

2015 ASC Region 4 Annual Meeting Minutes
Texas A&M University
April 23, 2015

The 2015 annual ASC Region 4 meeting was called to order at 2:00pm central time by Richard Gebken (Missouri State), Regional Director. Meeting minutes were taken by Nathan Barry (UNK), Assistant Regional Director.

I. Roll call was taken via sign-in sheet. Those in attendance were:

Nate Barry	University of Nebraska Kearney
Richard Gebken	Missouri State University
Mohammed Hasham M. Mehany	Missouri State University
Mohamed Diab	Minnesota State University – Mankato
Steve Schaffner	Pittsburg State University
Bryan Bowers	Southeast Missouri State University
Peter Hilger	University of Minnesota
Kevin McMeel	Southeast Missouri State University
David Joswick	Missouri State University
Richard Bruce	Builders/Missouri State University
Bill Strenth	Pittsburg State University
Brian Lines	The University of Kansas

II. Nate (UNK) motioned to approve the 2014 mid-year minutes, 2nd by Kevin (SEMO). Motion passed

III. Richard updated the group on a variety of open issues

A. Competition Update

1. Lied Lodge Hotel construction is currently on schedule. There will be no moving of furniture for “office” space this year. Students will have to work around beds and other furniture.
2. We will be adding a 5th division for the 2015 competition. Interstates Construction will be sponsoring an electrical problem statement in the specialty category.
3. Division coordinators are working with all the problem sponsors to complete the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This is an attempt to clarify all requirements for the problem sponsors and ASC region 4.
4. The career fair will be moved to Wednesday evening for the 2015 year. This is a trial year to see if there will be more turn out from industry and more “energy” from students. Richard will send out more info later. Richard and Jong Chul will work on recruiting companies.
5. Richard is looking for suggestions on industry speakers for the faculty dinner. ASC region 4 is able to provide lodging for any suggested speakers. Please send ideas directly to Richard Gebken.
6. The group was encouraged to prepare paper presentations for the mid-year meeting. Nate Barry and Eric Holt are slated to expand on their research from last year.
7. As acting regional director, Richard has signed a commitment to the Lied Lodge for the 2016 competition. Dates are October 26-29, 2016.

B. Region 4 membership status: Currently 16 members. A reminder to all that 2-year schools can be associate members.

C. ASC Teaching and Research Awards: In 2014, region 4 had awards in all categories. In 2015, region 4 had zero awards. Richard will send a reminder email in a few weeks to push representation. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague.

IV. New Business

A. Region 4 operating procedures are currently in draft form. Richard Gebken will have a draft to review and discuss for the October meeting.

B. 2016 Annual Conference is April 13-16 at BYU

C. For the regional meeting, Richard and Nate would like to see more focus on education. An idea would be an open forum or breakout sessions with one topic at a time to allow people to attend multiple discussions.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm