

Nebraska Section ASME Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 10, 2006

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Garden Café

In Attendance

Ballain, Loscutoff, Miller, Randall, Redinger, Stransky

General Committee Items

The Merit Based Funding report was reviewed. The NE Chapter is one of the few to score 100 on it.

It was noted that we need to continue looking for ways to get student attendance, since this is part of the funding score. Options discussed include a tour in the Lincoln area (possibly in April), or provide help with one of the functions the student chapter has already set up.

We need to update the website with the correct committee titles for each person. We are also still missing one or two member photos. Dave S. will coordinate this with Greg.

October Meeting Recap

The tour of Valmont was very interesting. Approximately 28 people attended the tour, with 10 to 12 of them going on to dinner. Randy will provide a write-up for the newsletter.

Membership Report

Mark indicated that our renewal rate currently stands at 69%, which puts us in 3rd place out of 30 sections.

The committee continues to work on establishing company contacts. Chad provided Mark with a phone card for making long-distance calls to some of these companies.

Treasurer's Report

The current checking balance stands at \$2,991.93, with the primary financial activity this month being meeting expenses. It remains to be seen what our allocation from the national office will be. However, this was budgeted as \$0 for planning purposes.

Chad will move \$40 from the professional development budget (specifically PE Refresher Course) to the student scholarship budget. This should not affect our budget variance.

Professional Development Class

Everything has been set up for the November 15th class date at Mahoney. We are currently expecting 43 attendees. This should allow us to break even on the class. Kevin Madsen will be recognized at the course for his contributions to ASME as chairman last year.

December Meeting

The annual section outing to the Christmas play at Mahoney is coming up. We usually expect about 40 to 45 members will come. The date is anticipated to be either December 9th or 16th. We should be able to get more details while we're at Mahoney for the seminar next week. This outing usually requires a series of reminders to get people signed up.

Newsletter

Input for the next newsletter is due by November 22nd. This will hopefully include information on the December play.

Government Relations

No activity to report for this month.

Other Business

It was noted that NSPE is touring the new UNMC power center in the January/February time frame. Bill will look into the opportunity for a joint meeting.

Pat Vaughan has resigned from the committee due to a job relocation. His duties will be assumed by the other committee members for the time being.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 6:00 pm, Dave M.'s house.