



MEETING MINUTES

ASCE WEST TN Branch Board

Friday, February 11, 2011

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Present

Dr. Stephanie Ivey		Tom Lawrence	
Douglas Dietz		Paul Palazolo	
Dr. Roger Meier		Chris Triplett	
Gene McGinnis		Philip Stuckert	
Paul Gavin			
Nicole Craven			
Carol Dodge			

Agenda Items:

- **Call to order, establish quorum, approve prior board meeting minutes-:**

Call to order: 11.55 a.m. by President Ivey

A Quorum was established

Minutes were approved. Approved minutes will now be posted on the ASCE West Tennessee Branch Website.

- **Date for next Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at New Hunan starting at 11:30 a.m..

- **Next Branch Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 – Order of the Engineer Ceremony and Ethics Lecture (1 PDH)

Time: Check-in and ring selection for ceremony participants 11:00 AM, Lunch and Ceremony 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: University of Memphis, Fogelman Executive Center, 3rd Floor Dining Room (The FEC is on the corner of Central Ave and Innovation Dr, across the street from the U of M Holiday Inn. Parking is available in the Innovation Drive Parking Garage adjacent to FEC; the cost is included in the luncheon price.) Speaker will be Dr. Jamie Frakes with Dyersburg State Community College, Tennessee Small Business Development Center

- **Future Branch Meetings**

Future speakers and topics for upcoming Branch Meetings include: Scott Fleming with Fleming Associates to discuss architectural projects such as the Salvation Army

Kroc Center in May, Garland Rose will speak about the upcoming October 2011 ASCE Convention here in Memphis on April 21st , and Harvey Matheny on the Environmental Impact Statement on the Third Bridge crossing the Mississippi River on November 17, 2011. In March, the West Tennessee Branch will meet with TSPE and ASME for a guest speaker on Memphis Greenways. The speaker on this topic will be Frank Gianotti with Tetra Tech and Richie Smith of Richie Smith Associates. Mr. Dexter Muller (Memphis Chamber) may be asked to speak at the upcoming September Branch meeting about the economic development in Shelby County. Look for further announcements and locations.

The luncheon to hold the ceremony of the Order of the Engineer will be held on February 22 at the University of Memphis Fogelman Executive Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. Go to www.ce.memphis.edu/meier/ote.htm to make payment through Pay Pal and for more information. The cost of the meal will include parking fees at the parking structure next to the Fogelman Executive Center. Those going through the ceremony should contact Dr. Roger Meier

- **New Business**

Board Member Nicole Craven gave a report to the Board on the annual audit of the West Tennessee Branch finances. Board Member Craven reported that she found the books in order.

President Ivey reported that Board Member Drew Cohn submitted an application for the National ASCE fly in.

President Ivey asked the Board if they had any resolutions they might want to consider passing along to ASCE National. Resolutions must be passed onto the Board of Direction by February 14, 2011.

President Ivey discussed with the Board the option of starting a local structural technical group. The sense of the board was that it would be hard to compete with the well-established Structural Engineers Association in Memphis.

Chris Triplett discussed the upcoming National ASCE Convention that will be coming to Memphis this coming October 2011 and to be held at the downtown Marriott Hotel and Cook Convention Center. Mr. Triplett indicated that he is establishing chairs for the following committees: Sponsorship Committee, Short Course Committee, Marketing Committee, Local Resources Committee, Tours Committee and Student Committee. Dr. Meier will be the student coordinator on the Local Resources Committee and Drew Cohn will be the local tour coordinator. Next week National ASCE will fly in to discuss the convention with local volunteers. Technical tours sites that were discussed included Electrolux, Mitsubishi, Autozone Building, and I-40 Hernando Desoto Bridge

- **Student Chapters (Gene/Roger/Ray)**

Gene McGinnis reported that they were fabricating the steel bridge and concrete canoe.

Dr. Meier reported that the U of M Students were also fabricating their steel bridge and concrete canoe. Dr. Meier reported that the student chapter recently raised \$2400 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as part of the University's "Up 'til Dawn" program.

Gene McGinnis and Dr. Meier reported that the fund raiser Grapes for Geeks was successful with nearly 130 attendees raising nearly \$1800 for the student chapters.

- **Younger Member Group**

Construction is scheduled for March 25, 2011.

It was reported that the Younger Member Group has secured 7 sponsorships and raised \$2800 for the event.

- **ASCE Golf Tournament**

Paul Palazolo reported that the event will most likely not be at the Navy Base Golf Course. Instead they are looking for the tourney to be held at Audubon Golf Course. Dates for the golf match in order of preference by the Board are as follows: May 20th, June 6th and May 23rd.

The Golf Tourney raises between \$2000 and \$3000 dollars.

- **Geotechnical Group**

Dr. Meier reported that Dr. Delwyn Fredlund may give a talk on Unsaturated Soil Mechanics sometime in April. Please stay tuned for further announcements.

- **Members Outreach (Drew)**

No report

- **Continuing Education (Chris T.)**

No report

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM

- **Minutes:**

Taken by Philip Stuckert