



# Minutes of Meeting

**Date/Time:** Thursday, September 11, 2008  
**Place:** ENGII 102  
**From/Author:** Rebecca Lucas, Recording Secretary – [SparkleEngineer.UCF@gmail.com](mailto:SparkleEngineer.UCF@gmail.com)  
**To Attendees:** *Board* Rafiq Chowdhury, Nick Najdovski,  
*Committee* Steve McManus, Andy Dugan, Austin Bayoumi, Drew Rossi, Alex Hinkle, Cara Pirkey, Jonathon Defaria  
*Conference* Dawn Gordon  
**Subject:** Member Meeting

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**1. Dr. Necati Catbas**

- a. Wants to help with the Steel Bridge Competition.
- b. Started as a student member of ASCE many years ago.
- c. He was chair of the Technical Community at the National Level.
- d. Why should students join ASCE?
  - i. It is a good way to network.
  - ii. There are continuing education opportunities presented often.
  - iii. It is a good way to give back to the community and society, not only in your immediate area, but nationwide.
- e. In 2010 there will be a Structures Congress in Orlando, Fl.
- f. Says Dr. Reddi, Chair of Civil Department, wants to get more involved in the Steel Bridge competition along with other events.
  - i. Contact information: [reddi@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:reddi@mail.ucf.edu)
- g. Contact Information: [catbas@mil.ucf.edu](mailto:catbas@mil.ucf.edu)

**2. Heather Brady from YMF (Younger Member Forum)**

- a. Ronald McDonald House Event on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- b. Disney Marathon Event January 11, 2009.
  - i. Start at 3AM and Hand out water to runners.
  - ii. Great opportunity for Service Hours.
  - iii. Receive free tickets to Disney for helping!
- c. Open Officer Positions for Elections in December 2008 for anyone graduating or graduated by December 2008.
- d. Ideas for Events:
  - i. Mentoring program a possibility between YMF members, graduate students and students.
  - ii. YMF wants to tailgate with ASCE and get more involved.
  - iii. YMF can maybe hold a Resume Review to help students get there resume's correct.
  - iv. Student tour for projects around Orlando, Fl.
  - v. Need students to mention ideas of places they would like to tour.
- e. Heather's Information: [h1b@saiengineers.com](mailto:h1b@saiengineers.com)
- f. YMF's Information: [www.eastcentralymf.com](http://www.eastcentralymf.com)

**3. Taylor Lochrane (Past President of ASCE Student Chapter for 2007-2008).**

- a. He is now the current Graduate Advisor for ASCE Student Chapter

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- b. He is here to link undergraduate students and graduate students.
- c. If anyone needs mentoring, Taylor will help set-up something with a graduate student.
- d. For anyone interested in possibly pursuing graduate school please contact Taylor.
- e. Taylor's contact Information: [Taylor.Lochrane@gmail.com](mailto:Taylor.Lochrane@gmail.com)

**4. Alex Hinkle (Community Service Chair)**

- a. There will be an icebreaker at the start of each meeting.
  - i. This week's icebreaker was: 2 Truths and 1 Lie. Find out which one is which, in groups of 3-5.

**5. President's Announcements (Rafiq Chowdhury):**

- a. Disney Internship
  - i. Need to be member to apply.
  - ii. Internship Opportunity with Real Estate Division of Walt Disney Imagineering.
  - iii. Please send your résumé to Rafiq, and he will forward it to Michael Demetriades.
  - iv. For more information please contact Rafiq.
  - v. Contact Information: [ucf\\_asce@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucf_asce@googlegroups.com)

**6. General Club Meetings**

- a. The meetings will be at 7:30pm every other Thursday starting September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in ENGII 102, unless otherwise stated.
- b. Professionals come to our meetings to talk about the professional community.
  - i. These companies sometimes offer scholarships and internships.

**7. Scholarships**

- i. When scholarships become available to ASCE members, members will only be offered the chance to apply if they have paid their dues, and are working towards their community service hours. This will be checked!

**8. Facebook Group/ Google Calendar**

- a. If you have facebook please join the ASCE group. It has:
  - i. Updated meeting times and place under information section of group.
  - ii. Updated meeting information under Calendar on ASCE website: <http://asce.cecs.ucf.edu/>

**9. Club Dues**

- a. \$30 for both semesters.
  - i. All non- graduating members in December 2008 MUST PAY THIS PRICE.
- b. \$20 for one semester.
  - i. This is for members graduating or leaving UCF at the end of the Fall Semester, and for New Members joining in the Spring Semester 2009.
  - ii. \$10 for PhD Students and Graduate.

