

Nebraska Section ASME Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 25, 2006

Time: 7:30 am

Place: Garden Cafe

In Attendance

Ballain, Loscutoff, Miller, Randall, Redinger, Ruhl, Stransky

General Committee Items

The requirements of the various committee assignments were discussed for the benefit of the new members.

Susan will disseminate ASME leadership training information to anyone interested. Susan also provided a copy of the materials from the recent Section Merit Funding Program webcast.

Susan noted that she is joining SWE and would like to increase the coordination of the two groups' activities. The SWE committee has already indicated an interest in creating a link to our web site.

The committee members agreed that we would like to pursue some sort of formal acknowledgement of Greg's ongoing efforts maintaining our web site. The web site is a valuable service to our members and puts us at the forefront of some of the other local chapters.

Treasurer's Report

It was noted that we have until Sept. 1st to submit the final treasurer report for the 2005/6 term. Chad planned to talk to Kevin Madsen about completing the audit and procedures for submitting the report.

The opening balance for the 2005/6 term was \$17,509.98, and the closing balance was \$20,919.98, resulting in a net profit for the term of \$3,410.00. This was due in large part to two successful professional development courses.

The initial budget for the 2006/7 term was reviewed and no changes were made.

Membership Report

Mark has been able to gain access to the membership roster now. The current membership tally stands at 480 members.

Discussion continued from the last meeting regarding member recruitment and retention. Mark provided a testimonial regarding the value of membership to him for the next newsletter. He continues to work on a list of potential company contacts for the committee to work on as outlined in the previous meeting. He will distribute the list when completed.

The committee discussed setting a member recruitment goal. Setting and meeting goals can factor into the Earl Fisher award criteria. The goal is to be published in the next newsletter to encourage participation from the chapter. Mark will provide a write-up for the newsletter.

Other member recruitment topics were discussed. It was agreed to continue offering half-price dinners to students at our tours, as well as half-price, or possibly free, dinners to legitimate prospective members. It was also noted that we need to make people aware that they don't have to be an ME to join.

Newsletter

Dave M. noted that he needed an electronic copy of the newsletter file. A couple of ideas came up for making the emailed version of the newsletter more user-friendly. A web link at the top of the email to the Adobe version would allow people to quickly access a more readable copy. Also bulleting out the topics at the top of the email is more likely to catch people's attention.

The next newsletter is planned to be issued Sept. 5th, with any items to be included due by Sept. 1st.

Ethanol Speaker Meeting

Dave M. provided an update on the September chapter meeting. A speaker from Cargill will discuss the manufacturing of ethanol. The location will be the Upstream Brewing Co. in west Omaha. Meals are expected to run \$15-\$20 a plate. To reserve the space, we'll need to have a minimum bill of \$700.

PE Refresher Course

Dave S. provided an update on the PE Refresher Course. HDR has agreed to provide the facilities again this year, and all of the instructors have been lined up. So far, it looks like there will be approximately a dozen attendees.

Professional Development Class

Gary continues to pursue instructors for the November class on pumps.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2006, 6:30 pm, Club Mex.