

ASME Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/21/08

Location: Conference Call

Notes taken by Paul Stevenson

Attendees:

- Pete Grotsky
- Bob Andrew
- Al Kurzenhauser
- Chris Tuggle
- Mark Wilson
- Helen and Clarence Prince
- Ben Ying
- Tim Hunt
- Paul Stevenson
- Matt Montgomery
- Noel McCormick

Minutes:

- The minutes from last month were accepted after no discussion
- Noel McCormick gave the Treasurers Report
 - Since the release of the report for the meeting, ASME had purchased a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit (CD) to replace the one that had recently matured. The new CD has a 1 year term.
 - The Treasurers report was accepted
- Matt Montgomery discussed the Programs remaining for the year:
 - He received outstanding feedback on the Port of Tampa tour. There were 38 members/guests in attendance for the tour, and 20 stuck around for dinner.
 - The final meeting of the program year is at the Radisson, June 18th at 5:30 pm. The speaker is Dallas Rehabilitation Services, and they will be talking about their robotic pipe repair process/equipment
 - The Board brainstormed some potential dinner meeting sites for next year. Someone mentioned that Tucson's in Clearwater (Ulmerton Road) has a community room that they lease out for events.
- There will only be ExecComm meetings during the summer. No official plans for a membership meeting.
- No Student Section members were present to provide an update on their activities

- Helen Prince inquired about the scholarship status. The lack of a student advisor at USF is hampering our efforts to review prospective nominees and award the scholarship. We did not award a scholarship this past February as a result. Further notes on this topic:
 - Pete mentioned dwindling response. He believes that the monetary amount may be too low to garner interest.
 - Al pointed out that the “prestige” of the award should play a larger role.
 - Bob pointed out that the senior section Chair used to speak to the student section each year and pitch the scholarship. This process should be resurrected during these times when the Student Advisor is inactive or non-existent.
- Everyone agreed that, in general, we need to provide better oversight to the student section at USF. Matt suggested that a board position be implemented that is focused on this interface. It was pointed out that this position DOES currently exist, but the title may need to be changed to something more appropriate.
- Ben pointed out that the position of College Relations is supposed to support the student section as well.
- Election Results (terms begin in the Fall):
 - Chairman – Pete Grotsky
 - Vice Chair – Mark Wilson
 - Vice Chair of Programs – Matt Montgomery
 - Treasurer – Noel McCormick
 - Secretary – Paul Stevenson
- Out of our 800 members, on 37 ballots were received (14 via snail-mail, 23 via email). Of those, seven respondents want to continue to receive hard copies of the newsletter in the mail.
- New Business:
 - The board agreed that there should be a push for more electronic newsletters next year. Only those who do NOT have email will receive hard copies in the mail
- The next ExecComm meeting was scheduled for June 25th, and will be held via conference call
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