you would like to attend.
- The ASCE IL Section office will be closing on April 1. The organization is going to a "virtual office" to save money.
- 123 Signup registration has now been activated on the ASCE website, so members can directly register for events online.
- The Chicago Architectural Society is planning on constructing a large-scale physical model of Chicago. ASCE may be involved in this endeavor; more news to come in the future.
- The Younger Member Group is hosting a dinner seminar entitled, "How to Become the Boss", featuring speeches from presidents and senior executives from various civil engineering companies in Chicago.
- The ASCE Annual Dinner will be held on October 14, 2009 at the Art Institute.

7.2 Other New Business

- Patrick Lach announced that IDOT will be hosting a career fair on April 1 at the McCormick Place. There will be several engineering exhibits displayed and engineers speaking to kids about careers in our industry. They will need about 5-12 volunteers to speak with the kids and set up displays. He will e-mail more information to the group.
- ASCE will be the main sponsor for E-Week next year. It will be held in February 2010. The group should begin brainstorming large activities and exhibits to be used for this event.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.