

MINUTES OF THE
CIVIL and ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACADEMY
April 14, 2012

Present: Brian Schrader, Chair, R. Panneer Selvam, Secretary/Treasurer, Stephen Morse, Bruce Kromer, Lani Marshall, Deborah Dixon, Ty Thomas, Stephanie Griffin, Travis Waldrip, Trooper Smith, Jay Ditsworth, Walter McCullough, Frank Griffin, T. Lynn Lovell, Terry Winn, Andrew Ickert, Rachel Ickert, Tony Childress, Greg Soules, Tom Zachman, Audra Morse, Joe Gamble, Dudley McFarquhar, Gopal Guthikonda, Jerry Roberts, Brad White, H. Scott Norville, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department (CEE) Chair, and Debbie Starcher, CEE Unit Coordinator.

Call to Order

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy convened Saturday, April 14, 2012. Brian Schrader, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Introductions

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

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

- Andrew Ickert – Halff Associates, Fort Worth, Texas
- Rachel Ickert - Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
- Lani Marshall – URS Corporation, Dallas, Texas
- Stephen Morse – Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- Trooper Smith – Freese and Nichols, Austin, Texas
- Brad White – Infrastructure Associates, Inc., Houston, Texas

Approval of the Minutes

The 2011 minutes were distributed to the Academy. After time was given for review Panneer asked for any comments or discussion. There being none, Panneer asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Audra Morse moved that the April 16, 2011 minutes be accepted as written. Greg Soules seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Panneer Selvam presented the Fiscal Year 2011 Treasurer's Report. Balances ending Fiscal Year 2011 in the respective accounts are:

- Civil Engineering Academy – \$17,463
- Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Endowment – \$210,147
- Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Interest – \$8,445

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.

As of 03/31/2012 the balance in the FY 2012 CE Academy operating account is \$25,503.

Discussion: Where the CEE scholarship endowment ranks among other departments in the college and the importance of continuing to grow the endowment.

There was no further discussion. Panneer Selvam requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Greg Soules made a motion that the FY 2011 Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Stephanie Griffin seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Brian requested Panneer research and report on the following item.

- Where the CEE Academy ranks in membership and endowment compared to other departments within the College of Engineering

CEE Academy Endowment

Tony Childress made a motion that \$15,000 be transferred from the CE Academy administrative account into the CE Endowed Scholarship interest account for scholarships. Gopal Guthikonda seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lab Initiative Report - Dale Cherry

Dale reported on the initiative driven by Al Sacco, Dean, Whitacre College of Engineering to upgrade and renovate the labs in engineering. Out of thirteen labs, CEE has five. The initiative is to raise \$5.76M and upgrade two labs per year. Tom Zachman is the overseer of this initiative, Dale is the liaison from the Dean's Council and Greg Soules volunteered to be the point person from the CEE Advisory Council and Academy.

ASCE Student Chapter Report

Neil Curran, ASCE Treasurer reported on activities ASCE students are involved in. Construction, a new event, collected 1200 lbs of food for the food bank. Students competed in the steel bridge competition but did not place. Students will be involved in the Concrete Canoe competition and the ASCE Golf Tournament later in April.

Discussion: Brian asked Neil how the Academy can assist the ASCE student chapter. Neil's thoughts included having a flashier show for Engineering Week to attract the engineering undecided students. Dudley McFarquhar recommended putting together a video showing activities students are involved in.

Chairman's Report – Scott Norville

Report attached at end of minutes

Old Business

CEE Endowment - motion made to move \$15,000 from CE endowment to CE administrative account (see above)

CEE Directory

At last year's meeting, charge was given to Debbie Starcher to find out if a password protected directory could be established on the CEE web page. She was told a password protection on a TTU web page could not be used. The only password protection TTU allows is eraider which can only be issued to Texas Tech employees.

Discussion: Other options suggested were to create a directory in Drop Box, a Yahoo group or Facebook. Suggestion was given to include a sentence that states whether or not the member permits his/her personal information to be shared with other academy members or student chapters. Members can select this box if they allow their contact information. Limit information to professional information.

Action Item: Stephen Morse and Frank Griffin will research the pros and cons of each electronic media choice and report back at next spring's meeting.

New Business

CEE Endowment Letter - Stephanie Griffin

Should the Advisory/Academy pursue sending out another endowment letter? After discussion, it was decided it would be a good way to inform new members of the goal to increase the endowment and as a reminder to present members.

Speakers Bureau

Students are still requesting a list of speakers who would be willing to speak at their chapter meetings. Dudley McFarquhar recommended an excel spreadsheet. It will include name, professional contact information and area of expertise. On next year's form have a list of disciplines that members can choose from.

Election of Officers

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

Bob Bailey agreed to rotate up to the Chair position and Panneer will rotate up to Vice Chair. Panneer Selvam nominated Stephen Morse to fill the vacant Secretary/Treasurer position. There being no further nominations, Greg Soules moved that nominations be closed. Dudley McFarquhar seconded the motion. The motion carried. Stephen agreed to the nomination. Panneer made a motion that Stephen Morse fill the vacant office of Secretary/Treasurer. Stephanie Griffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Officers for 2012-2013

Chair – Bob Bailey

Vice Chair – Panneer Selvam

Secretary/Treasurer – Stephen Morse

Adjourn

There being no further business, Brian moved that the meeting of the 2012 Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy be adjourned. Greg Soules so moved. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Starcher, Unit Coordinator

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACADEMY
WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL, 2013.**

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