



MEETING MINUTES

ASCE WEST TN Branch Board

Friday May 6, 2011

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Present

Douglas Dietz	
Dr. Roger Meier	
Nicole Craven	
Philip Stuckert	
Chris Triplett	

Agenda Items:

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

Call to order: 11:55 a.m. Vice President Dietz.

President Ivey absent due to prior Girls Experiencing Engineering Meeting

A quorum was not established.

- **Date for next Board Meeting**

Friday, June 10, 2011 at New Hunan starting at 12:30 p.m.

- **Next Branch Meeting:**

Mr. Harvey Matheny of Kimley Horn will speak about the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Third Bridge crossing the Mississippi River. The Title of the Presentation will be Southern Gateway – Crossing the River, Connecting America” –The meeting will be held at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn, Medallion Private Dining Room. Arrive at the back left corner of the restaurant. The West Branch meeting will be held this coming May 19th at 11:30 a.m.

- **Future Branch Meetings**

Future Branch meetings this fall may include 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, Medallion Private Dining Room.

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.

Chris Triplett reported that the ASCE West Tennessee Branch will be responsible for setting up a hotel, conference room and dinner arrangements for the upcoming fall Region IV meeting on October 22, 2011. Forty to Fifty people are expected to attend.

- **New Business**

Board members talked about upcoming elections this fall for the ASCE West Tennessee Branch. There will be vacancies for Secretary, Vice President and three Board Member positions. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Dr. Roger Meier at rwmeier@memphis.edu. Everyone is invited to nominate themselves and become involved in the Branch. Balloting will occur in August so that the results can be announced at the upcoming September Branch Meeting.

The Tennessee Section is looking for nominations on the following categories. They include:

- Student Chapter/Club Member
- Young Engineer
- Government Engineer
- Outstanding Engineering Project
- Peter G. Hoadley Award for Outstanding Engineering Educator
- Daniel B. Barge, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service

Nominations are due to Vice President Dietz by May 27, 2011. He can be reached at ddeitz@pickeringfirm.com.

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

Ray Witmer reported that the University of Tennessee Martin student chapter has the following new officers: President Grant Heinzman, Vice President: Cody McGee, Treasurer Kyle Williams and Secretary William Rogers.

Dr. Roger Meier reported that the University of Memphis student chapter has the following new officers: President Sonya Ellis, Vice President Kelsey Ford, Treasurer Will Walker, and Secretary Jason Burton. Conference chair Darin Nelson, Concrete

Canoe representatives are M'Sapa Corely and Heather Crookshanks. Steel Bridge contacts is Sonya Ellis and the Webmaster is Sarah Girdner.

Gene McGinnis reported that Christian Brothers University student chapter has the following new officers. President Katie Godwin for Vice President, McKenzie Shankle for Secretary, Evan Boulanger for Treasurer, Will Golden for Conference Chair, Aaron Lewis for Social Events, Blade Ward for Webmaster, Daniel Smith, and Shawn Breckenridge for Fundraising.

Next year the Deep South conference will be held at UT Martin. Twelve schools are expected to attend. The following year will be held at Christian Brothers University. The Branch will be asked to financially contribute to the conference.

- **Younger Member Group**

Carol Dodge was not present due to a Younger Member meeting occurring at the same time.

- **ASCE Golf Tournament**

Matt Odom and Matt Caskey reported that the golf tournament is set for May 20th 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. Registration is 11a.m. with shotgun start at high noon. Dr. Ivey will be hitting the ceremonial ball to open the tournament.

The Golf Tourney raises approximately \$2500 annually for the West Branch to use for local philanthropy. The newly formed Engineers without Borders University of Memphis student chapter will be the recipient of this years' golf proceed.

- **Geotechnical Group**

No report.

- **Members Outreach (Drew)**

No report

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

Past Section President Chris Triplett reported that on the Wednesday before the National ASCE Conference, educational workshops will be provided to its membership. 24 pdh's will be available to members. Please keep tuned for specific information.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM

- **Minutes:**

Taken by Philip Stuckert