

**ASHE Triko Valley Section
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**October 18, 2011
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In Attendance: Caroline Duffy
 Jim Jurgensen, II
 David Emerick
 Matt Loeffler
 Paul Schoelwer
 Stephen Proffitt
 Stan Harris
 Eric Beck
 Dennis Brunton
 Nathan Moore

The meeting was called to order by President Schoelwer at 11:45 am as he welcomed Eric Beck and Nathan Moore to the board.

Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes from the September 20, 2011 General Membership Meeting and the August 23, 2011 ASHE Triko Valley Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. Matt Loeffler raised a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Eric Beck and the motion passed.

The section history document was passed around for updates. Revisions or additions should be sent to David Emerick. Dave will call John Davidson to see if he can provide a total dollar amount of scholarships awarded to date.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was passed out as Chris Nyberg was not able to attend. The report indicated a beginning balance of \$20,016.85, deposits of \$6,470.00, expenditures of \$2,855.63 resulting in operating capital of \$23,631.22. 135 members renewed with 60 members dropping off of the rolls. A list of members that did not renew was also distributed. Each board member was asked to contact a portion of the names on the list to ask if they planned to continue their membership. Renewals will cost \$55 at this point. Matt Loeffler suggested that the dues notices are sent out at the March meeting in the future so that we can follow up with members over the summer.

PIN Report

Caroline Duffy explained that although we do not have a new transportation bill, the existing bill was extended through March 31, 2012. A positive thing that has happened since the extension is that President Obama visited Cincinnati and spoke about replacing our aging bridges including the Brent Spence. Congressional leaders are looking for other funding sources for the highway bill. President Obama is no longer considering a federal infrastructure bank. The President's jobs bill did not pass and Boehner has had jobs discussions with the president subsequently. The contractor's association has paid for some billboards promoting a grass roots effort for a new highway bill.

Model law proponents are still lobbying for BS plus 30 for PE registration. ASHE proposed an alternate idea of implementing a requirement of six years of experience and continuing education.

Regional Report

Stan Harris reported that there will be a Great Lakes Region board meeting next week at OTEC after the ASHE luncheon. Regional awards will go to Hamilton County for the 3 million dollars and under category and to a project from a northern Ohio section for over 3 million dollar category.

Newsletter

Provide information to Stan Harris by November 21st for inclusion in the newsletter.

Program Committee

Per Steve Proffitt, the tentative date for the holiday meeting is December 6th. Possible ideas are a train ride / dinner, the aquarium or union terminal. President Schoelwer asked the board to set fees for the event and supplement amounts. Caroline Duffy raised the issue of having a joint meeting with other professional organizations; however, there would not be enough time to organize an event for this year. Based on meeting attendance so far this year, we should not expect a record turnout. Steve Proffitt was directed to inquire about fees for the aquarium. The board set a budget of \$3,000 provided that 50 persons attend at a cost of \$40. Steve also asked that topics for the May meeting are e-mailed to him.

Membership report

Nothing to report other than retention of past members that did not renew. Jim Jurgensen, II suggested an aggressive campaign to bring new members in. Caroline suggested bringing back the free lunch promotion if you sponsor a new member. President Schoelwer will discuss campaign ideas with Membership Chair Carol Callan-Ramler.

Student Chapter

Nathan Moore is gathering information from Jennifer and Caroline about the chapter. Nathan was reminded that we can consider stipends and that current year budget dollars must be spent by December 31st. Student dues are \$25 per year.

Scholarship Committee

No report

Schramm Awards

No report

Goals

All goals were reviewed and the meeting attendance goal was revised to 80 persons.

Old Business

Caroline Duffy reported that there are some internal problems with the national database program and suggested that the section develop its own registration website and export information to national instead of initiating registrations at their site. A committee consisting of David Emerick, Eric Kistner, Chris Nyberg, Matt Loeffler, Dennis Brunton, and Eric Beck will meet to further evaluate off the shelf membership management/meeting reservation ware and implement as previously directed by the Triko Valley board of directors.

New Business

No nominations were raised for the following national awards:

- Life Time Achievement
- Member of the Year
- Robert E. Pearson/Person of the Year
- Young Member of the Year

Jim Jurgensen raised a motion to award a \$100 gift certificate to Bill Brayshaw for lifetime achievement and provide a complementary dinner for Bill at the holiday party. The motion was seconded by Eric Beck and carried.

Matt Loeffler indicated that the three-year contract with Harris for website maintenance is up shortly. Caroline Duffy noted that the national board purchased a website domain for ASHE section use. The board decided to provide a one-year extension to the Harris web contract in the interim.

David Emerick raised a motion to nominate Caroline Duffy for a three year National Director position to represent the Great Lakes Region which was seconded by Stan Harris and carried.

President Schoelwer adjourned the Board meeting at 1:25 pm.

END OF MEETING NOTES