

Nebraska Section ASME Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2007

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Utility Engineering

In Attendance

Ballain, Bowman, Loscutoff, Miller, Pruitt, Randall, Redinger, Ruhl, Stransky, Walker

Committee Assignments

Committee member assignments were discussed. The role served by each member are as follows:

Chair:	Dave Miller
Vice Chair:	Gary Ruhl
Secretary/Prof. Development:	Bob Bowman
Treasurer:	Mark Loscutoff
Membership Development:	Matt Walker
Programs/Technical Activities:	Matt Dick
History/Govt. Relations	Bill Redinger

Dave M. noted that he needs everyone's ASME membership numbers in order to submit the list to the national office.

Membership Report

Our member renewal currently stands at 91.1%, which puts us at 9th place among the sections. Some contact has been made with most of the non-renewing members to encourage them to rejoin. In some cases, non-renewing members just felt they weren't active enough to justify the expense. It was noted that we've had good success recruiting new members by proactively passing out information at our various events.

OPPD Power Drive

Susan and Dave M. attended at least a portion of the Power Drive competition. The event went well despite rain that day. There was discussion regarding providing some kind of sponsorship towards next year's competition. This could be in the form of a scholarship award for some engineering related category.

Treasurer's Report

Chad presented the final budget for the 2006-2007 term. The PD courses were particularly successful this year, which improved our account balance. The current checking balance stands at close to \$9k. The committee will look at moving \$5k into a CD. In addition, we will also see if it's time to exercise the interest rate jump-up option on the current CD.

The proposed budget for the 2007-2008 term was laid out and discussed. In general, many of the items are at or similar to last year's amounts. Some exceptions are in the following categories:

- Nat'l Allocation... assumed \$2k allotment;
- PD Courses... raised revenue and expenses several thousand to reflect recent experience in running these courses;
- Scholarships... raised allocated amount.

Awards & Dedications

We were unable to locate the ASME dedication plaque for the Union Pacific locomotive. We will investigate having a new one made. Hopefully there is some record of what the previous one looked like.

The committee will also look at getting the MUD North Omaha Pumping Station and the Speedway Museum in Lincoln on the ASME historical register. This requires an application process through the national chapter.

Government Relations

No engineering topics to report on. The legislative session was tied up primarily with school district and water resource issues.

Miscellaneous Items

Dave M. will look at options for getting the 2006 Industrial Award plaque to Cargill. The original intent was to present it at the E-Week Banquet earlier this year, but a Cargill representative was unable to make it.

The committee will address various reporting requirements due to the national chapter including: Section Officer & Committees Form (June 30), Conflict of Interest Form (July 1), Annual Financial Report & Budget – including independent financial audit – (Sept 1), Merit Funding Report (Oct 1).

2007-2008 Preliminary Program Schedule

The proposed program schedule for next season was discussed. Following is the preliminary plan of events:

Month	Coordinator(s)	Event
Sept.	David Miller	Tour: Lincoln-area (UNL Tractor Lab / LES / X-Mark)
	Frank Pruitt	PE Refresher Course
Oct.	Dave Stransky	Tour: Great Dane
Nov.	Gary Ruhl	PD Course*
	Matt Dick	Tour: RSI
Dec.	Bill Redinger	Mahoney Christmas Play
Jan.	Mark Loscutoff	Speaker / Social event
Feb.	Bill Redinger	Luncheon: ASHRAE joint meeting
	---	E-Week Banquet
Mar.	Dave Miller	PD Course*
Apr.	Matt Walker	Tour: Case New Holland
May	Bill Redinger Bob Bowman	Tour: OPPD Neb. City 2 (or) MUD treatment facility
June	---	NSPE Golf Outing
	Dave Miller Bill Redinger	OPPD Power Drive Competition

* Possible PD Course topics: compressors, material handling, fasteners & adhesives, reliability engineering, efficiency improvements.

Other possible meetings and tours:

- Joint meeting with ASCE on Dodge St. overpass
- General Motors, Kansas City trip
- Victory Motorcycles (Storm Lake, IA)
- Winnebago (Ft. Dodge, IA)
- Casinos (Council Bluffs, IA)
- Wells Blue Bunny (IA)
- Duncan Aviation

Outgoing Exec. Council Members

Thanks were extended to council members completing their last term on the council for all of their hard work.

Next Meeting

Friday, August 16, 2007, 6:00 pm, Upstream Brewery (west).