



## Meeting Minutes

### ASCE Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 21st, 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             | 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 | X       |
| Carlos Vazquez                                             | Past President/Ohio Council           |         |
| Jim Pajk                                                   | Ohio Council                          |         |
| Sonja Summer                                               | STEM Expo Coordinator                 | X       |
| Brandon Brock                                              | YM President                          | X       |
| Macy Halverson                                             | STEM Expo Chair                       | X       |
| Dan Rinehart                                               | OSU Practitioner Adviser              | X       |
| Daniel Odion                                               | Newsletter Editor                     | X       |
| Garrett Spargur                                            | OU Practitioner Adviser               | X       |
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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) March Minutes
  - i. Comments?
  - ii. Vote to approve - **Approved**
- b) Late additions to the April agenda
  - i. Discuss STEM Expo Chair transition w/ Macy **Sonja will continue to lead and look to bring a person to mentor for future takeover. Explore YMs putting as part of the duties of a STEM Expo chair.**

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

- a) Update on checks and signatories
- b) Balances
  - i. Starting balance: **\$45,503.74**
  - ii. Ending balance: **\$53,374.86**
  - iii. Petty Cash: **\$0.00**
  - iv. Pending: **(\$5,413.25)**
  - v. Working balance w/petty cash and pending checks: **\$47,961.61**
  - vi. E-Week balance: **\$13,426.00**
  - vii. **Total Working Balance: \$61,387.61**
- c) E-Week sponsorships grew by almost 40% compared to last year
  - i. Board is reviewing how to transfer this balance to WTS for next year's event – **Check dropped off 4/20 to WTS**
  - ii. Justin needs to drop check off to Tom still – **Justin to clarify with Vendor about the check he received. Sonja provided contact info via team chat.**

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

- a) March Madness Watch Party
  - i. Friday, Mar 20, Pasttimes Pub (Grandview), 12:00 PM
  - ii. Recap?
- b) April – Airport Luncheon or Social Event
  - i. Updates?
    - **Contacts for the Airport were not immediately available for response. April event will not be held. Look to hold something at the Airport next year.**
- c) May – 2026 Spring Technical Seminar
  - i. See below
- d) **Clippers joint event possibly in June or July. Possibly look at a family night event. Mike will look at potential partner orgs. ABCD, ASHE, APWA.**

**4) Other Events**

- a) Annual Golf Outing (Upcoming)
  - i. Friday, Jun 19, Darby Creek Golf Course, 7:45 AM
  - ii. Danny Vazquez is expected to take over planning for Jim in 2027
  - iii. Website posting is setup, confirm notice email has been sent
  - iv. 26 registrations so far
  - v. Jim sent out sponsorship solicitation emails
  - vi. YM Volunteers
    - **Catering for food will be the reoccurring choice as the course no longer has a grill.**
  - vii. Updates?
- b) E-week 2027 (Upcoming)
  - i. 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)

**5) Spring Technical Seminar (Hamzeh Saqer)**

- a) Thursday May 7, Understory, 10:00 AM
  - i. Website posting is set up
  - ii. 23 registrations so far **25 currently**
  - iii. Send out additional email blast
  - iv. Content
    - 5 speakers lined up for ground improvements focused technical sessions
    - ASCE President will be in attendance for a presentation and swear-in
  - v. Other updates?
    - **Protocol to pick-up the President/Dinner the night before? Justin and Hamzeh will talk offline to schedule dinner.**
    - **Speaker token – medallions with ASCE logo? Still brainstorming item – will need to get the order in this week to have them by the seminar. Mike will explore pricing.**
    - **Plaques award order is already placed by Peter**
      - **Justin to follow-up with Jim for additional information**
  - vi. **Tom will be out of state during the Seminar. Hamzeh will let Tom know how he wants to handle payment. Tom will give Jennifer his card.**

**6) Newsletter (Daniel Odion)**

- a) April president's message has been sent to Daniel
- b) Recap March Madness, YM Highway Cleanup, Spring Technical Seminar, Officer Elections
- c) Justin spoke to Daniel about removing personal email address – **Peter is researching how we can remove these.**
- d) May Newsletter Topics
  - i. Spring Seminar recap
  - ii. Officer election results
  - iii. Justin's farewell

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

- a) Officer Elections
  - i. Voting setup
    - **Peter is reviewing the exempt voting members and how they are captured from National's database.**
  - ii. Results before May 7 for swearing in a Spring Seminar
- b) Website
  - i. Peter added Geo-Institute module like YMs
- c) 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)
- d) 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) Finance Talk event
  - i. Wednesday, Mar 25, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Bobcat's Grandview
  - ii. Recap?
    - Event was held.
- c) Highway Clean-up with ASHE
  - i. Saturday, Apr 18, 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM, Woodlands Backyard Grandview
  - ii. Recap?
    - 3 ASCE members were in attendance, 7 total
- d) Golf Outing
  - i. Need volunteers for food
    - Last year was catered, the grill is no longer at the course. Will likely cater again.
- e) 2027 STEM Expo
  - i. Macy looking for someone to take the lead
    - Sonja will continue to lead and look to bring a person to mentor for future takeover. Explore YMs putting as part of the duties of a STEM Expo chair.
- f) ASCE Canoe Team OSU – meet and greet was held.

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

- a) OSU Updates
  - i. MRLC (Recap)
    - Still awaiting update
  - ii. Canoe Team went to competition and placed. SEND Chloe contact info
- b) OU Updates
  - i. Garrett met with OU advisor and president 4/21. Meet and greet and future needs.

**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. All sponsors/potential sponsors have been contacted, including those with missing contacts

**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: Eliminated w/ New Bylaws and Constitution**

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

#### 14) Ohio Council (Peter/Jim/Nick)

- a) Friday, Apr 10 Meeting, Youngstown
  - i. Recap?
    - Legislative agendas – reauthorization of infrastructure bills – contact your State/Fed representative.
    - Sister sections are struggling with in-person attendance. Central Ohio was able to provide some ideas to drive engagement.
- b) Ohio Council was awarded ASCE Advocate of the Year
- c) Ohio Council Dues
  - i. We are current

#### 15) Regional/National ASCE workshops and training

- a) Leadership Technical Committee
  - i. <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. Measure passed 22-1
  - ii. July 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 has reached out to adjacent sections to gauge comparative fee structures
  - vii. Ohio council attendees we will bring this up as well
  - viii. Dues increase notice due to national by May 31

#### 17) New Business

- a) StarChapter Fee Model is Changing
  - i. The yearly price will triple (\$480 to \$1,980 per year) \$200 increase only, fee structure was redone
  - ii. Larger subscription costs as opposed to upfront costs
  - iii. Justin reached out to Peter for his thoughts
  - iv. Put this to a vote: Do we want to retain StarChapter?
- b) Board Transition Update
  - i. Nominees set
    - Mike Kennedy = President
    - Andrew Gort = 1<sup>st</sup> VP
    - Sonja Summer = 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
    - Tom Less = Treasurer
    - Jennifer Rivera-Marsh = Secretary



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- Reese Kulhman = Member-at-Large
- ii. Confirm survey for vote will be posted to allow for May 7 results for swearing in at STS
  - Justin reached out to Peter – **vote is live.**
- c) Spring Technical Seminar/Section Awards
  - i. Outstanding Section Member Nominee
    - Plaque on order
  - ii. Central Ohio Civil Engineer Nominee
    - TBD
- d) **Explore increase in PDH/\$ next year.**

### 18) Next Meeting

- a) Date and time: May 19, 2026, 12 PM
  - i. Formal transition meeting
- b) Location: TBD