

MINUTES OF THE
CIVIL and ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACADEMY
April 16, 2011

Present: Bruce Kromer, Chair, Dan Warth, R. Panneer Selvam, Dudley McFarquhar, Brian Schrader, Jay Ditsworth, Rusty Thoma, Deborah Dixon, Janie Kenney, Ty Thomas, Terry Winn, Gopal Guthikonda, Denis Qualls, Walter McCullough, T. Lynn Lovell, Jerry Roberts, Phil Meaders, Eric West, Stephanie Griffin, Audra Morse, Tom Zachman, Gary Jackson, Joe Gamble, Bob Bailey, H. Scott Norville, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department (CEE) Chair, and Debbie Starcher, CEE Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy convened Saturday, April 16, 2011. Bruce Kromer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Introductions

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

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

- Jay Ditsworth – General Dynamics SATCOM, Richardson, Texas
- Mari Garza-Bird - Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., San Antonio, Texas
- Gary Jackson – CB&I, The Woodlands, Texas
- Denis Qualls – City of Dallas, Water Utilities Department, Dallas, Texas
- Jerry Roberts – Halff Associates, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
- Dan Warth – URS Corporation, Austin, Texas
- Eric West – Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Midland, Texas

Approval of the Minutes

The 2010 minutes were distributed to the Academy. After time was given for review Bruce asked for any comments or discussion. There being none, Bruce asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Winn moved that the April 4, 2010 minutes be accepted as written. Dudley McFarquhar seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Bailey presented the Fiscal Year 2011 Treasurer's Report. Balances to date in the respective accounts are:

- Civil Engineering Academy – \$14,804
- Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Endowment – \$210,147
- Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Interest – \$9,673

In FY 2011, CEE awarded twenty-three \$1,000 scholarships, one \$750 scholarship and one \$250 scholarship to civil and environmental engineering students from the Civil Engineering Academy Endowment Scholarship Interest account.

There was no further discussion. Panneer Selvam made a motion that the FY 2011 Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Audra Morse seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Scott Norville

Report attached at end of minutes

ASCE Presentation - Concrete Canoe Competition

ASCE members Danny Marquez, Jose Ortega and Jessie Hall presented the competition report that will be presented at the Concrete Canoe competition. Competition will be at the end of April in College Station.

Old Business

CEE Scholarship Endowment Update - Bob Bailey

Bob reported that Phase I of the effort to increase the CEE Scholarship Endowment has been completed. He explained that Phase II of the effort is to mail a letter to all CEE alumni. Bob made a motion that the Academy agree to continue forward, in conjunction with the CEE Advisory Council, with Phase II of increasing the endowment. Tom Zachman seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Also, recommendation was made to include contributors to the Scholarship Endowment in the CEE Academy Banquet program.

ABET Update – Dr. Audra Morse

A mandatory Mock ABET report will be submitted by July 1, 2011. Feedback the department receives from alumni and employers of alumni is very valuable in helping write the report for ABET.

New Business

CEE Directory

Bruce introduced the idea of creating an online CEE Academy Directory. He opened the floor for discussion. Academy members present liked the idea. This would be a good networking tool. The site would be password protected. There should be a link to add personal address if you want it shared with other members. Bruce requested a motion to proceed with creating a contact directory on the CEE Academy web page. Disclosure of information would be voluntary. The site will also be password protected. Panneer Selvam made the motion. Denis Qualls seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Action: Dr. Norville and Debbie Starcher will visit with Nick Rinker, IT support in WCOE and report back in the spring of 2012.

Increase Membership and Attendance

There was discussion on the low attendance at the CEE Academy Banquet and business meetings. Recommendation was made to change the venue for next spring to the new Texas Tech Club in Jones AT&T stadium. Debbie Starcher will pursue this possibility.

CEEDSAC - Speakers Bureau

Recommendation was made for a new student organization to be established as a means of communication between students and the Advisory Council. This resulted in the establishment of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Student Advisory Council (CEEDSAC). At the Friday, April 15, Advisory Council meeting CEEDSAC discussed creating a speakers bureau for their reference. The list would include the names of the CEEAC and CEE Academy and their area of specialty. There would be a space or box to check if the member is interested in being contacted to speak at a student organization meeting or seminar.

Election of Officers

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

Brian Schrader agreed to become Chair and Bob Bailey will rotate up to Vice Chair. Bob Bailey nominated Panneer Selvam to fill the vacant Secretary/Treasurer position. There being no further nominations, Deborah Dixon closed request for nominations and made a motion that Panneer Selvam be elected as the Secretary/Treasurer. Gary Jackson seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The vote was unanimous.

Officers for 2011-2011

Chair – Brian Schrader

Vice Chair – Bob Bailey

Secretary/Treasurer – Panneer Selvam

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Starcher, Administrative Assistant

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACADEMY
WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012.**