

# Nebraska Section ASME

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: December 6, 2005**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Utility Engineering**

### In Attendance

Kevin Madsen, Susan Randall, Chad Ballain, Bill Redinger, Dave Stransky, Mark Loscutoff

### Treasurer's Report

The net revenue from the Fall PD Course was \$2946.80. The instructors were sent their gift cards which totaled \$213.50. The Professional Engineers Coalition and Engineers Round Table dues are \$100 each.

### Membership Report

The current renewal rate is 83.1% for the Nebraska Section. Most sections in our region have renewal rates in the 70% range. In addition, there are currently 495 members.

### December Meeting

The December meeting will be the Christmas Play at Mahoney. It is scheduled for Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 41 people who have purchased tickets (30 adults and 11 children).

### January Meeting

Kevin is planning a panel style meeting with 4 speakers. Each speaker will present information for about 10 to 20 minutes with questions to follow. Speakers have been recruited from OPPD, MUD, and Tenaska. This meeting will be educational on the topic of energy supply in the fuel markets with PDH's provided to attendees. The meeting is going to be a morning brunch from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

### Spring PD Course

The PD course is planned for Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2006. The topic will be corrosion and coatings. The instructors are partially lined up.

### Government Relations Board

Nothing new to report.

### Executive Council Recruiting

Dave has 1 member (Adam Luchsinger) who is interested in running for the Exec Committee. Kevin has two members who are considering running and one other member who he has yet to ask. Susan has successfully recruited two members (David Miller from Union Pacific and Pat Vaughn from Northern Natural Gas). The goal is to have more than 5 candidates so that a meaningful vote can take place. If needed, the election will slide a month if we don't have 5 candidates by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

If the total required candidates (5) is not reached, another e-mail will be sent to the membership to appeal to member's sense of responsibility.

### Newsletter

The next newsletter is going out on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2006. A deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 will be added for the application of the industrial award nominations.

### Other Business

#### Plaques for Chairs

Bruce Stanley has not received his ASME plaque for serving as the chair of the executive committee. Bill will pursue getting plaques ordered for both Bruce Stanley and Kevin Madsen.

#### Industry Award

The ASME Industry Award plaque will either be ordered from ASME national or through Center Street Trophy. Bill will pursue which option will work best.

#### May Meeting

The May meeting will be a tour of the NE Air National Guard. This tour will include a refueling training flight where we will get to see them in action. We anticipate the interest to be very high for this tour. After a thorough discussion, it was decided to break up the available slots into three tiers. The first tier will guarantee slots to the current officers. The second tier will give preferential opportunity to others actively involved with ASME (past officers, faculty advisers, PE refresher course instructors, etc.). The third tier will be open to the general membership. A lottery system will be used to fill the second and third tier slots. We will select several alternates to make sure we take advantage of every seat available. Also, due to the limited seating, we plan to limit it to ASME members only. Spouses, etc., will have to sit this one out unfortunately. Currently we are considering 6 spots in the first tier, 10 spots in the second tier, 19 spots in the third tier and 10 alternates.

#### Next Meeting

The next exec meeting is scheduled at for Friday January 13, 2005 at the Garden Cafe at 7:30 a.m.