

ASCE Virginia Section Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2011
Austin Brockenbrough & Associates, Richmond, VA
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Attendees:

Name	Office (2010-2011)	Present
Mike Galli	Section President	X
Glenn Bottomley	Section President Elect	X
Tom Fitzgerald	Section Past President	
Chris Webster	Section 1 st Vice President	X
Bryan Stephenson	Section 2 nd Vice President	
Randy Wirt	Section Treasurer	
Christina Ammens	Section Secretary	X
Tom Mlot	Virginia Section Region 4 Governor	
Carrie Langelotti	Section Director, Scholarship Chair	X
Debra Brand	Section Director, Newsletter Editor	
Julie Skare	President, Blue Ridge Branch	X
James Talian	President, Lynchburg Branch	X
Josh Tomblin	President, Norfolk Branch	
Steve Stewart	President, Peninsula Branch	X
Mike Howell	President, Richmond Branch	X
Ian Camper	President Roanoke Branch	
Roger Cronin	Education Committee Chair	X
Roger Failzmeger	Geotechnical Committee Chair	
Stephen Stewart	Government Relations Committee Chair	
Josh Tomblin	Section Webmaster	
Don Rissmeyer	Stormwater TAC Chair	X
Alex Forrester		
Terry Legg		
Bud Curtis	Region 4 Governor - Elect	X

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

Business (Action items are shown in **bold**)

1. Introductions

2. Secretary report – Carrie motions for minutes from January’s Section Meeting to be approved; Mike seconds and voted all in favor. January Minutes approved.

3. President Report – Mike Galli went up to Capitol Hill twice to fight against Dam Safety Bill 1060. The compromised provided 50-50 of low hazard structures and reduced paperwork. Received thanks from ACEC and the other organizations who participated in event. Floor opened for discussion for potential sponsorship of the Solar Decathlon. Don motions to sponsor \$500 from Section and \$500 and Branch. Christina seconds. Voted all in favor. **Webinar on ASCE Functions on May 17 or 18, 2011. Mike will send email with link.**

4. President Elect Report –All speakers lined up for the VEC but trying to confirm and get bios. Researching if there is a protocol for approaching A&E firms to sponsor VEC. Mike says it is fair game for anybody to sponsor. Don mentions that Maryland is putting together a conference due to change in PDHs in 2012. VEC topics include the following: Stormwater Regulations, LID and Smart Design-New Urbanization, Climate Change and Lessons Learned on Multimodal. Just waiting on when it opens to registration. Nothing worked out on lunch; they are going to recognize all member firms that have passed PE. We can setup table and banner for free to recruit new PE's. New PE's will have a different name badge. **Need to get applications and flyers for ASCE Membership/report card information.** The VEC Banquet has not been well attended the last couple of years. Would like to tie it into the conference and have some branch folks come out. One idea to have more branch member attend the VEC Banquet is to give out branch awards. Carrie states that we give out Engineer of the Year and Outstanding civil Engineer. Julie suggests recognizing life members and past presidents could bring people out. Need to get key contacts and have more grassroots activity at the branch level for potential awards. Chris suggests Community Service/Student Outreach award/recognition. Bud suggests Outstanding project at branch level. Branches could submit what categories their respective branches are active in and then base criteria on that for awards. Awards and recognition should get more people out to the VEC and will encourage growth with branches. Could potentially invite winners from the ACEC/EAA Gala or AWWA to the VEC Banquet. Advertisement and a good speaker would approve banquet attendance. **Mike will ask if Peninsula will help with banquet.** The VEC Banquet will be held on Wednesday September 14, 2011.

5. 1st Vice President Report – Need to make sure that we have enough people to fill spots for elections next year. Byran Stevensons will keep his name in the hat. Next year, 2nd VP will need to be active because VA Tech is hosting. Don recommends reaching out to branch officers. Past President typically nominates candidates to fill slate. Don and Carrie volunteers for nominating committee. Bud nominates Stephen Stewart; Bob Hopkins, Josh Tomblin, and Amanda. **Need to talk to Randy to see if he wants to move up and reach out to potential nominees. Need Secretary, 2nd VP, 1st VP, & Director Positions.** Jay and Tom Fitzgerld would be good candidates for director position. **Need to confirm**

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- if people still want to hold their positions-need education chair. Mike will be sending out planning session dates.**
6. 2nd Vice President Report – VA Conference; Mike, Chris, Tom Mlot, and Tom Fitzgerald attended from the Section. Good conference overall despite concrete canoe. Catholic University won Steel Bridge. Howard Brought up name change to Virginias Conference to incorporate DC Schools. If DC wants to change name, need to see if more participation with the Capital Section and make it a real regional conference. **Section level meeting at Virginia Tech next year to hash it out.** Highest number of Hardy Cross (14) and Marr Papers (11). This conference may have been too long with how day's events were scheduled. Future agenda item - Maybe more money for VA schools to participate to ease costs.
 7. Webmaster Report – No report; up and running.
 8. Newsletter – No report. **Mike will get with Debra about newsletter and bylaws.**
 9. Director's Report/scholarship – Nothing to report. Scholarship applications went out and are due May 1st. Committee is ready to judge
 10. Governor's Report – Bud didn't attend governor's meeting in Gatlinburg because he was not a Governor. **Need to find out if Tom Mlot attended and when the Governor's accepted buds nomination;** Next governors meeting is on June 24-25 in French lick, Indiana.
 11. Past President – No Report. There are outstanding issues with report card. Three year update is coming up next year. Summary reports are in good shape but extensive reports are in limbo. **Mike will talk to Tom about getting information to complete reports. Tell Tom needs to send sections of report by mid-June and needs to finish upfront pieces.**

Committees-

1. Stormwater – Has not met and committee feels that ASCE should send a letter to DCR. A large portion of the state doesn't follow state stormwater regulations and need more training opportunities. BMP specs on stormwater clearing house need to be reviewed and commented on. Local review agencies need dedicated funding to educate reviewers. Regulations wont fully go into effect until a few more years. The VA Section could have the opportunity to potentially run training seminars/events for stormwater regulations because the funding for the stormwater certification runs out in 2012 but it is a big task at hand and would need a fulltime staff.

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2. Educational Outreach – No Report
 3. Geotechnical – Trying to organize a geotechnical conference based off of one that happens in Hershey, PA that has a successful turn out over the past 38 years. This Geotechnical conference happens every year and half. They want to have conference at Williamsburg Lodge but they have to confirm 200 rooms. Number of attendees to the conference in Williamsburg is still being worked out. The Geo-Institute doesn't have the resources to reserve rooms and is asking if the Section will help make the reservation. It is a massive amount of money. Voting on helping the Geo-Institute was tabled to a later date. Sponsorships are nessecary. MOU will need to be developed between the VA Section and the Geo-Institute. By next BOD meeting, the board will vote on it. **The Geo-Institute will need to get the contract from the Lodge and distribute it to the BOD so we can review and discuss.** Will need to have smaller breakout sessions to discuss options and alternatives before July.
 4. By Law Committee – **Different amendments just need to be approved. Need to resend to BOD for approval.**
 5. History & Heritage – No Report; West Virginia Section is doing a History and Heritage and wants to get some information from Virginia. All records are at VMI and lost.
 6. Newsletter – see above.
 7. Infrastructure Report Card – Tom working on final statement on each committee

Branch Reports

- Richmond –
 - Bylaws – Need section approval but Section needs to approve theirs first. Bylaws will be forwarded to BOD for approval.
 - Legislative Fly-In – VA Section would take over meet and greet from Richmond. Maybe Section could take over certain things that the branch can't do. Form a committee to dole out tasks. More active participation from the section. Richmond was hoping that other branches would help and would like the section to coordinate to get more active participation from the branches.
 - Held a Popsicle stick bridge event for E-week
- Peninsula –
 - Very active with monthly meetings and socials; Bill Cox was last speaker and Dwight Farmer before that.
 - Getting good diverse mix of attendees

- Norfolk –
 - Very active with monthly meeting and socials; hosted Joint Societies Luncheon in February and April
 - Participated as judges at Tidewater Science Fair
 - Attended Fly-in in March
 - Attended different career fairs at local Hampton Roads Middle and Elementary schools
- Roanoke – No Report
- Blue Ridge –
 - Striving to have monthly meetings. Last one did one in the Valley and hosted a webinar. Reached out to VSPE to join host meeting
 - Trying to setup a field trip
 - Trying to increase membership and involvement in the branch for next year.
- Lynchburg –
 - Combining with VSPE to get a good turnout at monthly meetings
- Bull Run – No Report

Old Business –

- Region 4 Governor’s Meeting – See above; Bud and Tom will be attending in Spring
- Honor Marvin Hilton – See above; Award given at social hosted by Richmond and Blue Ridge Branches in November
- October 29th Planning Meeting – few called in; talked about treasurer stuff
- Report Card – See Above; Tom finishing detail reports on each committee in report card

New Business –

- Meet and Greet – 50 attendees for the social and 70 attendees for dinner. ASCE President did not speak (due to medical condition). The executive director spoke in absence of President. Section will help with costs of the event.
- LID Design Competition – Will need to ask Don and Brian - tabled
- Chesapeake Storm Training – See Above; Everything in flux but the Section will be there for support if necessary
- New Professionals Welcome – See Above. Will follow up with Leigh
- Liquid Assets – want to have meeting in Ashland
- Bull Run – Trying to reactivate

Honors –

- Marvin Hilton – See Above

Treasurer’s Report –

- No Report

- Randy has submitted everything for tax purposes
- Do we need to have audit or independent consultant to review books? Bring it up for new business at the next meeting. Carrie will see what the threshold is for the size of the branch.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm

Next Meeting July 29, 2011. Location TBA.