



## Region 3 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 9, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. CST (1:30 p.m. EST)  
Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### Present:

Tom Walther, Chair  
Darrell Berry  
Steve Chizek (late)  
Eriks Ludins  
Dave Pritchard  
Thomas Burke  
Amy Thorson  
Mark Stemmer (later)

### Staff Member:

Nancy Berson (a portion of the meeting)  
Michael Cook (a portion of the meeting)  
Chuck Koplín (a portion of the meeting)

#### **1. Call meeting to order**

Tom Walther welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM (CST).

#### **2. Roll Call**

Governors were present as noted above.

#### **3. Amend / Approve agenda**

The Agenda was approved as amended.

#### **4. Approve Minutes October 19, 2006**

The Minutes were approved as amended.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer presented the financial report as of 02-09-07. With the exception of a reimbursement request made by Prichard which has not yet been paid or included due to questions Chizek had on the reimbursement request.

**6. Audit Committee Report**

Audit committee consists of Burke and Berry. Chizek provided last year's financial material for the audit. A report from the Audit committee is planned for the next Board meeting.

**7. Governor Activities Reports**

All of the Board members gave updates on past and upcoming activities.

**8. Region Web Page**

Chizek and Ludins updated the Board on potential web masters who could be hired.

**Ludins moved that Theresa Kes of Barr Engineering be made the web master. Motion seconded by Burke. Motion passed.**

**9. Council Report**

**Prichard moved that the Ohio Council continue to exist and operate as it has in the past. Burke seconded. Motion Passed.**

District 8 Council's continuance was discussed. The District 8 council sections either had no opinion about its continuance or were they were in favor of dissolving the Council. However it was agreed that a process for nomination of governors from the "small sections" will be necessary. This process could be very informal but must be worked out by the "small sections" in Region 3.

**Burke moved to dissolve the District 8 Council. Thorson seconded. Motion passed.**

**10. Prioritize Society "At Large" Director Candidates**

Region 3 discussed the 3 finalists. There was broad agreement that all 3 of the candidates were excellent. Based on discussion of the board, Region 3's preference of the next "at large director" would be (in order):

Christine Andersen  
Henry Hatch  
Thomas Warne

**The above order was moved by Burke seconded by Berry. Motion passed.**

**11. Report on National ASCE issues:**

501c6 and PAC

The creation of a 501c6 corporation has been discussed extensively by the National Board. Only a portion of the ASCE organization would become a 501c6, the rest would remain a 501c3 corporation. Among other things, the change would allow ASCE to exceed the \$1,000,000 cap on lobbying activities that 501c3 organizations have. Although currently ASCE spends about \$500,000 on lobbying, it could become important due to inflation and TCAP's activities with state licensure boards to make licensure requirements more stringent. In addition a 501c6 would allow (but not require) the society to create a Political Action Committee (PAC). The Board is split about 50-50 on the creation of a PAC but was about 2/3 in favor of creation of a 501c6. Input from sections and branches is strongly encouraged and desired by the Society as quickly as possible to help the Society's Board make its decision.

Governor's updated any discussions that they had undertaken:

The Michigan Section Board has discussed the issue and was strongly (but informally) supportive of both creation of a 501c6 and creation of a PAC. They have not yet passed a formal resolution.

The Illinois Section discussed the issue. Although there were a lot of questions about the issues, the Section Board voted to support both the 501c6 and creation of a PAC.

Ohio Section had questions about the cost of both the 501c6 and the creation of a PAC.

A section or branch Board having discussions on this issue and developing an opinion should make a formal motion and send a letter indicating its positions. The National Board is "very much on the fence" on this issue.

Strategic planning

Walther and Stemmer updated the Board on ASCE's strategic planning efforts. Strategic planning efforts are being handled on a permanent ongoing basis.

**12. Meet with ASCE president Bill Marcuson**

Mr. Marcuson fielded questions from the Region 3 Board.

**13. Appoint 1 BoG member to serve as FTP Membership Database account holder.**

**It was moved by Burke that the Secretary-Treasurer will be the FTP Membership Database account holder. The motion was seconded by Berry. The Motion Passed.**

Currently the FTP membership Database account holder will be Secretary-Treasurer Chizek.

**14. Set Future Meeting**

Meeting was set as a teleconference for Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am CST (12:30 pm EST).

**15. Region 3 Nominating Committee**

The Board elected that there was no need to go into closed session due to the fact that there is only one candidate for each governor position.

It was moved by Chizek that Dave Pritchard be the official nominee for the Region 3- Governor 4 position, the Ohio Section, for Region 3. The motion was seconded by Burke. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Burke that Don Wittmer be the official nominee for the Region 3- Governor 3 position, the Illinois Section. The motion was seconded by Berry. Motion passed.

16. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM CST.