

Nebraska Section ASME

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2005

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Utility Engineering

In Attendance

Kevin Madsen, Susan Randall, Chad Ballain, Bill Redinger, Tom Rerucha, Mark Loscutoff

Treasurer's Report

The Budget is balanced. The October meeting made \$11. The November PD course is set to have a good attendance. The ASME flag is in.

Membership Report

The current renewal rate is 83.1%. Mark Loscutoff has requested MDC reports from the support office. For now, Kevin will forward the reports to Mark as they are received.

P.E. Review Courses

CEU certificates are going to be sent out soon. Gift certificates for the instructors also need to be sent out.

October Meeting Review

The October meeting recap was printed in the October newsletter. Twenty two members and guests attended the tour and 16 attended the dinner.

November PD Course

There are 65 people signed up. Three different companies are presenting. The handouts are ready. There are a couple of people who need to pay at the door. Course evaluations will be handed out during the afternoon break.

December Meeting

The December meeting will be the Christmas Play at Mahoney. The schedule for the play is not available yet but would like to shoot for Saturday December 10th as a possible meeting date. Bill will plan to purchase 40 tickets.

January Meeting

Kevin is planning a panel style meeting with 4 speakers. Each speaker will present information for about 10 minutes with questions to follow. Speakers are being recruited from OPPD, MUD, UNL and Tenaska. This meeting will be educational on the topic of energy supply with PDH's provided to attendees.

Government Relations Board

First Meeting will be on November 14th.

Membership Campaign

The exec committee discussed what realistic goals should be set for membership. Exec members will put together a list of members who have not renewed their membership and call on this list as one way to keep the membership numbers up. In addition, ASME will solicit at each ASME event.

Review of Section Goals

Section goals were reviewed and updated. The current list of goals for the 2005 / 2006 year are as follows.

1. The Earl V. Fisher Award – application was sent in on time
2. Improve membership renewal rate – ongoing (the current membership renewal is at 83.1%)
3. Get 5 new members for the exec committee – in progress
4. Locate the plaque for the UP train – complete (will be on display in a couple of weeks)
5. Alternate process for industry award winner – ongoing (Ask members for nominations for this award)
6. Review how we would like to present service award certificates to members – complete
7. Plan overnight trip event – decided not to pursue due to full schedule.
8. Balance budget and plan for 2006/2007 – complete
9. PE refresher course – complete
10. Involve students in Section Activities – ongoing

Executive Council Recruiting

All members of the Council will try to identify candidates. Kevin, Susan, and Mark will make a special recruiting effort to get companies whose members participate in ASME to provide a Council member. Council volunteers will continue to be solicited at meetings.

Dordt Engineering Banquet

The notice was not sent in time to include in the newsletter. Kevin Madsen and Ron Stohlmann will represent the Nebraska Section at the event.

Newsletter

The December newsletter will be sent out on November 21st.

Other Business

Bob Walters suggested (via e-mail) that the section might include internship posting / employee opportunities as a service to student sections. The Council agreed that this is an excellent idea, but decided that with the myriad of on-line activity in modern hiring, it would be difficult to add any value to the process. It was felt that the true value to students would be to attend meetings and take opportunities to network with practicing engineers.

To support student sections, Bob Walters has submitted a request to student sections to be included in their communications. The Nebraska Section is committed to publishing and promoting upcoming student section events / activities, and will do so for the students as requests are made.

Next Meeting

The next exec meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 6, 2005 at UE at 6:00 p.m. Bill will order BBQ from the Red Zone.