



Minutes of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009
Place: BL 209
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To Attendees: *Board* Rafiq Chowdhury, Nick Najdovski
Committee Steve McManus, Andy Dugan, Drew Rossi, Alex Hinkle, Cara Pirkey, Jonathon Defaria, Austin Bayoumi
Conference Director: Dawn Latchum
Co-Director: Kristine Sawyer
Guests and Speakers Mike Olka,
Jerry Phillips, P.E., Carlos Gittens, P.E.
Subject: Member Meeting

Item

1. **Conference Updates**

- a. Steel Bridge is in the structures lab ready to be load tested Wednesday at 4pm in Structures Lab. BIG EVENT!
- b. Frisbee- practiced last Friday on the course. Meeting this Friday at 2pm.
- c. Plan Reading- meetings will resume after spring break
- d. Environmental- last meeting was Friday. This Thursday they will be meeting, and they will be working over Spring break.
- e. Canoe practice- Friday at 12 this week.
- f. Geotech- no water issue. Another meeting this week with new ideas.
- g. Please keep up the performance with each competition.

2. **Corresponding Secretary Position**

- a. Voting is today.
- b. Candidates:
 - i. Ryan Avera- part time student, and intends on being at UCF a while more. Wants to try this position and do his best at it for ASCE. Wants to help out with ASCE and be more involved.
- c. Position Responsibilities:
 - i. Officer Position available now.
 - ii. You have to write the annual report and to make the flyers for the meetings each week.
 - iii. If you are interested in filling this position it needs to be filled from now until next January.
 - iv. We have to document all events and activities each year
 - v. We have to turn the annual report in to nationals in order to stay a Chapter.
 - vi. This is a very important position for a well organized, non- procrastinator, **good writer**.
 - vii. You will have all benefits that the other officers have.
- d. New Secretary is Ryan Avera! Congratulations Ryan!

3. **Community Service Events:**

- a. Thank you for all of the help this past weekend with all of the events.
- b. Relay for Life
 - i. March 20th-21st.
 - ii. Movie Theme: " Friday the Thirteenth"

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- (1) We need some ideas to decorate the trailer.
- iii. Bake Sale and selling waters to raise more money.
- iv. We need to find pictures from everyone who knows someone with any kind of cancer for a picture slide show.
- c. Habitat 4 Humanity: April 11th, 2009. Only a few spots left.
- d. WestPoint Bridge competition is another community service event.
- e. Happy Hour Social Event
 - i. A time to gather and meet the members and officers before conference.
 - ii. Tailgaters Happy Hour.
 - iii. Friday March 6th at 4pm. If you are not 21 you can still attend to meet people.

4. Guest Speaker: Jacobs Engineering

- a. Jerry Phillips, P.E.: Director of Water Practice. Civil Degree. Infrastructure Department.
- b. Carlos Gittens, P.E.: Project Manager of Transportation. Civil Degree. Infrastructure Department.
- c. Jacobs the Company:
 - i. Core values- growth is an imperative, we are relationship based, and people are our greatest asset.
 - ii. Full Service engineering company, multi discipline
 - iii. Over 57,000 personnel worldwide.
 - iv. 2nd largest firm in US.
 - v. Publicly traded, "Fortune 500" company.
 - vi. Offices are setup worldwide. The company makes new offices where the client is located, usually for a long term period not temporarily.
 - vii. Florida offices: Orlando, Jacksonville, Boca Raton, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Lakeland, Cape Canaveral, Tallahassee, Panama City, ...
 - viii. Department of Defense work.
 - ix. Can do a permanent reassignment or a temporary reassignment.
 - x. Niche Area: design- build projects.
 - xi. Clients: Florida turnpike Authority, Toho Water Authority, FDOT, City of Orlando, Osceola County, Polk County, Florida Power & Light, Tampa Bay Water Authority, SFWMD, Orange County Utilities Department, Lockheed Martin.
 - xii. Delivery Methods- construction management, program management (helping client with a big project), CM at risk (overseeing construction), Design- Build(old, but still used a lot because it is a fast track method), Design- Bid- Build(old method).
 - xiii. Work sharing- share projects and ideas within the different offices on a daily basis.
 - xiv. Benefit of big company- work on small projects and work on part of a mega project as well. Small companies do not allow you to work on mega projects.
 - xv. Tuition Reimbursement- eligible after one year.
 - xvi. Masters Degree- not a big deal at Jacobs. If you want to specialize then it will help you. If you don't wish to specialize then you don't really need it for Jacobs.
 - xvii. MBA can help if you want to move up to management one day.
 - xviii. Great to work for a big company, because you can move people around instead of firing them. Also, work sharing is a great opportunity.
 - xix. What do you look for in a new employee? Look at interview skills for the most part. The interview is a key element in selling yourself. You need to be a personable person during the interview. Show leadership experiences. GPA is not an important part of the hiring process. Some people look to see if you have been in ASCE and other clubs. Communication is key and being comfortable in the interview.

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- xx. DOT, water management districts, city, county jobs are also a good place to get internships or jobs.

5. Conference Activity Level per Student

- a. There will be people that are observing, but not competing. This is fine, but you need to be active at the meetings and practices.
- b. Just because you turned in a \$55 check doesn't mean you have to go. If you are active, met the other requirements, and turned in the check then you will be able to go.
- c. Requirement- must attend 3 meetings for any event before the conference. Meetings have to be from this point forward.

6. Important Conference Information

- a. Have to pay to go to conference
 - i. \$35.00 is a mandatory amount that needs to be paid to us ASAP. This will pay for your T-shirt, bus, hotel, and anything else at conference. This does not pay for you to go downtown or anywhere else on your own time.
 - (1) Pay before Spring Break in cash or check. (We recommend checks)
 - (2) Please personally hand in the money to an officer in the office or in person.
 - (3) If you have a problem with this please contact Rafiq personally.
- b. Sign up for a room and a bed for the hotel rooms.
 - i. If you do not know anyone or don't care which room you want then you will be assigned to one with other people.
- c. Facebook groups online. Please join the correct one. There is one for attendees and one for captains.

7. Newsletter

- a. If you do not receive the newsletter please email Nick Najdovski at: njn88@yahoo.com or let Rafiq know ASAP.

8. Next Member Meeting: Every Tuesday from now on at 7pm in Biological Sciences 209