



American Society of Civil Engineers Central Ohio Section

MEETING MINUTES

ASCE Board Meeting – Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 12:00 PM

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Present</u>
Justin S Wilkinson	President	X
Mike Kennedy	1 st VP	X
Tom Less	Treasurer	
Hamzeh Saqer	2 nd VP, Geo-Institute	X
Andrew Gort	Secretary	
Jennifer Rivera-Marsh	Member-at-Large	X
Nick Mill	Past President/Ohio Council	

<u>Past Board Members, Younger members, Advisors, Guest, etc.</u>		<u>Present</u>
Peter Narsavage	Past Pres./Ohio Council/Geo-Institute	X
Carlos Vazquez	Past President/Ohio Council	
Jim Pajk	Ohio Council	
Sonja Summer	STEM Expo Coordinator	X
Brandon Brock	YM President	
Macy Halverson	STEM Expo Chair	X
Dan Rinehart	OSU Practitioner Adviser	X
Daniel Pradel	Geo-Institute	

ASCE Board Meeting

In person:

New Albany Department of Public Service – Walnut Room
7800 Bevelhymer Rd
New Albany, Ohio 43054

Virtual option: Teams Meeting

1) Secretary's Report (Andrew Gort)

- a) May meeting – Andrew to follow up via email w/ report
- b) Spring Technical Seminar, Officer ceremony
- c) Start uploading minutes to our website – Andrew to look into

2) Treasurer's Report (Tom Less)

- a) Update on checks and signatories
- b) Balances
 - i. Starting balance: \$47,218.84
 - ii. Ending balance: \$41,595.77
 - iii. Petty Cash: \$0.00
 - iv. Working balance w/petty cash and pending checks: \$0.00
 - v. E-Week balance separated our standard account balance
 - 1. E-Week balance: \$9,529.08
 - vi. Tom to verify what the tax threshold is for our account
 - vii. Additional funds could be used to set-up a scholarship fund
 - 1. Scholarship fund would be administered by Board
 - viii. Golf outing allocation – Voted to contribute roughly \$3800k to the YM for assistance w/ outing

3) Luncheons/Social Events (Mike Kennedy)

- a) May – Swearing in of Officers, Spring Technical Seminar
 - i. Attendance: 38 + Mike, board and speakers
 - ii. Presentations:
 - 1. Add "Thank you" gift/card to the speakers for next year
 - iii. Awards
 - 1. Karl Berghauer: Outstanding Civil Engineer of Central Ohio
 - 2. Lydia Ramlo: Outstanding Section Member of ASCE Central Ohio
 - iv. Discussion on venue: Understory did a great job: ~ Every 3 years do a Geotech seminar?
 - v. Profit/Loss: TBD, early signs are positive.
 - vi. Hamzeh is considering a Geotech seminar for this year
- b) September – YM Jackie O's Event – Week of 22nd
- c) October – OTEC
- d) November – PDH Luncheon
- e) December – COC Update

4) Other Events

- a) Annual Golf Outing: Jim Pajk – Hoping for YM to start taking the lead in the planning
- b) E-Week: Carlos looking to hand these duties off
- c) Geo-institute: Hamzeh attended Geo-institute summit: Ways to improve the success of the section, recruit members, plan events, etc. ASCE Collaborate, Geotech tools, effective communication, etc.
- d) STEM Expo: Sonja laying the groundwork: Feb 28 at "The Point at Otterbein", draft google site IP for parent information → Less mail blasts
- e) Misc:

5) Spring Technical Seminar (Hamzeh Saqer)

- a) Time to begin thinking of ideas for April/May 2026
- b) Get ahead and reach out to national representative early for officer swearing in
- c) Geotech Focused: Ground Improvement

6) Newsletter (TBD, is this still Daniel?)

- a) Verify who this is – Justin to reach out

- b) Topics for September newsletter: Explore eliminating due to redundancy, shift focus to LinkedIn?
 - i. Jim sent golf recap, incorporate Spring Seminar and YM Jackie O's events for newsletter
 - ii. Other topics?

7) Website/Social Media/Technology (Peter Narsavage)

- a) Website – Need to update bios, remove emails, etc.
 - i. Secretary@centralohioasce.org
 - ii. Presidents' Message – Need to update this
 - iii. No set schedule for the newsletter, the message used to go out at the same time: Justin to put together for September
- b) Instagram
- c) YouTube – @ASCE Central Ohio
- d) LinkedIn – Please follow on LinkedIn and share posts to help spread word – Planning to replace newsletter w/ more LinkedIn posts
- e) Younger Members – Change to current officers: Lydia is now past president

8) Younger Member Group (Brandon Brock/Dan Rhinehart/Macy Halverson)

- a) Membership Event at Jackie O's
- b) STEM Expo
- c) OTEC HH: R Bar instead of Brothers
- d) Toy Drive
- e) Other HH's/Social Events: Edison Brewing 08/22 & Jackie O's: Date TBD

9) Student Chapter Practitioner Advisors (OSU – Dan Rinehart, OU – Bob Heady?)

- a) OSU Updates: Starting on the budget this year; Don't miss MRLC this year
- b) OU Updates

10) Sponsorship/Advertisement Requests

- a) Justin: Discuss advertisements on COH website and let companies know it's an option

11) Geo-Institute Chapter (Daniel Pradel/Peter Narsavage/Mike Kennedy/Hamzeh Saqer)

- a) Geo-Institute Summit: See above

12) Committees & Chairs: *To Be Eliminated w/ New Bylaws and Constitution*

- a) Auditing:
- b) Legislative:
- c) Membership:
- d) Program:
- e) Professional Practice:
- f) Public Relations:
- g) History and Heritage:
- h) Education:
- i) Diversity:

13) Technical Committees: *To Be Eliminated w/ New Bylaws and Constitution*

- a) Structural:
- b) Environmental:
- c) Water Resources:
- d) Geotechnical:
- e) Transportation:
- f) Construction:
- g) Energy:
- h) Land Development:
- i) Surveying:



14) Ohio Council (Peter Narsavage/Jim Pajk/Nick Mill)

- a) Next Meeting: Approx. October 2025
- b) Ohio Council Dues: Jim usually sends these out, Tom says we are current
- c) Infrastructure report card was published this past summer, on ASCE National's website

15) Regional/National ASCE workshops and training

- a) This year's MRLC, gather info: Jan 30, 2026 (Chicago), keep tabs for anyone interested
- b) Leadership Seminar: Justin to share cost info later today

16) Old Business

- a) Need a vote on the revised constitution and bylaws: Currently requires majority of "active members", i.e., Section Dues
- b) Peter has the membership roster

17) New Business

- a) Online PDH certificate form – uses google account. Peter is exploring. No update.
- b) Do we want to up our dues? Worth considering if our cashflows don't balance

18) Next Meeting

- a) Date and time: September 16th, 2025 Tuesday of e very month) @ 12 PM
- b) Location: WSP Offices
 - i. 2 Miranova Place, Suite 450, Columbus OH 43054