



Region 1 Assembly  
April 10, 2011  
Albany Marriott – Albany, NY  
Board of Governors  
**DRAFT** Minutes of Meeting

T. Puntin called the BOG meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Draft minutes from the last BOG meeting held in Ithaca, New York in September 2010 are to be reviewed and approved by the BOG. The minutes have been posted in the BOG e-room by G. Moglia. T. Puntin motioned for the acceptance of the minutes and seconded by L. Cilli. Passed unanimously.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed and the amended to include discussions on the Puerto Rico Section, NYS Council Constitution and Bylaws, National Competency Strategy, History and Heritage, National Leadership Rotation. A motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by B. Merwarth and seconded by D. Westerling. Approved unanimously.

Topics in the order as they were discussed

**1. New York State Legislative Fellow and New York State Infrastructure Report Card Grants:**

T. Puntin mentioned that Greg DiBennitto from CGU was concerned about the status of the legislative fellow. R. Porter mentioned that there has been a change in the political parties in the State legislature which has effected the work done to date. A revised action plan, schedule and budget should be provided based upon the latest conditions. T. Puntin suggested that the NYS Council should contact national and the BSCE to get a feeling for how the fellow program works in their locales. B. Merwarth updated the BOG on the status of the infrastructure report card for New York. A discussion ensued regarding the billing and the allocation of the \$4,000 in funds available through a SPAG grant with the BOG. A motion was put forth by L. Cilli to allow the dispersement of \$2,000 to the NYS Council for the work that has been completed to date. The motion was seconded by L. Sweet and approved by the BOG unanimously.

**2. Probation School Status - Broome Community College (BCC) Student Chapter:**

The BCC student chapter is on probation and is in jeopardy of losing their affiliation with ASCE. B. Merwarth discussed the present operations and the small numbers of students and faculty that are involved with ASCE. S. Kelley described the similar situation that occurred at Vermont Technical College but this has been turned around. D. Westerling suggested that we give BCC another opportunity to stay involved with ASCE. D. Westerling is to put a resolution together requesting a notification of future chapters that maybe in jeopardy and to allow BCC to continue as a student chapter.

### **3. 2012 Leadership Conference:**

The 2012 Leadership Conference is scheduled for October next year. T. Puntin recommended that Region 1 actively support the conference.

### **4. Open Positions and Candidates:**

Regional Director: L. Cilli and M. Rusnica are under consideration for Regional Director which will be determined during the Summer elections. L. Cilli mentioned that he would vacate his position on the BOG irregardless of the outcome of the director election. There has been discussions for within the New Jersey branches on a new candidate to fill L. Cilli's vacated Governor position from New Jersey and there are multitude candidates.. D. Westerling stated that the new candidate from the large section of the BSCES is, Anatoly Darov, who has been nominated by the Boston Board. R. Porter's position as an appointed governor from a small section was not filled and R. Porter mentioned that he would continue for the next cycle at the same time search for future candidates.

### **5. Regional Assignments and Visits:**

T. Puntin stated that all governors should be keeping up with their assignments and attending functions of the various sections and branches. Keep up the communications with the sections and branches and make sure the governors submit their expense and visit reports. S. Kelley volunteered his help in maintaining the files in the Region 1 e-room.

### **6. Regional Budget:**

L. Swett reviewed the status of the Region 1 assets and expenditures. Prior to this regional meeting, about 73% of the budget has been expended. We are over budget with about \$15K in the bank and bills totaling about \$17K to be paid. Some of this overrun can be attributed to the \$2,500 allocated to the student chapters for canoe and bridge competitions. The overrun should be recouped with the \$5,000 increase in the section dues and the regional allotment.

### **7. Student Activities Coordinator:**

T. Puntin confirmed that D. Westerling has volunteered to champion the duties associated with a student activities coordinator. A. Autio commended D. Westerling on a job well done.

### **8. Region 1 Website:**

S. Kelley gave the attendees an overview of the updated Region 1 website along with the filing system and the information available in the Region 1 E-room.

### **9. Puerto Rico Visit:**

T. Puntin updated the attendees on his recent visit with G. Moglia to the Puerto Rico section. They had a successful meeting which included discussions involving statehood, hosting a leadership conference and having the section be more involved in regional activities.

### **10. Competency Strategy:**

T. Puntin mentioned that ASCE past president, B. Leonard, is championing a program to involve local shareholders of the various states to assist in approaching the licensing boards of the various states to adopt ASCE Policy Statement 465, Academic Prerequisites for Licensure and Professional Practice. T. Puntin distributed a checklist that should be forwarded to the various sections to get their input and involvement.

### **11. History and Heritage:**

T. Puntin and S. Kelley described how the History and Heritage committee was developing an

interactive GIS system of locating sites that have achieved an historical status. This information is available on the web.

**12. New York Council Operations Manual, By-Laws and Constitution:**

B. Merwarth gave a brief status report on the updated governing documents for the council. T. Puntin asked if these documents were in general conformance with the national documents. and B. Merwarth stated this was his understanding. T. Puntin stated that he would ask for a brief review by national before bringing to a vote by the Board of Governors.

**13. National Leadership and Regional Rotation:**

The Board of Governors discussed the present makeup of the national board and the influence of members from the same geographic area. Prior policy was to ensure that the leadership consisted of multiple geographic areas and to not dominated by one area. After a brief discussion, the BOG came to agreement that a motion that Region 1 supports rotation of the of ASCE national leadership. T. Puntin is to bring this issue to the Board Task Committee and the ASCE Board of Direction.

**14. Next Meeting:**

Tentative next meeting scheduled for **24-25 September 2011 at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst**. Details forthcoming.