

# Nebraska Section ASME Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 10, 2004**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: Old Country Buffet, 144th & Center**

In Attendance: Mundt, Pruitt, Redinger, Sholl, Stanley, Stohlmann

## Treasurer's Report

Redinger presented the Jan. Treasurers Report. Two checks sent to student sections at UNL and SDSU have yet to be cashed. Redinger and DeBoer will follow up to make sure the checks have not been lost. Our current CD of \$10,199.97 will mature on Feb. 21st. Redinger will seek out the best interest rate and renew the CD for \$10,200. It was noted that the section has enough money in the Savings Account to cover the current RAC/RSC budget shortfall of approximately \$1,300 if the need arises. Budget is on target.

## Membership Report

Madsen reported through Stohlmann that we have 8 renewals since Dec. 31, 2003 for a 91% renewal rate. Members who had not renewed were dropped on Jan. 1, 2004 leaving the Nebraska Section with 423 current members.

## January Meeting Report

Approximately 57 members attended the January presentation on Wind Turbine Technology. Art Sholl was presented with a plaque to recognize his continuing efforts as the Government Relations Chair. Four other members were presented with certificates for 25 years of membership in ASME. Region VII Vice President Brian Erbstoesser presented the awards.

## RSC/RAC Coordination Committee Report

Volunteers will be needed to act as desk clerks (3-4) to help people register and event coordinators (3-4). Judges will also be required for the student competitions of Friday. It has been difficult to find volunteers for Friday due to the conflict with the PD course.

## RSC/RAC Funding Committee Report

Stohlmann reported \$2,700 has been pledged to date with \$1,250 in hand. The current budget requires approximately \$4,000 of pledges to come out event. Fund raising continues.

## College Scholarships

Redinger reported one scholarship form has been received to date. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 13th. Redinger will then forward the scholarship forms to the Executive Committee for review.

## PD Course Update

Redinger will meet with the instructors to finalize the agenda.

## Feb. Meeting Update

The Feb. meeting will be the E-Week Banquet. It will be held on Feb. 27th at the Georgetowne Club. Reservations are due Feb. 24th. Stohlmann will bring the ASME banner for display by 5:30pm.

### Government Relations Update

A bill recommending a sales tax on professional services has appeared again. It will have a public hearing on Feb. 20. PEC is watching the bill closely. If it appears likely to move forward, they will alert members to write legislators.

A second bill concerning the requirements for the use of engineers (i.e. when engineers would be required to be involved on a project) is currently on hold.

### Newsletter

The deadline for the February Newsletter is being moved up to Friday, Feb. 13.

### Other Business

We currently have one confirmed nominee for the upcoming elections. Ballots should be mailed this month. If we don't have enough candidates by Friday, Feb. 13th (newsletter deadline), a second mailing for the ballot will be required. Stohlmann will contact Krieser about electronic ballot.

Pruitt reported the dates and times for the E-Week proclamations as follows: Omaha North, Feb. 24th, 9:30am; Irving Middle School (Lincoln), to be determined; Council Bluffs St. Albert, Feb. 24th, 11:30am; Nebraska State Capitol, Feb. 18th, 10:30am.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2004, Old Country Buffet, 144th & Center, 6:00pm.