

Nebraska Section ASME Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2004

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Old Country Buffet, 144th & Center

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

Treasurer's Report

Redinger presented the Feb. Treasurers Report. The two outstanding checks noted at last month's meeting have been cashed. The CD at Great Western Bank was closed out upon maturity and the balance of \$10,218.05 was invested in a new 12 month CD at Tier One Bank at 2% APR. The new CD will mature on 2-21-2005. The budget is on target. Current projections for the PD Course indicate we should meet or exceed the expected profit. Fundraising for the RSC/RAC meeting appears to be enough to pay for the meeting without forcing our section to cover a shortfall.

Membership Report

Madsen has not received a new report from ASME and had no update at this time.

February Meeting Report

The February meeting was the E-Week Banquet. The speaker who portrayed a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition was very entertaining and well received. Stohlmann presented the Nebraska Section Industry Award to Tim Crockett of HDR and presented an Outstanding Service Award to Michael Mattison for all the extraordinary time he has volunteered to help ASME. Mike has served on the ASME Executive Committee for three years and served as last years Chairman, has volunteered to Chair the Organizing Committee for the Region VII RSC/RAC meeting this March and has participated in all phases of the Rolling Ball Sculpture project for the Children's Museum in Lincoln. The Executive Committee would like to thank both HDR and Mike for supporting ASME.

RSC/RAC Coordination Committee Report

The following Executive Committee members will be assisting with the RSC/RAC: Madsen/Stohlmann – Design Comp. Judges (Fri.), Redinger – PD Course (Fri.), DeBoer, Redinger, Stanley, Stohlmann – Registration & Information (Sat.), Redinger, Stanley, Stohlmann – Information (Sun.)

RSC/RAC Funding Committee Report

Stohlmann reported approximately \$8,775 has been pledged to date with approximately \$4,000 in hand. Since pledges are up, a Friday evening meal has been reinserted into the agenda raising the estimated costs to approximately \$6,000. Estimated costs may increase further depending on the number of rooms reserved at the hotel. If we do not meet a certain number of reservations, we may be charged a higher fee for the use of the meeting rooms.

College Scholarships

Redinger reported 6 scholarship forms had been received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for review. All entries were well prepared making for a difficult decision. The scholarship winners as elected by the Executive Committee were: 1) Scott Christianson

(SDSU), 2) Bobbie Crater (SDSM&T) and 3) Andy Malone (UNL). A motion was made by Pruitt to award \$500 for first place, \$400 for second and third and \$100 honorable mention to the other applicants. The motion was seconded by Stanley. Motion carried.

PD Course Update (March Meeting)

Redinger reported 52 people have signed up for the PD course. We will have 4 instructors. As noted in the Treasurer's Report, the current estimate indicates we should meet or exceed our expected profit. Redinger noted that Mary Brazeal of OPPD has been donating time to create a class roster, make name tags and create PDH certificates. Redinger recommended buying Mary a \$25 gift certificate as a thank you. All agreed.

Apr. Meeting Update

Stohlmann noted the schedule called for the April meeting to be a joint meeting in Sioux City with the Sioux Valley Group. The May meeting was scheduled to be in Lincoln. The UNL students requested we switch the April and May meetings so the Lincoln meeting would not conflict with finals. The Executive Committee agreed. We will target mid April for a meeting in Lincoln at Lincoln Composites or Novartis. Stohlmann will contact Nolan Van Gaalen to check on Dordt's schedule for finals. We will attempt to schedule the May meeting early enough to avoid any conflict for Dordt students.

Government Relations Update

Sholl presented a handout summarizing the legislative bills of interest to PEC with the PEC recommend position. It was noted the legislative session is running short on time and many bills would likely not come up for a vote due to lack of time.

Newsletter

The deadline for the March Newsletter is March 19, 2004.

New Officer Nominations

Stohlmann reported three candidates have been identified to run for the Executive Committee. The website has been set up to receive votes and a hard copy ballot has been prepared for the newsletter. The ballot will be included with the March newsletter. Ballots will be due by the end of March so the new members can be invited to the April Executive Committee meeting.

Other Business

Stohlmann reported that DeBoer had completed and submitted the forms to nominate Nolan Van Gaalen for the Student Section Advisor Award.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2004, Rockbrook Garden Café, 7:30am.