Board Meeting Minutes  
December 8th, 2016 (November Meeting)  

Board Members:  
A.J. Smith (AJ) (President)  
Christopher Nye (Chris) (1st Vice President)  
Firat Sever (Firat) (Treasurer)  
Matt Baxendell (Matt) (2nd Vice President) (Not Present)  
Zach Stolarsky (Zach) (Secretary)  
Brooks Vogel (Brooks) (Member-at-Large/Newsletter Editor)  
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)  
Jim Pajik (Jim) (Ohio Council) (Not Present)  
Bob Heady (Bob) (Student Section Advisor, OU) (Not Present)  
Mark Seidellmann (Mark) (Past President) (Not Present)  
Dave Pritchard (Dave) (Past President)  
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)  

As discussed in previous meetings, because our account balance dipped below the required amount (due to rolling money into CD’s) Firat has changed our account type to remove the $20.00 a month service charge. This account can have 150 transactions per month free of charge. Firat will monitor this to make sure we don’t go over that limit with the deposits from StarChapter. Brooks will send StarChapter information to Firat to verify deposits.  

There is still a $20.00 service charge. Firat will dispute.  

Firat received a call from ASCE National lawyer Tara Hoke stating law that OSU student chapter needs to file taxes directly. The question was brought up whether or not OSU needs to file with us. Chris mentioned that they never have before. Their deposit and payments are tracked through the department.  

Firat has not yet started the taxes for this year. Chris will send tax form from last year. Firat tried to use ASCE QuickBooks but couldn’t get access.  

Jason asked Firat if he had gotten a request for funding from ASCE for the OVRC. Firat will check his mail.
Luncheons (Christopher Nye)

November 17 luncheon was successful. The Boat House was a good venue.

December 15 at La Scala – Professional Ethics. A speaker from IEEE. Currently 18 people are registered and we need 25 people to get a private buffet Lunch. La Scala mentioned that they are packed that day and would be OK if we canceled. The thought was brought up to cancel the event. It was decided we would keep the meeting, the speaker had forwarded the event to OSU students in IEEE.

There is still the problem of members not receiving email despite the fact that they verified their email address. Peter will see the list of who actually had opened the emails and who received them.

January at the Fawcett Center- OSU Students and Engineers without Borders. The Ohio Union was booked so the event will be held at the Fawcett Center. The Fawcett Center requires payment for the venue, food, projectors, etc. Out of pock costs for this event look to be about $800-$1000. Students will be able to attend this event for free. The idea to increase fees for this event because it is a dinner was rejected.

February at Bridgewater - E-Week Smart Cities. A speaker from the City of Columbus Department of Public Service will present.

Technical Seminar (Matt Baxendell)

The Fawcett Center is the top choice right now as a venue due to location and costs. The goal is to have the lineup formalized by January so we can start publicizing the seminar.

A discussion of the days between Tuesday April 11th or Tuesday April 18th took place. Other events around those days include:
- April 6-8 – Ohio Valley Student Conference
- April 14 – Good Friday
- April 14 – T.H. Wu Lecture / GeolInstitute meeting
- April 20 – ASCE luncheon
- April 23 – last day of OU regular classes
- April 25 – last day of OSU regular classes
Matt will review and select a date for the seminar.

Webinars (Brooks Vogel)

December 5 wrap-up – MSE Walls (at S&ME) was attended by ~10 people.

January 19 – Hydraulic Performance of Detention Pond Outlet Structures (at Korda)

Peter posted list of past webinars on the website. Will need to manually update this list going forward.

Newsletter (Brooks Vogel)

The next newsletter will be published by the webinar Thursday December 15th. AJ will send his Presidents letter to Brooks.

Brooks has been coordinating with StarChapter on different fonts for the newsletter.

Letters were sent to website sponsors for renewal. As of the board meeting, 4 companies have renewed. A way to pay online directly was set up.
Website (Peter Narsavage)

Still in the process of setting up a meeting template.

Younger Member Group (President – Patrick Karnes)

Second STEM meeting was Tuesday December 6th. Request for activity sponsors sent Wednesday December 7th. STEM expo is set for COSI on February 25, 2017 from 10am to 2 pm. COSI is having a family night the Friday before the expo and activity sponsors can set up then. Patrick will send information on the event to Brooks for the Newsletter.

Next social meeting set for December 15 at Kingmaker Columbus in the Short North.

Daniel reiterated his desire to have younger members help be a part of the OSU capstone class. Patrick has already made younger member aware of this and will do so again. Daniel will send information to Patrick to include in his pitch to younger members. Additionally, if anyone has a capstone project idea, let Daniel know. Daniel will send information to Brooks for the newsletter.

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

Jason will confirm with Bob if the OU students would be attending the dinner on January 19th dinner. There is the thought that OU students could come early or stay late to talk about OVRC Planning.

No updates on the fund raising for the OVRC. Jason will send information to Brooks for the newsletter. Since the next board meeting is so late in January next month, the board will approve amount to be donated by email.

Membership Events

Annual golf outing is on June 23rd, 2017

The question was brought to Matt regarding a Blue Jackets game.

Ohio Council (Peter Narsavage)

The sections dues request was based on member counts. Central Ohio has the second most members after the Cleveland Section. Firat will pay the dues to Ohio Council.

Tony Klimek from the Cincinnati Section is the new secretary for the Ohio Council. Next year Central Ohio will be responsible for supplying a member to the Council board. A chair for the report card committee is still needed.

Other Items of Business

Ohio Construction Conference

Ohio Construction Conference is on March 15th at OSU. We will continue to advertise the event. A letter from the group was outlining the requirements to advertise was received and we will meet those guidelines. Peter attended event last year and Chris is interested in attending this year with the single ticket we are given as advertisers.
ASCE Fellow Nomination

Submitted for Halil Sezen, PhD, PE, Professor at OSU by Peter and AJ. National requires that a section sponsor them those submitting.

Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI) chapter (Firat)

Firat gave a background on the history of UESI. The group is looking to expand. Will advertise to see interest. Firat will send a write up to Brooks for the newsletter. Firat will be the interim chair until he gets more interest.

Gas Tax (Dave Pritchard)

Dave put together some information for a testimony to the Ohio Legislator independently. Brooks submitted testimony on behalf of Central Ohio ASCE. This report will go to legislator next session. Dave might be asking people to contact their legislators in the future. Dave’s report looked at how much local communities spend without state or federal funds and how much they lose in general funds. Dave is looking for contacts to do this for other communities besides just Grandview.

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

Looking to have a meeting of the GeoInstitute at the end of January. Daniel and Peter will talk to confirm date and location. The TH Wu lecture will be held on April 14th from 3-6 in the CBEC building at OSU It will be a 3 hour event with 2 hours of educational units offered for free. Event will be listed on the GeoInstitute’s national website.

ASCE film “Dream Big” at COSI, released on Feb. 24 (Carlos Vazquez)

Carlos asked about group discounts. COSI can give us $10 off. We discussed covering costs on the day of the STEM expo. It was decided that members will get free tickets and all people attending the expo with receive the discount.

ASCE Grants available to cover ticket costs. Zach will submit this.

Legislative Fly-In March 14-15 in Washington DC (Brooks Vogel, Jim Pajk)

Jim been accepted.

Brooks will hear back shortly.

President-Elect Swallow visit planning

Blackwell will be booked for breakfast in May. Chris will look to Daniel in helping to coordinate event.

2017 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (WSBL, CRYMC, WSL) February 3-4 in Minneapolis, MN

Chris will attend from the board, Patrick and Tom will attend on behalf of younger members.

The next meeting will be on January 26th, 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