



## Meeting Minutes

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

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

| Past Board Members, Younger Members, Advisors, Guest, etc. | Present                               |
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| 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                                                  | Outgoing OU Practitioner Adviser      |
| Garrett Spargur                                            | Incoming OU Practitioner Adviser      |
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### LOCATION

#### In person:

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

**1) Secretary's Report (Andrew Gort)**

- a) February Minutes
  - i. Comments?
  - ii. Vote to approve - **Approved**
- b) Late additions to the March agenda

**2) Treasurer's Report (Tom Less)**

- a) Update on checks and signatories
- b) Balances
  - i. Starting balance: **\$44,728.56**
  - ii. Ending balance: **\$45,503.74**
  - iii. Petty Cash: **\$0.00**
  - iv. Pending: **(\$5,413.25)**
  - v. Working balance w/petty cash and pending checks: **\$40,090.49**
  - vi. E-Week balance: **\$13,426.00**
  - vii. **Total Working Balance: \$53,516.49**
- c) **E-Week sponsorships grew by almost 40% compared to last year. Board is reviewing how to transfer this balance to WTS for next year's event.**

**3) Luncheons/Social Events (Mike Kennedy)**

- a) E-Week Luncheon (Recap)
  - i. Wednesday, Feb 25, Villa Milano, 11:30 AM
  - ii. **Event was well received, good industry support.**
- b) March Madness Watch Party (Upcoming)
  - i. Friday, Mar 20, Pastimes Grandview, **12:00 PM – 5:00pm**
  - ii. **With Engineer's Club and ASHE.**
  - iii. **Register through ECC website; walk-ins welcome.**
- c) April – Possible technical luncheon
  - i. 1 or 2 topics, tour of a local project or Cap. Improvement project updates from another location other than ODOT or City of Columbus?
  - ii. **Exploring a technical update through a local project. Airport is a possibility - Carlos may have a contact to provide Mike. New Columbus Water plant for a future idea – Andrew to reach out for a contact.**
- d) May – 2026 Spring Technical Seminar
  - i. See below

**4) Other Events**

- a) Annual Golf Outing (Upcoming)
  - i. Set up a meeting (YM and Jim Pajk) to discuss a possible transition to Younger Members planning this event in the future **Met with Jim; Jim to plan this year's event and copy YMs on 2026 details, Danny Vazquez is expected to take over for 2027.**
    - June 19<sup>th</sup> is the working date for this year's outing
- b) E-week 2027 (Upcoming)
  - Target to transition for next planning cycle, September 2027 identify person by end of the current board terms. **Carlos will stay involved, needs someone to take the lead**
  - **Continue to review in upcoming meetings, ASCE will not host again for 10 years (11 orgs total – WTS to host next year)**
  - **Closeout meeting remains for E-Week board.**
- c) STEM Expo (Recap) \$1000 more in sponsors than last year
  - i. Saturday, Feb 28, The Point at Otterbein, 9:00 AM

- Very successful. 380 students, 70 more than last. 32 activities. 3 more than last year. Raised \$2,300 more than last year. Currently the planning committee is reviewing sponsorship structure to balance tier with perks. Planning is targeting its next meeting in August. Venue for next year is the current focus, Columbus Academy is the target.

- d) TH Wu Lecture (Recap)
  - i. Friday, Feb 27, OSU Campus, CBEC, Rm 130, 4:30 PM

## 5) Spring Technical Seminar (Hamzeh Saqer)

- a) May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10a-5p
  - i. Hamzeh to reach out to Peter to start advertising on ASCE website.
- 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
    - 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
      - Still looking for a 5<sup>th</sup>; working to finalize schedule – exploring an ethics speaker, Hamzeh to circle back.
  - iii. ASCE President will be in attendance for a presentation and swear-in

## 6) Newsletter (Daniel Odion)

- a) March president's message has been sent to Daniel
  - i. Focus on STEM Expo recap, E-week recap, upcoming March events
  - ii. Justin to talk with Daniel about removing personal emails.
- b) April Newsletter Topics
  - i. March Madness event recap
  - ii. April event announcement
  - iii. Spring technical seminar announcement

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

- a) Website
  - i. Peter added Geo-Institute module like YMs
- 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](mailto:President@centralohioasce.org)
    - [Vicepresident@centralohioasce.org](mailto:Vicepresident@centralohioasce.org)
    - [Secretary@centralohioasce.org](mailto:Secretary@centralohioasce.org)
    - [Treasurer@centralohioasce.org](mailto:Treasurer@centralohioasce.org)
- c) Social Media
  - i. Send any posting to Peter
  - ii. Instagram
  - iii. YouTube
    - @ASCE Central Ohio
  - iv. 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 (Recap)
  - i. Thursday, February 26, 5PM to 7 PM, Landgrant Brewing (Franklinton)
  - ii. Well attended event, good weather. 30+ attendees
- c) Finance Talk Event (Upcoming)
  - i. Wednesday, Mar 25, 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, Bobcat's Grandview
    - No registrations at the moment, may cancel
- d) Future HH's/Social Events
  - i. 04/25 highway clean-up with ASHE; need to follow-up with ASHE to confirm the date

**9) Student Chapter Practitioner Advisors (OSU – Dan Rinehart, OU – Garrett Spargur/Bob Heady)**

- a) OSU Updates
  - i. MRLC (Recap)
    - Still awaiting update
    - C canoe team are doing well; concrete patching is ongoing on the canoe following mold removal.
- b) OU Updates
  - i. OU Practitioner position is open
    - Dan to connect Bob and Garrett
    - After 15 years of service, Bob has transitioned the role to Garrett.
    - Bob has sent formal transition email to OU; all contact info has been switched to Garrett.
    - ASCE National has been notified and revised the Practitioner Advisor Role for OU.
    - Garrett is a 2022 graduate of OU. Meeting setup with Faculty Advisor to meet with student leaders of OU chapter.

**10) Sponsorship/Advertisement Requests**

- a) Discuss advertisements on COH website and let companies know it's an option
  - i. Bohler & Spence have renewed their advertisement for 2026
  - ii. EMH&T & Rii are new sponsors for 2026
  - iii. Emailed S&ME a third time to see if they are interested in renewing; Tom and Mike provided potential S&ME contacts.
  - iv. Emailed others from sponsorship list, awaiting feedback from new sponsors
    - Justin to organize information and review contact list at next meeting – Justin sent out list, if anyone knows a current contact please provide.

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

- a) Geo-Institute Summit
- b) Meeting is in the works to better organize Geo-Institute
  - 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. We are 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
    - 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 – **PASSED 22 - 1**
    - June 1, 2026 = Effective Date
- 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

#### 17) New Business

- a) **StarChapter model is changing and with it will see the yearly price triple (\$480 to \$1,980 per year). Larger subscription costs as opposed to upfront costs. Add to April agenda for a Vote. Justin to reach out to Peter for his thoughts.**
- b) **Board Transition. Need nominations in the next week or so to send out to a vote. Hamzeh has informed the Board that he will not pursue a role in 2026/2027. Board discussed possible succession scenarios and will individually think on Member-at-Large nominees.**
- b) **Next Meeting**
  - a. Date and time: April 21, 2026, at 12 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
  - b. Location: TBD