

## ASCE SEATTLE SECTION - BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2018

ASCE Seattle Section February Board Meeting

Meeting held via Conference Call

### Attendees:

Diana Hasegan (Board President - Non Voting)

Paul Fikse (Board Officer)

Jared Nakamoto (Board Officer)

Shailee Sztern (Board Officer)

Amanda Schweickert (Board Officer)

Eset Alemu (Board Officer)

Greg Kinney (Region 8 Governor - Non Voting Guest)

Dale Nelson (Region 8 Director - Non Voting Guest)

Elyssa Dixon (YMF President Elect - Non Voting Guest)

Meeting minutes taken by Paul Fikse.

Meeting called to order at 12:04pm by Diana. MOTION to approve agenda by Paul, seconded by Shailee. Approved unanimously.

MOTION to approve January meeting minutes by Paul, seconded by Jared. Motion Passed unanimously.

### Old Business

- PSEC Awards Banquet Recap
  - Paul reported on the attendance from ASCE and the motivational speeches and participants.
  - Diana suggested connecting with Dana Day (award recipient from Boeing) to get her involved in the Dream Big effort.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Paul to reach out to Paul Grant to get Dana Day involved with Dream Big
- Region 8 Awards Nominations
  - Due end of month
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Diana to Follow up with Kelli on Region 8 award nominations
- LOCEA awards nominations
  - Due March 9
- Leadership Retreat
  - Wants to invite all leadership, not just board leadership
  - Diana called on section leaders to reach out to their branch/committee leadership

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- Western Washington Section
  - Survey is out
  - Dale is going to follow up with Olympia and Columbia sections to confirm the survey went out to them

### Board Reports

- Treasurer's January Report Shailee
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Amanda to follow up with Katy and Mari from House & Hospitality Committee to ask them what goes into the dinner expense. January was \$600 less than November, but January presumably had more attendees.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Homero and Amanda to remind technical and standing committees to submit expenditures for reimbursement because there's still budget they haven't asked for
  - Amanda motions to approve the budget. Eset seconds. Passed unanimously.
- Membership Update Eset
  - See attached
- Standing Committees Amanda
  - Section meeting at UW? We got an invite from UW student chapter
    - Amanda's working on it
  - Lunch Section meeting with WTS - Women in Transportation Engineering
    - WTS didn't want to offer a meeting this year
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Diana to follow up with her WTS rep.
  - RH Thompson Award
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Diana has two nominees, will forward both to Amanda
- Branch Report Tony
  - North Branch is willing to sponsor the Dream Big DVD for all area schools (\$5 school sponsorship program)
  - See attached for additional details
- Technical Committee Report Homero
  - See attached
- YMF Report Jared
  - WRYMC 2018
    - great success
  - Popsicle Bridge Competition
    - Great turnout -- 36 bridges
    - Parsons won professional award, lost to school submission
  - Next big event: Executive Forum, sometime in May
  - See attached for more

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- **ACTION ITEM:** Amanda to reach out to House&Hospitality Committee and Don Nguyen to ask them to have a list of the pairs in front of them, let the student/mentor know if their person has arrived, etc.

### New Business

- Election Endorsements Diana
  - ASCE 2019 President Elect Endorsement for Guna
    - Diana suggested we invite all candidates to our March 14th dinner meeting. The board agreed.
  - Region 8 endorsement for Tony Lau (to replace Dale)
    - Diana suggested we invite all candidates to our March 14th dinner meeting. The board agreed.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Diana, see above
- Support of BC Student Chapters Dale
  - Diana reminded us of the reasons why they want to be adopted (concrete canoe)
  - Dale is asking us to adopt the Univ. of Victoria student chapter (“U-vic”).
    - What kind of support?
    - YMF (Elyssa) to lead the effort
  - Univ. of BC has a student chapter, up in place, 70? members
  - Univ. of Victoria does not have a chapter. Asked Dale how to do this. they have faculty advisor and practitioner (professional firm, Golder and Stantech are volunteers)
  - Dale asked: How should they be affiliated?
    - Section, Branch, or Council (rare)
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Diana to follow up with Elyssa and Don once she downloads more info from Dale this afternoon.
- Region 8 Assembly meeting Dale
  - September 8, 9
- Next month’s meeting: March 14th at Mirabella
  - Diana reminded the board that any ASCE member is invited to the board meeting (but cannot vote)

Meeting called to a close on 1:25pm (Motioned by Jared, seconded by Amanda). Passed unanimously.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT

Amanda Schweickert

- **Audit Committee – Evan Sheesley**
    - No update
  
  - **Legislative Committee – Savannah Linders**
    - January- Lawmakers approved the Hirst Water Agreement, which had been our biggest lobbying concentration for the past few months. This results in an increase in building permits and construction after some time in limbo, as well as the passing of the capital construction budget.
    - February- while both the House and Senate are in session, AELC is meeting weekly to concentrate lobbying efforts towards specific bills.
    - ASCE Advocacy Captain – Conrad Felice
      - Feb 26 - Will be attending quarterly ASCE advocacy Captain conference call
      - Participating in Legislative Fly-In on March 13-14 in Washington, DC.
      - Support letters have been sent to Senate and representative offices on the administration’s infrastructure program
  
