

MEETING MINUTES

ASCE Board Meeting – Thursday, February 27, 2020 – 11:30 AM Korda, 1650 Watermark Drive, Columbus OH 43215

Board Members	Position	Present
Brooks Vogel	President	X
Patrick Karnes	1 st VP	X
Jon Sterenberg	Treasurer	X
Peyman Majidi	2 nd VP	X
Maegan Nunley	Secretary	X
Phil Hinson	Member-at-Large	X

Past Board Members, Younger members, Guest, etc.	Present
Peter Narsavage	Past President/Ohio Council
Sheena Marston	Newsletter Editor
Carlos Vazquez	Past Pres./Ohio Council
Bob Heady	OU Student Advisor
Jason Ross	OSU Practitioner Advisor
Justin Wilkinson	OSU Practitioner Advisor
Jennifer Marsh	YM Past-President
Dustin Doherty	
Evan Mickey	YM President
Daniel Pradel	Geo-Institute chapter
Dave Pritchard	X

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- 1) Secretary's Report (Maegan Nunley)
 - a) January 22, 2020 minutes approval.
No comments, minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report (Jon Sterenberg)
 - a) Current balance
 - b) Future CD – TBD at later date.
 - c) Summary of financial support throughout the year (Jason). In 2013 (see attached):
 - i. \$700 general support to each chapter.
 - ii. \$500 for WSCL (upon request)
 - iii. \$1,000 to OSU scholarships (\$200 to golf outing and \$800 to Robert H. Simpson [see attached info])
 - iv. \$1,000 to OU student scholarships (entirely through golf outing?)

- 3) Luncheons (Patrick Karnes)
 - a) Feb 7 President-Elect happy hour at Blackwell.
 - b) February 20 E-Week luncheon (Carlos) –ASCE will host registrations & recoup credit card processing fees (~3.81%).
 - c) March 19 – Ohio EMA. Steve Ferryman – Mitigation Branch Overview. Bravo at Lennox Town Center.
 - d) April 16 – South Side Mega Fix with ASHE. Speaker Steve Fellingner (ODOT PM) & others. Brooks has contacted.
Patrick to move forward with securing a venue.
 - e) May 21 – Engineers Without Borders & awards. Dave Pritchard assisting.
- 4) Webinars
 - a) N/A.
ASCE Ethics Webinar on April 1st; Carlos to host and set up with an attendee limit of 70.
- 5) Membership Events/Membership Chair (Maegan Nunley)
 - a) (Dustin Doherty) Potential to join in Crew game with OSPE and APWA. May. Options for \$27/seat + \$15/food buffet + cash bar. Considering paying for the food, attendees purchase tickets. Pricing minimum 100 people.
Board will need more information prior to deciding to join with APWA and OSPE. Maegan considering summer Top Golf event for a Thursday evening or Friday afternoon.
- 6) Spring Technical Seminar (Peyman Majidi)
 - a) Planning for May 5. Bridges. Split with ABCD or keep an ASCE only event?
Board decided to keep the event as an ASCE only event since it is one of our signature events each year. If ABCD wants to encourage attendance, they can subsidize the ticket cost for their own members, and we will host event registrations on our website.
- 7) Newsletter (Sheena Marston / Brooks Vogel)
 - a) Kilbourne redevelopment article. TBA.
 - b) Axe throwing follow up, pictures.
Maegan to send summary and pictures from the event.
 - c) Member drive
 - d) Always include President's Message
 - e) Summary of Dr. Briaud visit/T.H. Wu lecture.
 - f) Update luncheon schedule
 - g) Advertisement renewals – additional renewal Pennoni.
- 8) Website/Social Media/Technology (Peter Narsavage)
 - a) Website –
 - b) Instagram –
 - c) Twitter -
- 9) Younger Member Group (Evan Mickey)
 - a) STEM Expo – February 29 at Worthington Kilbourne HS. Jordan Gort at Strand leading. Registrations for exhibitors and attendees in process.
 - b) Habitat for Humanity – March. With APWA.

