

Board Meeting Minutes November 3rd, 2016 (October Meeting)

Board Members:

A.J. Smith (AJ)	(President)
Christopher Nye (Chris)	(1 st Vice President)
Firat Sever (Firat)	(Treasurer) (Not Present)
Matt Baxendell (Matt)	(2 nd Vice President)
Zach Stolarsky (Zach)	(Secretary)
Brooks Vogel (Brooks)	(Member-at-Large/Newsletter Editor) (Not Present)
Carlos Vazquez (Carlos)	(Past President)

Guests, Past Board Members, Younger Members:

Peter Narsavage (Peter)	(Website Editor, Ohio Council)
Jason Ross (Jason)	(Student Section Advisor, OSU)
Patrick Karnes (Patrick)	(President, Younger Members) (Not Present)
Jim Pajk (Jim)	(Ohio Council) (Not Present)
Bob Heady (Bob)	(Student Section Advisor, OU) (Not Present).
Mark Seidemann (Mark)	(Past President) (Not Present)
Dave Pritchard (Dave)	(Past President) (Not Present)
Daniel Pradel (Daniel)	(OSU Professor/ Geo-Institute)
Bethanie Meek (Bethanie)	(Past President/ASCE Central Ohio Geotechnical Committee Chair) (Not Present)

The meeting was convened at 11:30 AM at the Hull & Associates office (Dublin, Ohio). The participants are listed above.

Secretary's Report (Zach Stolarsky)

Approved meeting minutes will be posted online.

Treasurer's Report (Firat Sever)

The report was submitted by Firat.

The "account analysis" charge turned out to be a periodic charge due to the average balance in the checking being less than \$25,000 for the past few months. Our checking account type is "Platinum" which allows for unlimited transactions with the provision of maintaining the minimum balance. The Platinum account properties reads the total of checking and "investment" accounts to be at minimum of \$25k. Firat will talk to US Bank about this; recall, we moved about \$10k to the CDs earlier this year, hence the lower average balance in the checking. If they say CDs don't count towards the minimum money amount required in US Bank accounts, then Firat suggests we change our account to Gold or Silver to avoid charges. They still allow up to 150 transactions free of charge, and we typically don't get even close to that.

Questions to Firat include; if this transaction amount includes deposits, would the fact that star chapter deposits each transactions be an issue? What is the charge if we go over 150, and compare that to the fee we have with the platinum plan?

Firat has not been able to revise Paypal or outstanding deposits and withdrawals for this month. Will send an update on those within a few days.

Luncheons (Christopher Nye)

October 13th wrap-up (w/ ACI) ~40 people attended.

November 17th at Confluence Park (w/ SEAO) – Wind Tunnel Testing. This is the first one with the price increase. Due to SEAO's different ticket options, there are 6 ticket options for this event.

Moving forward, we will typically have 4 different ticket options, Member (\$20), Life member (\$15), Student member (\$10), and Guest (\$25).

December 15th luncheon - Chris is looking into locations.

January luncheon – Looking at the Union for students, might get a discount rate. Board will pay for the venue. Jason will let us know when we have prices. Fawcett Center can be used at other times during the year. Jason will confirm if the board needs to give the students the money to get the discounted rate or if the board can pay for the venue from our account and still get the discounted rate. Chris will talk to Amanda and confirm that she is still doing the presentation.

Technical Seminar (Matt Baxendell)

Topic selected - Active transportation and trail design including curb ramps. Possible speakers include from the City of Columbus, Brad Westall from Recreation and Park department, and CSX. Possibly to include road diets as well.

Matt would like recommendations on venues. Previous year was at Fawcett Center. Has also been at the Department of Agriculture building and Crowne Plaza.

Chris would like to broaden speakers outside of Columbus to get a bigger interest from outside central Ohio.

Webinars (Brooks Vogel)

November 1st – Advanced Culvert Hydraulics with HEC-RAS. At Stantec

November 2nd – Road Safety and Signage Audit. At Korda. 4-5 members attend.