  - **Diversity Committee – Jacilyn Hayden**
    - No update
  
  - **History and Heritage – Cindy Hirsch**
    - Held a meeting on 2/3
    - Next meeting on 3/3
    - Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric facility Natl Historic Civil engineering Landmark
      - Plaque language (for replacement plaque) was approved by The National History Committee. We are going to have on the plaque the date (year) that it was originally designated a landmark and then the “rededication” date. Our committee wants to have a month and year on the plaque.
      - We have proposed to Puget Sound Energy that we have a rededication ceremony and their representative agrees that it is a good idea. PSE is discussing what form and timing that might take. I was in touch as recently as this week. Will pass along info as I get it.
      - Once we settle on date to go on plaque we will ok fabrication and then Section will get billed per previous commitment to spend funds to replace this plaque, with some matching funds provided by National (without looking back I think that our Seattle Section share is \$850).
    - We are continuing discussions about undertaking the work to designate the following projects as Landmarks: Denny Regrade, McMillin Bridge, and Great Northern Tunnel (under downtown).
    - We plan on resuming our Landmark brochure project.
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- **House and Hospitality – Katie Sultan-Wright/Mari Otto**
    - No update
  - **Order of the Engineer – Amy Riley**
    - No update
  - **Professional Practice – Ed Huston**
    - No update
  - **Program Chair – Tara Beitler /Henry Haselton**
    - No update
  - **RH Thomson Scholarship – Aaron Olson/Hillary Stibbard/Amy Riley**
    - **Action Item:** Kelli to find replacement for Aaron Olson’s position
  - **Public Information – Elizabeth Guevara**
    - No update
  - **PSEC – Paul Grant**
    - Past Activities
      - Engineering Fair – Saturday, February 10th – Museum of Flight 10am to 4pm
      - Engineer of the Year Awards Banquet – Saturday, February 3rd – Museum of Flight
    - Planned Activities
      - Engineering Mentor Night – North Seattle College – March 1<sup>st</sup>
      - Engineering Mentor Night at Shoreline College – No date scheduled
  - **University Advisory Committee – Amy Riley**
    - No update
  - **Washington State Board of Registration Representative – Amy Thatcher**
    - No update
  - **EWB-USA Puget Sound Professionals (PSP) Chapter – Eset Alemu**
    - No update
  - **Community Service – Shirley Wu**
    - No update
  - **K-12 Outreach – Brad Strandquist**
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- The K-12 outreach committee participated in the PSEC Engineering Fair on Saturday, February 10th. As usual, it was a great event with a lot of fun interactions with students and families from the greater Seattle community. This month we'll be participating in the Federal Way Public School's STEM Exploration Night on March 28th at Todd Beamer High School.

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BRANCH REPORT

Tony Nguyen

### **North Branch-Erik Andersen (written by Erik Anderson)**

#### *Updates*

- We discussed an after-hour social this month, but details have not materialized.
- Our January meeting in Mount Vernon was good. Attendance was typical.
- We do not have a speaker lined up for our next scheduled meeting in March.
- We are considering co-sponsoring the Dream Big DVD's for all area middle schools.

### **Kitsap Branch-Shylo Shorthouse (written by Tony Nguyen)**

There are no planned events for the Kitsap Branch this month. Shylo is trying to plan a March membership meeting but is having difficulty finding speakers. She has asked for assistance from me for speaker ideas. I have reached out to Henry Haselton and Tara Burton, Section Program Co-Chairs, for thoughts on this matter and Henry provided some advice on speakers. Shylo plans to call Kitsap and Pierce Counties to see if they can present on current or past projects. This meeting maybe pushed to April if a speaker is not found.

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## TECHNICAL COMMITTEES REPORT

Homero Flores

### News

- **WRE** is deliberating what to do about the location of its every-other-month meetings in Bellevue. The WRE brown bag lunch meetings are held every month, alternating between Seattle and Bellevue. The Bellevue meeting has traditionally been held at the Bellevue HDR office. Staff and location changes at HDR lead the co-chairs of WRE to look for a new location. Alternatives are Osborn Consulting, or remain at HDR in their new Bellevue office.
- **The Geotech group** published its 2018 Groundhog Newsletter.
- **The Sustainability Committee** is giving Envision and Conference registration scholarships for college students.

