



# MEETING MINUTES

ASCE WEST TN Branch Board

Friday June 10, 2011

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## Present

Dr. Stephanie Ivey		Tom Lawrence	
Douglas Dietz		Philip Stuckert	
Dr. Roger Meier		Tommy Dunlap	
Chris Triplett			
Drew Cohn			
Nicole Craven			

## Agenda Items:

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

Call to order: 12:30 p.m. President Ivey  
A quorum was established  
Minutes were approved for the April and May Meeting.

- **Date for next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, July 8, 2011 at New Hunan starting at 11:30 a.m.

- **Next Branch Meeting:**

The next Branch meeting will be on September 15, 2011. This will be a dinner meeting at Jim's Place, which is located at Poplar and Perkins. The speaker will be the Sr. VP of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dexter Muller. He will speak about Economic development in the Greater Memphis area.

- **Future Branch Meetings**

It is anticipated that the Corp of Engineers will be speaking at the upcoming November 17, 2011 meeting. Mr. Steve Barry with the Corp of Engineers may be the speaker. Mr. Barry is the Memphis District Readiness Branch Chief. He was the chief spokesperson during the recent Mississippi flooding event.

In December or January, we plan to have Mr. Scott Fleming with Fleming Associates talk about 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. Branch Meetings are held at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn.

- **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 ASCE Annual Conference.

Corey Knight (current webmaster for the Section) is moving to North Carolina. A volunteer to take on this important position is being solicited.

Section Award Packets are due to Matt Caskey by June 24<sup>th</sup>. The ASCE West Tennessee Branch Board elected to nominate the following people to be submitted to the Tennessee Section for awards:

Younger Member: Carol Dodge

Student Chapter Member: Lindsey Thomas

Government Engineer: Philip Stuckert

Outstanding Engineering Project: Memphis International Airport Control Tower

Peter G. Hoadley Outstanding Engineering Educator: Stephanie Ivey

Daniel B. Barge, Jr. Distinguished Service Award: Chris Triplett

- **New Business**

The Board talked about upcoming elections this fall for the West Tennessee Branch. There will be vacancies for Secretary, Vice President, and three members of the Board. Everyone is invited to look at becoming involved in the Branch.

President Ivey reported that ASCE Committee on Volunteer Community Service is looking for individuals and/or groups that have been active in planning and participating in community service activities, or who would like to be. If your Section or Branch promotes or participates in community service activities, please provide us with a point of contact.

Stephanie and Doug will be working together to develop a questionnaire for feedback from Branch memberships. The purpose of the survey is to solicit activities that might stimulate interest in other members to become active in Branch Activities. They plan to conduct the survey through Survey Monkey.

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

The student chapters at the University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University are working with the Younger Member Group to plan the next Grapes for Geeks wine tasting event for November, 2011.

- **Younger Member Group (Carol)**

No Report.

- **ASCE Golf Tournament (Matt/Matt/ Tim/Paul)**

Dr. Meier reported that the golf tournament took in approximately \$1500. These proceeds will be given to the University of Memphis Engineers without Borders student chapter for their project in Nicaragua.

- **Geotechnical Group**

The West Tennessee Branch Board approved a request to cover any unreimbursed expenses for Dr. David Arellano to attend the 2011 Geo-Institute Summit on July 15-16, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri.

- **Members Outreach (Drew)**

No report

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

Chris Triplett is working to develop a 4 hour short course for Branch Members in October. The short course will coincide with the ASCE National Conference. The cost to attend the short course will be \$160.

- **ASCE Newsletter**

Board Member Nicole Craven presented a draft June newsletter to the Board for comments and feedback.

- **EWB (Tom/Phil)**

No report.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

- **Minutes:**

Taken by Philip Stuckert