

MINUTES OF THE
CIVIL and ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACADEMY
April 10, 2010

Present: Gopal Guthikonda, Ty Thomas, Terry Winn, Bernie Gradel, Jr., Rusty Thoma, Gary Thomas, Aubrey Spear, Philip Meaders, Dudley, McFarquhar, Stephanie Griffin, Jason L. Swofford, Rich Patrick, Janie Kenney, Audra Morse, Scott A. Verhines, Charles Q. Brown, Jr., David Harkins, Tom Zachman, Brian Schrader, Bob Bailey, Kerry Miller, William Harrington, Bobby Evans, Joe King, II, Deborah Dixon, John F. Nixon, Frank Griffin, Bruce Kromer, H. Scott Norville, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department (CEE) Chair, and Debbie Starcher, CEE Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy convened Saturday, April 10, 2010. Dudley McFarquhar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Introductions

Dudley opened the meeting and had all present introduce himself/herself and tell where they are from, year graduated and year inducted.

There are nine new inductees to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy. They are:

- Brigadier General Charles Q. Brown, Jr. – United States Air Force, Italy
- David Harkins – Espey Consultants, Inc. – Austin, TX
- Victoria Harkins – Harkins Engineering, Inc. – Austin, TX
- Joe King, II – AECOM – Dallas, TX
- Kerry Miller – Parkhill, Smith and Cooper – Lubbock, TX
- Audra Morse – Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- Jeffrey Sipes – CB&I – Houston, TX
- Aubrey Spear, III – City of Lubbock – Lubbock, TX
- Scott Verhines – Occam Consulting Engineers, Inc. – New Mexico

Approval of the Minutes

The 2009 minutes were distributed to the Academy. After time was given for review Dudley asked for any comments or discussion. The following corrections need to be made.

Pg. 2 – first paragraph, change one at \$1,500 to one at \$750

Pg. 4 – second paragraph, change Graded to Gradel

Pg. 4 – sixth paragraph, change \$5,000 split to \$10,000 split

Dudley asked for a motion to approve the changes to the minutes. Bernie Gradel moved that the noted changes be made to the April 4, 2009 minutes. Bob Bailey seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Schrader presented the Fiscal Year 2010 Treasurer's Report.

Balances to date in the respective accounts are:

Civil Engineering Academy – \$7,413

Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Endowment – \$170,087

Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Interest – \$15,122

In FY 2010, CEE awarded five \$1,000 scholarships, three \$1,250 scholarships and six \$2,000 scholarships to civil and environmental engineering students from the Civil Engineering Academy Endowment Scholarship Interest account.

For the benefit of the new members, Brian explained the differences between the three different operating accounts.

Brian discussed his ideas on growing the endowment.

There was no further discussion. Tom Zachman made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Terry Winn seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bylaws

Brian amended the Bylaws to change the name of the Civil Engineering Academy to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy. All referrals to the Civil Engineering Academy have now been changed to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy. Brian requested a motion to approve the change to the Bylaws. Terry Winn made the motion. Audra Morse seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously

Chairman's Report – Scott Norville

Report attached at end of minutes

Correction: Student Information – Honors and Awards

Tim Sansome won First Place in the ASCE Spring Meeting not Timothy Wood

ASCE Presentation

Kirsten Singleton and Wesley Kumfer – members of the Murdough Student Chapter of ASCE, gave a Power Point presentation on constructing the Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe. Steel Bridge did not do as well as last year, but gained some valuable experience and knowledge for future competitions. Concrete Canoe competition is taking place this weekend. The Chapter has set new goals that they hope future students will carry through with. Other activity the Chapter is involved in is attending the Texas Section of ASCE. Several students attended this year. The chapter is working hard to get members involved in outside activities. They have also organized several fund raising events. Kirsten thanked the Academy for the financial support given to ASCE.

Old Business

Academy/Student Involvement

- Presentations to students by CEE Academy Alumni
- Financial and verbal support
- Contact Dr. Morse if you have any presentations or service activities the ASCE students can attend or be involved in.

New Business

ABET – Academy Assistance – Dr. Audra Morse

CEE is requesting the Academy's participation in completing a survey. Feedback the department receives from the Academy is very valuable in helping write the report for ABET. Dr. Morse requested help from those present to identify companies who employ CEE students. The ABET report is due July 11, 2011. Dr. Morse and Dr. Ken Rainwater will be sending out an electronic survey this fall.

Dr. Morse also thanked the Academy for the financial support given for scholarships.

COE Development – Suzanne Cox

Suzanne explained the purpose of the COE Development office. She also presented TTU's goal to become a Tier 1 University.

Increasing the Endowment

Tom Zachman reported on the initial letter sent to Academy members to raise the Endowment over a three year campaign. The three year campaign has come to a close. Dudley opened the floor for discussion on ideas to begin another campaign.

Discussion: Bob Bailey reported that a subcommittee has been formed in the Advisory Council to discuss ways to begin another campaign to increase the Endowment. Tom Zachman has been invited to be a part of that subcommittee. Suggestions mentioned were a fund raiser banquet or a golf tournament to raise funds. Bob reminded members that if they get a phone call from the University to be sure and designate your donation to the department which can include the CEE Scholarship Endowment.

Election of Officers

The bylaw process is for current officers to move up one spot and elect a Secretary/Treasurer.

Bruce Kromer agreed to become Chair and Brian Schrader will rotate up to Vice Chair. Bernie Gradel nominated Bob Bailey to fill the vacant Secretary/Treasurer position. A vote was taken. The vote was unanimous.

Officers for 2010-2011

Chair – Bruce Kromer

Vice Chair – Brian Schrader

Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Bailey

Closing Question and Discussion

Vinu Abraham – What should the next step be in getting the Academy to raise the Academy Scholarship Endowment to \$300,000. It was recommended that each year someone volunteer to take on this task. This should be a line of discussion at next year's meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Dudley asked for a motion to adjourn. Audra Morse moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was accepted to adjourn by Greg Soules. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Starcher, Administrative Assistant

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
ACADEMY WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011.**