

Nebraska Section ASME

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2004

Time: 7:30 am

Location: Rockbrook Garden Café, 108th & Center

In Attendance: Ballain, DeBoer, Madsen, Mundt, Pruitt, Randall, Redinger, Rerucha, Sholl, Stanley, Stohlmann, Stransky, Walters

Executive Committee Election Results

Stohlmann reported Chad Ballain, Susan Randall and Dave Stransky had been elected to serve on next year's Executive Committee. The new members were introduced and welcomed. Their term will begin on July 1, 2004. Chad, Susan and Dave will replace Deb DeBoer, Frank Pruitt and Ron Stohlmann.

Future Committee Assignments

Incoming Chair Bruce Stanly led a discussion concerning Executive Committee assignments for next year to gauge each members interest. Assignments need to be finalized by May 15, 2004 to be reported to the Midwest Field Office.

Treasurer's Report

Redinger presented the Treasurers Report. The budget is on target. The PD Course will exceed the budgeted profit by approximately \$300. All expenses associated with the RSC/RAC will be reimbursed from funds raised for the event.

Membership Report

Madsen reported our current membership is at 434 and our section has the best renewal rate in Region VII. Congratulations to Redinger who recruited one of the PD Course instructors to join. Madsen reminded everyone to personally contact dropped members as assigned if you have not already done so.

March Meeting Report

The March meeting consisted of the PD Course on the Fundamentals of Lubrication, Oils, Greases, Basestock Technology and Lubricant Applications held in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel. Paid attendance was at 52 members. The average cost was \$24.60/person with a net profit of \$1,778.38 for the section. Many positive comments were received from attendees including visitors in town for the RAC. Lunch was combined with the student lunch for the RSC which gave members a chance to mingle with the students. Thanks to Redinger for an excellent job arranging the course.

April Meeting Report

The April meeting consisted of a tour of General Dynamics in Lincoln followed by dinner at Misty's. The tour was very interesting but ran a bit long which may have discouraged some from attending dinner. Approximately 10 students from UNL attended. Dinner attendance was less than expected and student dinners were offered at half price resulting in a loss of \$180.65.

RSC/RAC Report

The RSC/RAC held in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel went very smoothly. The only problem occurred when a prepaid bus to transport students to a tour of the SAC museum failed to show up. An alternate fleet of personal vehicles was assembled to save the day. The design competition had students design a robot to clear a simulated field of landmines. The competition coordinated nicely with the keynote speaker, Brett Kennedy of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Brett was a member of the Mar's Rover team and talked about its development. Fund raising for the event was sufficient to cover all the related expenses without additional help from our section.

Nebraska Section scholarships were personally awarded to those students in attendance.

A thank you letter has been sent to Spencer Stevens for serving as an alternate keynote speaker.

Nolan Van Galen did not win the Student Section Advisor Award but the application package was forwarded to him.

May Meeting Update

Redinger will arrange a tour of Heritage Homes in Wayne, Nebraska targeted for Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the Sioux Valley Group. Due to the late date, Dordt students will be out of school for the summer.

June Meeting Update

The June meeting will consist of the NSPE Golf Outing scheduled for Friday, June 11, 2004 at the Knolls Golf Course in Omaha. A flier will be included in the next newsletter.

Government Relations Update

Sholl reported LB 599 has passed. The bill changes and eliminates requirements for the use of engineers and architects. PEC reports that several amendments made to the bill will not be beneficial for engineers. The current legislative session has ended. A list of other bills and their status was distributed.

Newsletter

The deadline for the May Newsletter is Friday, May 7, 2004.

Other Business

Stohlmann reported the ASME Summer Annual Meeting will be June 6-10 in La Jolla, CA. The ASME Turbo Expo will be held in Vienna, Austria. Sorry – our section will not cover expenses to either of these meetings.

Next Meeting

Planning Meeting, Thursday, June 24, 2004. Time and location to be determined. All newly elected Executive Committee members are encouraged to attend.