- 10) Student Chapter Practitioner Advisors (OSU – Jason Ross/Justin Wilkinson, OU - Bob Heady)
 - a) Graduation Stoles – (Bob) suggested purchasing 20 stoles to make student membership more visible. Peter – 10 are available to OU since OSU wasn't interested last year.
Board decided not to purchase additional stoles and to give OU the ones that have already been purchased.
 - b) OSU Updates
 - i. .
Jason shared information he had learned from Ohio State regarding the existing Simpson Scholarship that is in the ASCE by-laws. The Board asked him to follow-up with OSU to gather additional information about the current status of the award and report back in March.
 - c) OU Updates
 - i. .
- 11) Sponsorship / Advertisement Requests
 - a) None.
- 12) Geo-Institute Chapter (Daniel Pradel/Peter Narsavage)
Daniel and Peter working to set up a dinner meeting for April 8th.
- 13) UESI Chapter (Chris LeRoy/Dusting Doherty)
 - a) Conference chair - Planning for the UESI Surveying and Geomatics National Conference.
 - b) National Student Surveying Competition – sponsors sought.
 - c) Planning for lunch & learns/factory tours. Topics being explored are ODOT SUE Presentation, Factory tour of Logan Clay Products or ADS, potentially Columbia Gas presentation.
- 14) Outreach
 - a) BioClean PDH lunch. March 5 at Korda (likely).
 - b) ADS Pipe Tour in London, OH – early spring. 24 max attendees. 11:30 lunch, catering available if desired, then tour. Brooks organizing. Members first; no lunch provided.
 - c) Potential seminar/session (or luncheon next year) on FRP composites. Joe Fox (INEOS Composites – part of Ashland Chemical).
This event could be a hosted/advertised lunch 'n' learn versus an official luncheon.
- 15) Ohio Council (Peter)
 - a) Ohio Infrastructure Report Card - Volunteers for various duties.
 - i. Advancing.
 - b) April 10, 2020 – Spring meeting.
 - c) FOR Ohio – Distracted Driving bill
- 16) Regional/National ASCE workshops and training
 - a) N/A
The Region 3 Workshop is being hosted in Cleveland in July.
- 17) Old Business
 - a) 2021 Centennial Celebration – ASCE resources available, upcoming conference calls, etc. Follow up with National.
 - b) Fly-In March 11 & 12. Brooks Vogel, Jim Pajk.
 - c) Reach out to potential volunteers.
 - d) Newark Earthworks – promote for ASCE National Historic Landmark – Phil



18) New Business

- a) Golf Outing – costs have been \$70 for 9 years. Jim would like to raise costs to \$75.
- b) Worldpay – class action settlement.
- c) Spring 2020 Best Practices webinar. Tuesday, March 10, 2:00PM.
- d) Support of Columbus Crossroads Ph. 4 for USDOT INFRA Grant (attached).

Dave Pritchard spoke about Legislative Day on May 20. IEEE is cosponsoring with ASCE. We will need to book a speaker from ASCE National. USACE is supplying a speaker to talk about the Waters of the US updates. Several other ideas were brainstormed.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2020 – Korda

On-going involvement with “The Ohio State University” and “Ohio University” ASCE Student Chapters

ASCE Central Ohio Section Updated: February 2013

The ASCE Central Ohio Section, comprised of over 700 members including professionals and students maintains involvement with the student chapters in the following ways:

-The ASCE Central Ohio Section has a sub-section called the “Younger Members Section” which is comprised of out of college engineers up to age 35. This group strives to host activities and events and bridge the gap between the student chapters and the Section.

-The Section donates \$700 to each student chapter each year to support the student chapter in its activities and competitions.

-The Section supports upon request of the chapter, financial support in the amount up to \$500 for the chapter to send delegates to the WSCL conference hosted by ASCE National each year.

-Volunteer members of the Section act as practitioner advisors to the chapters. The current OSU practitioner advisor is Cheryl Shafer. The current OU practitioner advisor is Bob Heady.

-The student chapters rotate responsibility for hosting the combined section/student chapter meeting in April of each year. Both student chapters present to the Section at this meeting the past years activities. An outside speaker is also selected and brought in by the host student chapter to present a technical topic at the meeting.

2012	OSU
2013	OU
2014	OSU
2015	OU
2016	OSU
2017	OU
2018	OSU
2019	OU

-The Section supports upon request of the chapter, support for the chapters to participate in the ASCE Ohio Valley Regional Conference and associated student competitions.