### Scheduled events

- COPRI Seattle Chapter:
    - February 28th @ 5:30 pm, monthly meeting: *Ballard Locks: Keystone of Puget Sounds Maritime Economy.*
  - GEOTECHNICAL GROUP/GEO-INSTITUTE Seattle Chapter
    - February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8 am, One day workshop by Pile Dynamics, Inc: *Risk Assessment in Geotechnical Engineering.*
    - February 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, AEG symposium: *Living with Earth Hazards in Western Washington.*
    - February 22<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm, Monthly meeting (**Joint with Section**) and The 2016 Karl Terzaghi Lecture : *Ground Deformation Effects on Subsurface Pipelines and Infrastructure Systems.*
    - April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 am, Spring Short Course: *Waterfront Engineering – Lateral Pile Design for Seismic Regions.*
    - April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 am, Spring Seminar: *Waterfront Engineering – Evolving Practices in Seismic Regions*
  - URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
    - Nothing announced yet
  - SEAW – Structural Engineers Association of Washington
    - February 6<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm, every Tuesday, Refresher Course for the NCEES Structural Exam
    - February 15<sup>th</sup> @ noon, Sustainability Committee Meeting
    - February 20<sup>th</sup> @ noon, Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee Meeting
    - February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm, monthly meeting, joint with the ACI Seattle Chapter: *RFI (Request for Information) in the construction industries*
  - SUSTAINABILITY
    - January 25 @ noon, Presentation of Envision to UW ASCE Chapter.
  - WRE
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- February 15<sup>th</sup> @ noon, Brown bag lunch at Brown & Caldwell Seattle, topic: Center for Sustainable Infrastructure.

YMF REPORT

Jared Nakamoto

- **Past Events**

- January 12-13 – WRYMC 2018 – Las Vegas, NV – 6 YMs, 3 Students
  - 6 Younger Members, 3 UW students, and 2 Section leaders from Seattle have returned from WRYMC in Las Vegas with renewed enthusiasm and buzzing ideas on how to improve the way ASCE is ran in Seattle. The convergence of engineers from all around the Western Region allowed for the cross pollination of ideas! Debrief meetings are being planned to discuss what types of events we can host and what we can do differently to better serve our members here in Seattle. At the conferences, we also met the YMF presidents from North Seattle Branch and Inland Empire, as well as students from WSU. We hope to further strengthen our connections with members throughout Washington by hosting more joint events. Our upcoming annual leadership retreat with the Portland YMF will be a good opportunity for continued networking, so we extend our invitation to all the surrounding YMFs and student chapters. Regional awards are presented at WRYMC for the 20+ Younger Member groups within the Western Region. The Seattle YMF has a strong history of wins. Visit our WRYMC awards page to see past award recipients. This year, Don received the Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector award!
- Tuesday, January 16 – Eastside Networking at Purple Cafe – 11 YMs
- Thursday, January 25 – Westside Networking at Outer Planet Craft Brewing – 21 YMs
- Thursday, January 25 – UW ASCE Lunch and Learn Presentation on Sustainability – 2 YMs, 20 students
  - The Section sustainability committee presented on Envision and Greenroads at UW. One YM was presenting and another was in the crowd.
- Friday, February 9 – Community Service Event: Brides for a Cause Seattle Dress Dash – 10 YMs
  - Brides for a Cause resells wedding dresses to raise money for women’s health, education, and supportive services. The group of YMF volunteers helped set up dresses for Seattle’s annual Dress Dash, a bridal dress sale for Brides for a Cause.

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- Saturday, February 10 – Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition 2018 – 40 YMs
  - The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition was held on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Museum of Flight. This year we had 12 schools and few ACE teams participate, bringing with them 36 teams in total! We had over 40 volunteers help us out with registration, technical judging, aesthetic judging, emceeing, and guiding.
- Saturday, February 9 – PSEC Engineering Fair at the Museum of Flight – 2 YMs
- Tuesday, February 16 – Eastside Networking at Henry’s Tavern – 6 YMs
- Wednesday, February 17 – Bellevue Tunnel Tour for UW and SU students – 1 YM, 19 students
  - Atkinson Construction took the university students and our UW Liaison on a tour of the new Sound Transit Bellevue Tunnel. The E330 Downtown Bellevue Tunnel is an approximately 2,000 foot long tunnel for the East Link Light Rail Extension. It is being excavated utilizing the Sequential Excavation Method (SEM) using hydraulic excavators and supported with lattice girders and high early strength fiber reinforced shotcrete. The tunnel is currently over 1,200 feet.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Wednesday, February 28 – Westside Networking at Optimism Brewing
  - March 9-11 – YMF Leadership Retreat – Plain, WA
  - Saturday, March 24 – Community Service Event: Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
- **Committee Activities**
  - On-going volleyball league
  - The UW ASCE Student Chapter is looking for luncheon speakers to present on various topics such as projects or general professional development tips for students.
  - The Mentorship Program is in the works. The program will include student members, younger members, and section members. Mentorship has also been included in Section Meetings to pair up student members with section members.
  - The Executive Forum is being planned for May 17th and the YMF is looking for sponsors for the event.