

Nebraska Section ASME

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Old Country Buffet

In Attendance

Kevin Madsen, Susan Randall, Chad Ballain, Bill Redinger, Dave Stransky, Mark Loscutoff, Frank Pruitt

Treasurer's Report

The Industry Award plaque was ordered at a price of \$34. The January meeting made \$49.85. Redinger will pay the \$100 dues for the PEC and the Engineers Roundtable.

ASME Science Fair Award

There is \$100 budgeted for the award this year. 1st place will receive \$75 and second will receive \$25. Bill Redinger will mail the check to Bruce Stanley made out to the science fair.

Scholarship Review and Funds

There was \$1100 budgeted for scholarships this year. Because it looks like we have raised additional money through PD courses, it was proposed to add an additional \$500 dollars for scholarships. \$1,600 was originally budgeted, but was cut to \$1,100 to balance the budget following the lowered distributions from ASME. This increase will be pending an appropriated signup level for the March PD course. If this is funded at \$1600, the 8 scholarships will include (1) \$500, (2) \$250, (1) 200, and (4) \$100 scholarships. If signup level is not met, then the (4) \$100 scholarships may be cut.

Industry Award and Plaque

The Industry Award was given to UE at the E-week banquet. The formal plaque was ordered about three weeks ago and will be here in about another three weeks. The cost of the plaque was \$34.

Government Relations Board

Bill Redinger briefly discussed LB 359, 1147, 1030, and 904.

Membership Report

As of December 31, 2005, the Nebraska Section had a membership renewal rate of 90.9%. There is only 2 or 3 other sections out of 20 in our region with a higher renewal rate. The Nebraska Section has 494 members.

January Meeting Recap

There were 48 attendees with lots of good feedback from the meeting. This meeting also made \$49.85.

February – Engineers Week

The Engineers Week Banquet was well attended. The Industry Award was given to Utility Engineering.

March Meeting (Spring PD Course)

There are currently 20 people signed up but this number does not include the engineers from OPPD. Hope to have about 45 people signed up by the deadline. The four presenters will each be given a \$100 gas card to help offset their expenses.

April Meeting

Chad is working with Air-Lite Plastics to set up a tour. The contact has indicated that there shouldn't be a problem setting up a tour for mid to late April. Chad will be calling back on March 13th to firm up the tour. The meeting and meal after the tour will be located at Spaghetti Works in the Old Market.

May Meeting Update

The passenger list was submitted to the Air National Guard. Dave will notify the selected members and their alternates should anyone not be able to attend.

Executive Council Elections

Several ballots have been received. Ballots are due by March 31, 2006. So far, there has been an enthusiastic show of support for all candidates.

Nebraska Section Email List

The email list from the Nebraska Section web site is not utilized and therefore will be removed.

Newsletter

There will be no March newsletter but a reminder will be sent out for the March PD course on March 6th or 7th.

Other Business

The Nebraska Section was awarded \$200 for the Earl V. Fischer Award. Frank Pruitt attended the executive council meeting. Frank will continue to represent the Nebraska Section of ASME on the Engineer's Roundtable.

Next Meeting

The next exec meeting is scheduled for Friday March 24th at the Rockbrook Garden Café at 7:30 a.m.