-The section donates \$200 a year to the Ohio State Civil Engineering Alumni Association Scholarship Golf Outing

-The sections donates \$800 a year to the Ohio State Robert H Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund

-The section donates \$1000 a year to an OU Student Scholarship



American Society of Civil Engineers Central Ohio Section

As part of new business at Thursday's meeting, I would like to discuss the Ohio State 'Robert H. Simpson' scholarship. I recalled Peter referencing previously that this was in our by-laws and I did some digging on this with Ohio State. Here are the bylaws from our website:

ARTICLE VIII – AWARDS

Section 1. Monetary awards equal in value to the annual dues paid by a Member in the American Society of Civil Engineers and appropriate recognition shall be made each year to one student member from The Ohio State University ASCE Student Chapter and one student member from the Ohio University Student Chapter. The recipients shall be selected by the respective civil engineering faculty of each university for outstanding scholastic achievement. The award at The Ohio State University shall be known as the Robert H. Simpson Award to honor the ninth Section president.

At the Wu Lecture, I met Courtney Ross who works with department fundraising. I asked her if she could look into that scholarship and let me know how to donate etc... This was of course sparked by our recent discussions on what is our typical funding pattern for the students.

Courtney looked up our contributions for the past 10 years and sent me the following:

Hi Jason,

I hope your week is off to a good start. I was able to pull a report for ASCE's giving to the Robert H. Simpson Memorial Prize fund (606640) for the past 10 years. Please see below:

3/25/2013 - \$800

3/31/2014 - \$1,300

6/2/2015 - \$1,000

5/19/2016 - \$1,000

This is an endowed fund meaning it will be at the university in perpetuity. We invest these funds and award a percentage of the invested funds each year. This enables the fund to exist for many years. We traditionally award this to students as a scholarship. The College of Engineering has been going through a process of revisiting all funds established and being sure we are awarding them as the original donor intended. Next year, this fund will be awarded more so as a "prize". We are going to start awarding this fund as acknowledgement of exceptional student work on their capstone projects. We are still working through these details but as of now, that is our plan moving forward.

Without making this too long, here are my discussion points:

- 1.) It seems like we have not been consistent at supporting this fund as the by-laws require (or OSU records are incorrect).
- 2.) Should we be contributing to this if it is being transitioned to a 'prize' scholarship or should it be a different one.
- 3.) Should the by-laws be amended and the money just be given to an OSU scholarship (not specifically the Robert H. Simpson).

February 21, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Central Ohio Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and our over 800 members in central and southeast Ohio, I express our ardent support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. Not only does this project address critical traffic safety issues, the improvements will preserve and improve the vital economic impact of the corridor to both Central Ohio and the entire state and also improve the resiliency of the national interstate highway system.

ASCE was founded in 1852 and represents more than 150,000 members of the civil engineering profession in 177 countries, standing at the forefront of our profession that plans, designs, constructs, operates, and maintains society's economic and social engine - our nation's infrastructure. As engineers we are keenly aware of the tremendous benefits of a safe, reliable transportation infrastructure system.

The \$1.3 billion Columbus Crossroads project improves one of the most significant crossroads of the National Primary Highway Freight System - Interstates 70 and 71. The project has so far been advanced with state funds and decades of collaboration from ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and regional stakeholders. Completion of the project is a top priority for Columbus, the region, and Ohio. But the Phase 4 project cannot be completed without leveraging additional dollars from the INFRA program.

The Phase 4 project focuses on the physical overlap of these two critical arteries. Carrying 130,000 vehicles per day, including over 17,000 commercial vehicles, the corridor is a major bottleneck as traffic volumes currently exceed capacity by over 60%. It is also home to three of Ohio's top ten freeway crash locations. The section of highway trench is obsolete and creates a physical barrier on the south edge of Downtown Columbus.

This project will improve safety and provide safe and reliable travel for residents to over 100,000 regional jobs. It will reconnect struggling neighborhoods with Downtown Columbus via improved pedestrian and commuter access. National freight and regional commuter traffic will be vastly improved with reduced congestion and enhanced capacity and reliability.

We ask that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of this project to the economic prosperity of the region, state, and our great nation. Our citizens and national commerce will be vastly improved with a safer, more reliable travel corridor, and we respectfully ask for your positive consideration of this application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brooks M. Vogel".

Brooks M. Vogel, PE, LEED AP, M.ASCE
President, ASCE Central Ohio Section