



Meeting Minutes

ASCE Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 – 12:00 PM

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

Past Board Members, Younger Members, Advisors, Guest, etc.	Present
Peter Narsavage	Past Pres./Ohio Council/Geo-Institute
Carlos Vazquez	Past President/Ohio Council
Jim Pajk	Ohio Council
Sonja Summer	STEM Expo Coordinator
Brandon Brock	YM President
Macy Halverson	STEM Expo Chair
Dan Rinehart	OSU Practitioner Adviser
Daniel Odion	Newsletter Editor
Bob Heady	OU Practitioner Adviser
Garrett Spargur	Future OU Practitioner Adviser

LOCATION

In person:

Kimley-Horn
7965 N High St, Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43235

1) Secretary's Report (Andrew Gort)

- a) January Minutes
 - i. Comments?
 - ii. Vote to approve - **Approved**
- b) Late additions to the February agenda – **No Additions**

2) Treasurer's Report (Tom Less)

- a) Update on checks and signatories
- b) Balances
 - i. Starting balance: **\$46,509.73**
 - ii. Ending balance: **\$44,728.56**
 - iii. Petty Cash: **\$0.00**
 - iv. Pending: **\$0.00**
 - v. Working balance w/petty cash and pending checks: **\$44,728.56**
 - vi. E-Week balance: **\$18,713.30**
 - vii. **Total Working Balance: \$63,441.86**
- c) E-Week Sponsorships – **Should have the same amount of seed money as next year**

3) Luncheons/Social Events (Mike Kennedy)

- a) OU/OSU Dinner (Recap) **OU is expanding student competition teams. Bob has sent follow-up notes to the Board. OSU was able to make it to MLRC in Chicago, will follow-up for a recap. Bob and Garrett have spoken, Bob will work to transition OU Practitioner Adviser to Garrett**
 - i. Tuesday, Jan 20, Baker Center (Athens), Rm 240/242, 5:30 PM
 - ii. ASCE COH Section to continue dinner contribution to both student chapters
 - iii. Bob shared records of past contributions:
 - \$750 annual contribution from CO section
 - Appears that these contributions ended in 2020
- b) ADS event and subsequent HH (Recap)
 - i. Thursday, Jan 29, ADS Tour at 3:30 PM, Crooked Can (Hilliard), 5:00 PM **38 people attended.**
 - ii. ADS sponsored happy hour 50/50
- c) February – E-Week (2/25/26)
 - i. See below
- d) March – Considering a social event **still looking at a social event, maybe partner with another Org – Maybe Engineers Club and a March Madness event**
- e) April – Possible technical luncheon – **1 or 2 topics, tour of a local project or Cap. Improvement project updates from another location other than ODOT or City of Columbus?**
- f) May – 2026 Spring Technical Seminar
 - i. See below

4) Other Events

- a) Annual Golf Outing
 - i. Set up a meeting (YM and Jim Pajk) to discuss a possible transition to Younger Members planning this event in the future
 - Macy has reached out to Jim, awaiting response
 - June 19th is the working date for this year's outing
 - **Still awaiting Jim's response.**
- b) E-Week – **registration closed, 3 inquiries about attending. We can issue individual registrations and they pay directly still. Final count is due to venue this week. Name tags will be printed by Carlos next week before the event.**
 - i. Date, time, and venue set: Wednesday, February 25, Villa Milano, 11:30 AM

- Registration is closed **255 total registrants as of today. 300 is the usual target.**
 - We have 1 ticket included with our sponsorship, who wants it?
 - **Nick Mill will use the ticket.**
 - 4 Deans scheduled to speak **OSU, OU, ONU, Dayton**
 - ASCE is host section
 - Request for a moderator for the panel discussion
 - Carlos to send Nick information for review against his schedule
 - **Nick will moderate**
 - Mike to schedule email blasts to COH email list
 - ii. Discuss ASCE E-week sponsorship
 - Bronze Sponsorship was approved
 - Has the fee been paid? **Yes, we have it covered.**
 - iii. Continue to look at a transition plan for Carlos – No updates
 - Target to transition for next planning cycle, September 2027 – **Continue to review in upcoming meetings. ASCE will not host again for 10 years (11 orgs total – WTS to host next year)**
 - iv. Financial Updates?
 - **Tom will pay Villa directly at the event.**
- c) STEM Expo – Yms will submit for reimbursement sooner this year.
- i. February 28, 2026, at “The Point at Otterbein”
 - 200+ registrants **400 registrants, sign-up now closed; 31 exhibitors, we have a wait list. Need 10k sqft next year – Sonja already looking for next year.**
 - Walk-ins allowed
 - ii. Recap of recent coordination meeting (January 7th)
 - Sponsorship update - Nick to assist in reaching out to potential sponsors
 - \$5,000 to date **\$5,850 to date now**
 - Exhibitor update
 - 20 to date
 - Approaching maximum capacity **Event is at max capacity.**
 - Website is live
 - iii. Are volunteers needed?
 - Otterbein setting up tables
 - Confirm no volunteers needed - **confirmed**
 - iv. Next meeting?
- d) TH Wu Lecture
- i. Friday, Feb 27, OSU CBEC, Room 130, 4:30-6:30 PM
 - ii. Geopprofessionals as Leaders in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
 - iii. 1 PDH webinar, 2 PDH in-person **now included on OSU website – free event**

5) Spring Technical Seminar (Hamzeh Saqer)

- a) May 7th is the current target, 10a-5p
- b) Venue Considerations
 - i. Understory
 - Reservation is complete at Understory
 - ii. Content
 - Ethics session – Still searching for a presenter. May re-evaluate for another speaker.
Evaluation continues.

