

2015 ASC Region 4 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes  
Lied Lodge and Conference Center  
Nebraska City, NE  
October 22, 2015

The 2015 mid-year meeting was called to order at 1:30pm central time by Richard Gebken (Missouri State), Regional Director. Meeting minutes were taken by Nathan Barry (UNK), Associate Regional Director.

- I. Roll call was taken via sign-in sheet. See attached sheet for members in attendance.
  
- II. Jim Goddard (Kansas State) motioned to approve the 2015 annual meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin McMeel (Southeast Missouri State). Motion passed
  
- III. Open Issues
  - A. Competition Update
    1. Team Count: 28 Teams competing, representing 12 schools
    2. Divisions and Sponsors
      - a. Commercial: Sponsored by Mortenson with assistance from JE Dunn and Turner. 9 teams competing.
      - b. Heavy Highway: Sponsored by Kiewit. 8 teams competing.
      - c. Design Build: Sponsored by Hensel Phelps with assistance from Lusardi. 6 teams competing.
      - d. Specialty: Sponsored by Interstates. 5 teams competing.
        - Discussion of the new specialty division centered around finding a rotation of companies, similar to the commercial division. Tom Logan (Kansas State) has contacted MCA of Kansas City and they have shown interest in sponsoring the division.
      - e. Other: There was also a discussion around adding a 5<sup>th</sup> division. The categories that were of interest consisted of Energy/Utility, Industrial, Wastewater, Healthcare, Precon, Education. Richard and Nate are going to look for potential sponsors of a 5<sup>th</sup> division. There was also a discussion around "capping" the divisions to 8 teams if a 5<sup>th</sup> division was added.
    3. Career Fair: There was continued discussion of the necessity of the career fair and the apathetic attitude of the students during the event. Richard reminded everyone that the event was necessary to assist with the cost of the competition. Richard and Nate will contact sponsors about having a Friday social rather than a Saturday morning fair. A Friday social would require the presentations to begin earlier in the day.
    4. MOU Development: The MOU was used by only a couple sponsors this year. This is considered a good "formality" to remind both ASC coordinators and the sponsors the commitment of sponsorship during the competition. All division coordinators should be using the form for 2016.
    5. Hotel Construction Update: The Lied Lodge has just completed a \$9 Million renovation. While the rooms were somewhat inconvenient for the "work-rooms", no major complaints were reported.

6. Industry speaker ideas: The group agreed that having an industry speaker on Thursday evenings was a good idea. Richard and Nate will contact the division sponsors to see if they may have any interest in having a speaker from their company present. If that is unsuccessful, Richard will contact the region for ideas. There was also a discussion of having some software training or seminars during the regional conference.
  7. 2017 Hotel Contract: The group agreed to have Richard sign a contract with the Lied Lodge for the 2017 competition and conference.
- B. Region 4 Membership Status: Richard went through and updated all of the schools. The region contact should update their schools when changes are made.
- C. ASC Teaching and Research Awards: Ray Buhle (Kansas State University) will receive the Region 4 National Educator Award. Mohammed Hasham M. Mehany (Missouri State University) received the regional teaching award and his name will be sent forward to receive the Outstanding Educator Award. Jim Goddard (Kansas State University) will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Conference in April.
- D. ASC IT Committee Report: Bryan Bowers (Southeast Missouri State University) updated everyone as chair of the IT Committee. No new information to report.
- E. Region 4 Operating Procedures Draft: Richard Gebken is still working on the draft and will send it out for review when it is ready.
- F. 2016 Annual Conference – April 13-16, 2016 at BYU: The papers for the conference are due October 28 @ 12:00pm central time.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Twitter: Richard reminded everyone to have your schools and students follow: @ASCRegion4 and @ASC\_National
- B. Region 4 Director and Associate Regional Director Elections: Richard Gebken and Nathan Barry were both reelected for a 3 year term.
- C. Break-out Sessions: The attendees spent 30 minutes in three different break-out sessions to encourage best practices. This year's sessions were focused around: Effective tools and techniques for teaching scheduling; ABET/ACCE Accreditations; Successful research strategies for tenure-track faculty.
- D. Others: Tom Logan (Kansas State University) announced the MEAC Boot Camp coming in June. Scott Seltveit (Minnesota State University Moorhead) announced that the 2018 ASC Conference will take place in Minneapolis, MN and will be organized by a consortium of 8 schools. 2017 will be held in Seattle, WA.

#### V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

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