December 5th - Details for Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Walls: Good Practices. At S&ME

January 19th Hydraulic Performance of Detention Pond Outlet Structures. At Korda

Chris would like to have a complete list of all webinars posted. Peter has a list and will update.

New lower webinar prices are \$200

Newsletter (Brooks Vogel)

Brooks will send renewals out. Sponsors will go from newsletter sponsors to website sponsors

ASCE Central Ohio has been selected as the StartChaper Chapter of the month. They have 6 questions for us that Brooks will answer and send to the board before submitting.

Website (Peter Narsavage)

We currently have “news” in the center of the website, not “announcements”. The idea was brought up to move the letter from the president on the right side of the screen and replace with announcements.

Carlos wants to add button for an RSS feed.

Younger Member Group (President – Patrick Karnes)

OTEC Happy Hour was a successful event. Six different groups were included. They spent \$1400 out of \$1800 budget

Stem Expo – Looking at February 25th. Making progress on the venue to possibly have it at COSI to tie into Dream Big. The possibility of returning to Worthington is being kept open. Chris mentioned that he wanted access to movie for people to attend. Carlos said that COSI is willing to give ticket deals with members getting discount tickets. Board will look into paying for costs of the kids attending the movie. Carlos will set up formal conference call to confirm details of movie and ticket prices.

Multiregional conference Patrick requested Board reimbursement for two members to attend. Zach and Matt brought up the fact that it is good to have continuity from year to year and having two members attend would help that. Board approved to have two member attend.

Student Chapter Practitioner Advisors (OSU – Jason Ross, OU - Bob Heady)

OSU has the website ready for the conference. Committee formed for planning of conference with ~6 people. Jason reviewed letter sent to companies for donations. Wants to set up meeting with students and advisors to gauge support. Students seem to be hitting targets on ASCE planning guide. Students will begin to set up head judges and then have other judges.

Peter said how it was confusing for his office that they received two letters (one for the student team and one for the conference) requesting money at the same time.

The question was brought up of whether or not to make companies aware that OU is hosting next year. However, another letter might just add to the confusion and the board will just let people know next year.

Events for the OVSC include steel bridge, concrete canoe, surveying, balsa wood bridge, concrete bowling and bat and civil site design.

Companies can sponsor an event, a meal, or something smaller. Fundraising request for ASCE Central Ohio Board went to Firat.

Membership Events

Peter brought up that other sections have successfully hosted trap shooting events.

Other Items of Business

Legislative Fly-In March 14-15

Both Brooks Vogel and Jim Pajk have been approved to receive reimbursements for this event in Washington DC.

GeoInstitute chapter in Central Ohio / TH Wu Lecture (Daniel Pradel)

Has form to start GI Chapter for Central Ohio.

Daniel would like to expand TH Wu Lecture to include Bob Holtz as a speaker. The GI will also provide a speaker, possibly one of the governors. OSU will pay for the other speaker. Daniel mentioned that section could sponsor a cocktail hour. Possible dates include March 31st, April 7 or 14th.

Daniel and Peter will coordinate this event and possibly reach out to Cleveland and Cincinnati to make event bigger. Peter mentioned that one chapter for all three areas would be hard, but maybe have one website for all three to coordinate events. Will be held on campus as Daniel can get a venue for free. Last year about 40 people attended Lecture but this year Daniel will ask for a room that can accommodate at least 100 people. Daniel is in the process of completing paperwork to get a minimum 2 hours PDH credit for the event.

President-Elect Swallow visit planning (Chris)

Chris has sent request for President visit. They met Oct 17th to confirm schedules. Haven't heard any confirmation back yet. Daniel checked and OSU is OK with a breakfast

Engineers Week (Carlos)

Carlos confirmed that Bridgewater will be used for engineer's week.

The next meeting will be on December 8th, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Hull & Associates office (Dublin, Ohio).

This meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Submitted,
Zach Stolarsky
Secretary – Central Ohio ASCE