- Ground improvement focus – Hamzeh has started reaching out to speakers and will continue to work to finalize over the coming weeks
- 4 contractors lined up to speak at the event
 - Goal is 5 speakers **Still looking for a 5th; working to finalize schedule.**
- iii. ASCE President will be in attendance for a presentation and swear-in

6) Newsletter (Daniel Odion)

- a) March Newsletter Topics – **no January update, will do an all encompassing update for February**
 - i. Upcoming March Event (TBD)
 - ii. STEM Expo Recap (get some photos)
 - iii. E-Week Recap (get some photos)
 - iv. TH Wu Lecture Recap (get some photos)
 - v. Justin to send the President's message to Daniel; Newsletter to be published afterwards
- b) April Newsletter Topics
 - i. TBD
- c) Utilizing new format – **Personal emails seem to be included; will work to have these removed. LinkedIn engagement does seem to have increased readership.**

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

- a) Website
 - i. Peter added Geo-Institute module like YMs
 - ii. Webpage for future By-Laws & Constitution vote
- b) Email
 - i. **SPAM EMAILS ARE RAMPANT – BE CAREFUL**
 - ii. Role emails are not published to the website
 - iii. Use the assigned role emails for sign-ups
 - President@centralohioasce.org
 - Vicepresident@centralohioasce.org – Does 2nd VP have a different email?
 - Secretary@centralohioasce.org
 - Treasurer@centralohioasce.org
- c) Social Media
 - i. Mike to send the E-Week graphic to Peter for posting to Socials
 - ii. Send any posting to Peter
 - iii. Instagram
 - iv. YouTube
 - @ASCE Central Ohio
 - v. LinkedIn
 - New format for monthly newsletter
 - Please follow on LinkedIn and share posts to encourage engagement

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

- a) Social Media
- b) Keg Curling Event
 - i. Thursday, February 26, 5PM to 7 PM, Landgrant Brewing (Franklinton)
 - ii. Registration is live, tickets are \$5
- c) Future HH's/Social Events
 - i. Confirm – 04/25 highway clean-up with ASHE

9) Student Chapter Practitioner Advisors (OSU – Dan Rinehart, OU – TBD)

- a) OSU Updates
 - i. MRLC (Recap)

- Should be included in student budget and reimbursable by national
 - Budget is worked out
 - Expecting two OSU students to attend
 - 4 students attending
- b) OU Updates
- i. OU Practitioner position is open
 - ii. Identify a candidate – Any interested YMs?
 - Brandon/Dan exploring some potential candidates
 - Garrett
 - Bob will fill the role and transition once a candidate
 - Dan to connect Bob and Garrett

10) Sponsorship/Advertisement Requests

- a) Discuss advertisements on COH website and let companies know it's an option
 - i. Bohler has renewed their advertisement for another year
 - ii. Emailed SM&E and Spence a second time to see if they are interested in renewing – **Spence has renewed.**
 - iii. Emailed others from sponsorship list, awaiting feedback from new sponsors – **Justin to organize information and review contact list at next meeting. All notifications have been sent.**

11) Geo-Institute Chapter (Peter/Mike/Hamzeh)

- a) Geo-Institute Summit
- b) Meeting is in the works to better organize Geo-Institute **Still in the works**
 - i. Students want to do something close to campus for Geo-Institute event
 - ii. Consider something like last year – Mike will provide Hamzeh contract information
- c) ASCE will help advertise for Geo-Institute

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

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

14) Ohio Council (Peter/Jim/Nick)

- a) Next Meeting
 - i. Youngstown in conjunction with the student competitions, 4/10/26
 - ii. **Nick will be in attendance**
- b) Ohio Council Dues
 - i. See above - **Current**

15) Regional/National ASCE workshops and training

- a) Leadership Technical Committee
 - <https://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/>
- b) ASCE 2027
 - i. 175th anniversary event hosted by National

16) Old Business

- a) Proposed Constitution and By-Law updates:
 - i. Set-up survey through StarChapter
 - ii. Revised posting timelines have been determined – **need to confirm schedule with Peter**
 - Monday, Feb 2nd: February Newsletter Announcement – Complete
 - Monday, March 2nd: Vote goes live w/ email blast
 - Monday, March 9th: Email blast reminder

- Friday, March 13th: Email blast reminder
- Monday, March 16: Voting closes at 11:59 PM
- June 1, 2026 = Effective Date
- iii. Peter has the membership roster – vote on the revisions will require a majority approval of Active Section Members
 - Active Section Members have paid member dues
- iv. Peter plans to set up a web page ahead of the vote
 - Peter has set up a web page with a direct link
 - Peter will set up a survey with Nick's summary sheet attached. 2 weeks for the survey.
- b) Online PDH certificate form
 - i. This is in the works
- c) Award Ceremony
 - i. Review possibility of hosting an awards ceremony like other sections
- d) Scholarship
 - i. After review of cashflows, if we want to start a scholarship, we will need to find an alternative source of funding
- e) Membership Dues
 - i. Exploring future dues increase
 - ii. Cash Flow has been steady the past few years (approx. \$30k)
 - iii. Came to a consensus that dues should be increased to account for inflation and increased costs
 - iv. Current fee is \$18, thought is to increase to \$30
 - v. We will table a vote on increase in dues to gather more information
 - vi. Justin to reach out to adjacent sections to gauge comparative fee structures. Ohio council attendees we will bring this up as well.
- b) **Next Meeting**
 - a. Date and time: March 17, 2026, at 12 PM (3rd Tuesday)
 - b. Location: TBD **Kimley Horn**.