



## MEETING MINUTES

ASCE WEST TN Branch Board

Friday April 8, 2011

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### Present

Dr. Stephanie Ivey	Tom Lawrence
Douglas Dietz	Philip Stuckert
Dr. Roger Meier	Tommy Dunlap
Matt Odom	
Matt Caskey	
Nicole Craven	
Carol Dodge	

### **Agenda Items:**

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

Call to order: 12:05 p.m. Vice President Dietz.

President Ivey arrived at 12:32 pm.

A quorum was established.

Minutes were approved.

- **Date for next Board Meeting**

Friday, May 6, 2011 at New Hunan starting at 11:30 a.m.

- **Next Branch Meeting:**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> Mr. Garland Rose will speak about the upcoming ASCE 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Civil Engineering Conference to be held here in October. PDHs will not be issued for this branch meeting, however members are encouraged to attend in order to support the Annual Conference and to volunteer their time and talent. This branch meeting is hosted by the University of Memphis ASCE Student Chapter. The meeting will be held in the Bluff Room in the new University Center. Parking will be included in the cost of the luncheon. Parking is in the garage located adjacent to the University Center, which is accessed from Zach Curlin Avenue. RSVP to Dr. Roger Meier at [rwmeier@memphis.edu](mailto:rwmeier@memphis.edu).

- **Future Branch Meetings**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Scott Fleming with Fleming Associates will discuss architectural projects such as the Salvation Army Kroc Center. The Memphis Kroc Center is one of 30 being constructed nationwide as part of a \$1.5 billion matching grant program

established by the estate of Joan Kroc, wife of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc. The Branch Meeting will be held at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn.

Mr. Harvey Matheny will speak about the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Third Bridge crossing the Mississippi River on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dexter Muller (Memphis Chamber of Commerce) will be asked to speak at the upcoming September branch meeting about economic development in Shelby County. This includes the recently-announced Electrolux and Mitsubishi projects.

- **Section News**

The upcoming annual ASCE Tennessee Section meeting will be held in Smyrna, TN on September 23, 2011. The ASCE Region 4 Fall meeting will be held in Memphis in conjunction with the National ASCE Annual Conference.

- **New Business**

Board Member Nicole Craven presented a draft newsletter that she is working on for the ASCE West Tennessee Branch.

The Board talked about upcoming elections this fall for the West Tennessee Branch. There will be vacancies for Secretary and three or four Board Member positions. Look for further information in the May and June minutes. Everyone is invited to nominate themselves and become involved in the Branch.

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

Dr. Meier reported that the student chapter attended the competition last month at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. The University of Memphis student chapter finished in the top three in the surveying competition, the concrete bowling ball competition, the technical paper competition, and the concrete canoe competition oral presentation. A good time was had by all. Next year the competition will be at UT Martin and the following year at CBU.

- **Younger Member Group**

Carol Dodge reported that the Construction Competition was held last month at the University of Memphis Herff College of Engineering on March 25, 2011. The competition had 5 entries with a contribution of over 10,000 pounds of food donated to the Memphis Food Bank. The can structure "Canbi wants to Play" was voted overall favorite. It recreated the iconic image of Bambi and Thumper playing on a frozen pond in the woods.

- **ASCE Golf Tournament**

Matt Odom and Matt Caskey reported that the golf tournament is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at Glen Eagle Golf Course in Millington. Proceeds of the golf tournament will go to the

recently formed Engineers Without Borders Student Chapter at The University of Memphis.

The Golf Tourney raises approximately \$2500 annually for the West Branch to use for local philanthropy.

- **Geotechnical Group**

Dr. Meier reported that Dr. Delwyn Fredlund is scheduled to be in Memphis to give an evening dinner talk at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn on April 12. Approximately 30 people have signed up to listen to the presentation and have dinner. The talk will be on Unsaturated Soil Mechanics.

- **Members Outreach (Drew)**

No report

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

No report

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

- **Minutes:**

Taken by Philip Stuckert