**10. UCF Civil Engineering Backpacks**

- a. The backpacks are \$35 for general students and members.
- b. The backpacks are Jansport backpacks, black, with the UCF Civil Engineering Logo.
- c. Please talk to Drew Rossi for more information.
- d. Contact Information: [ucf\\_asce@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucf_asce@googlegroups.com)

**11. Club Shirt Design**

- a. Working on a new design.  
Any ideas please tell Drew Rossi: [ucf\\_asce@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucf_asce@googlegroups.com)

**12. Volunteer Hours**

- a. Members

- i. 5 hours required per semester per member.
- ii. Hours not completed= No Going to Conference.

### 13. **Volunteering Opportunities**

- a. Engineers without Borders.
- b. Habitat for Humanity.
- c. FE Review Course Help
  - i. Ask Carol Ann for help and what needs to be done.
  - ii. Classes started September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
  - iii. See Cara if you would like to help volunteer. [pirkeybabay06@hotmail.com](mailto:pirkeybabay06@hotmail.com)

### 14. **Tailgating**

- a. The ASCE trailer is next to ENGII on UCF Football game-day.
- b. Carol Ann sets up a tent next to the building, for anyone who wants to stop by there is food provided by Ardaman and Assoc.

### 15. **Engineering Networking Day**

- a. October 16<sup>th</sup>, Career Fair held in Atrium of ENGII.
- b. ASCE has to plan the entire event.
- c. Bring Resumes to event. Get them prepared now! Heather from YMF can help you if you need help preparing them.
- d. Volunteers will be needed please contact [ucf\\_asce@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucf_asce@googlegroups.com) if you are interested.

### 16. **Builders of the Realm**

- a. Need help setting up and with event involvement.
- b. This is the Homecoming event for the Civil Office.
- c. Awards, Alumni, and Professionals are at the event.

### 17. **Homecoming**

- a. Want to see about building an ASCE Float for the parade.
- b. Anyone Interested please see Rebecca Lucas: [Sparkleengineer.UCF@gmail.com](mailto:Sparkleengineer.UCF@gmail.com)

### 18. **Conference 2009.**

- a. Southeast Regional Conference (SERC).
- b. Will be at Vanderbilt in Tennessee this March.
- c. Mandatory 5hr community service hours required to go this year!
- d. We won 5<sup>th</sup> place overall last year, which was the best we have done in the last couple of years.
- e. Rules for competitions should be coming out soon.
- f. IT IS FREE TO GO CONFERENCE. ALL EXPENSES PAID FOR STUDENTS!!!!
- g. Sign up to be a national member ro go. The website is: [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org) .
- h. About 50 students usually go, but if we have a big turnout more can attend.

### 19. **Steel Bridge**

- a. Contact Jonathon Defaria, Steel Bridge Captain, for more information about the Steel Bridge Competition.
- b. Building a new welding enclosed space under the existing pavilion. This area will be enclosed to help weld more efficiently.
- c. Approval to build is still under way, but building is scheduled to start soon.
- d. Any officers or members willing to help please contact Jonathon: [christaholic954@aol.com](mailto:christaholic954@aol.com)
- e. Fabrication on Bridge will begin in November, right now they are in the design phase.
- f. Meetings are on Sunday nights for Steel Bridge.
- g. Steel Bridge rules are up at the [Rules@AISC.org](http://Rules@AISC.org) website.

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- a. Events being planned. Dates to come.
  - i. Flutag- over the summer
  - ii. Ropes Course
  - iii. Bowling Nights
  - iv. Volleyball
  - v. Paintball
- b. To give Austin Bayoumi more ideas or to contact him: [ucf\\_asce@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucf_asce@googlegroups.com)

**21. Society of Environmental Engineers**

- a. Stephanie Carbone- representative of the UCF chapter.
- b. For more information or to ALSO join their club: [www.clubs.cecs.ucf.edu/see](http://www.clubs.cecs.ucf.edu/see)
- c. They plan to adopt a pond and be active with that pond in cleanups.
  - i. This cleanup would be a great community service opportunity!
- d. SEE has a facebook group: Society of Environmental Engineers

**22. Newsletter**

- a. If you do not receive the newsletter please email Nick Najdovski at: [ucf\\_asce@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucf_asce@googlegroups.com)

**23. Next Member Meeting: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**