



Alaska Society of Professional Engineers

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ASPE June Teleconference Minutes

12 June 2012

12:00 to 1:00

Call in Number: 800.391.1709

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1) Roll Call (12:10pm)

Gerry Brown – ASPE President

Michael Dean – ASPE Past President

Darrell Wetherall – ASPE President Elect

Kevin Ross – ASPE Secretary

Greg Latreille – ASPE House of Delegates Representative

John Pekar – Anchorage Chapter Director

Brad Fristoe – Fairbanks Chapter Director

2) Approval of Agenda

Angela's edits from her e-mail.

Add March Board Meeting Minutes.

Change Header to June.

Add Corporations Biennial Report.

Greg to motion approval agenda w/revisions, Gerry 2nd, passed.

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) April 2012 Teleconference

Motion to approve April minutes by Mike, Greg 2nd, passed.

Will approve March meeting minutes through e-mail.

4) Treasurer's Report – A. Smith

Angela will figure out what's going on with PO box.

a) Revised Budget Approval Status

b) IRS Status

c) Credit Card Status

Seeking approval, chase down e-mail w/approval, March meeting minutes approved – credit card approved.

d) Graduated Dues

- e) APDC Bill
- 5) Secretary's Report
 - a) Minutes Approval
April Minutes were approved.
Sent March minutes – will be approved through e-mail.
 - b) Mail Address – NSPE Return Notices
- 6) Scholarship Report – Frances Isgrigg
- 7) Chapter Reports
 - a) Juneau – Maureen Hansen (*not present*) (*Darrell Weatherall reports*)
Had good turn out at Halibut feed, hiatus until September.
 - b) Fairbanks – Brad Fristoe
Had May meeting to replace April miss, Hiatus until September.
 - c) Anchorage – John Pekar
There is a Biodiesel Meeting in June and Corps Permafrost Meeting in July.
Still looking for officers (Typically vote in April)...have not received any nominations.
- 8) WPR Report – Greg Latreille/Mike Dean
The Saturday WPR Meeting was well attended. California, Utah, and Montana were there; Guam was not present.
The Treasurer's report was positive... WPR still has plenty of money.
There were several discussions about Iowa's departure from ASPE. There seemed to be a flagrant misrepresentation of comments.
There was a motion to tell Nationals to take strong interest in telling states to be individual.
ASPE Funds/memberships are declining – will need to cut benefits.
Operating procedures were approved.
Director Doug Hendrickson from Oregon will replace Dave James from Nevada
No one in our region or any other states seemed at risk of following in Iowa's footsteps.
Discussed reinitiating dues for WPR, which is in the budget ... further discussion in San Diego. States were not billed; they will write off last year and start collecting this year.
There is an opening on the NSPE Board of Directors - Member @ Large; Alan Werner was nominated by Washington and is pending an e-mail vote.

NSPE is looking for new executive Director.

9) APDC Report / Update – John Pekar

Primary Item AELS Board – It did not get passed to allow the board to have its own investigator... still shares one with other boards.

They focused on all items from last 2 sessions but w/Investigator as priority.

Discussed the idea of qualification based selection for local communities and will try to gauge how controversial that would be. Would like to get as many engineers as possible involved and educate politicians in a formal setting.

10) Task Force Results

a) Juneau Chapter Membership - Greg/Darrel

Greg visited 6 engineering offices in Juneau to speak on ASPE and boost/recruit memberships. He tried to get more offices but it was difficult to get engineers to volunteer their time.

Greg gave lunch presentations on NSPE explaining how the society is what you want to make of it.

Things are critical in Juneau, the chapter in danger of being closed. There haven't been any new faces at luncheons.

The majority of engineers in Juneau attend ASCE lunches and it is difficult to switch or supplement memberships.

The task force will try to reach out to smaller mech/elec firms and try to sell the organization to them, but there are only a few in Juneau (~3)... with potential for 10 new members. Also, the company owners are not very supportive.

There have been a couple of new employees that have expressed interest.

The message of what NSPE can offer was well received, but the feedback from Halibut feed was that ASCE members have no interest in a 2nd membership...need to look at new pool to recruit Juneau Candidates.

Greg & Darrell plan to talk towards end of August and discuss how to proceed with a new game plan for Juneau recruitment.

b) Continuing Education- Angela (not Present)/Gerry

Gerry/Angela will look into something for November... Fall will be busy w/PE refresher course. They will do a follow up in the spring.

c) Membership – Drop List

There are some people on the drop list that warranted contact, including Brian Dow. Greg also contacted someone else.

The Drop List is issued every month so we will be able to check up on it.

Darrell & Kevin will access membership toolkit on NSPE website.

ASPE Virtual – Kevin (Gerry)

Gerry is looking at annual meeting in California as research, where they have a national task force on subject.

Looking at test case... Open discussion if AK would be good test State.

A good scope would be to put into grant proposal.

There would be better notice through Facebook & websites... exposure through electronic means.

11) Old Business

a) NSPE Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA July 11 to 15, 2012

Transportation is on the extremely expensive side. Mike recommends attendees exchange arrival times to minimize transpo costs/rental cars.

Mike/Greg will be staying offsite.

Gerry is missing the Thursday Meetings.

Darrell is unable to go.

b) Craig Bledsoe

A letter will be sent to Craig with the Board's decision and will include what's going on with WPR... mention nominee's background.

12) Virtual ASPE

Already covered.

13) Adjourn

Greg move to adjourn, Kevin 2nd, passed. (12:53pm)

Next ASPE Meeting August 14, 2012

AEEF Meeting on July 10, 2012