

# MINUTES of the CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL, and CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (CECE) ACADEMY

April 16, 2016

## **Present**

**Officers:** Martin Rodin, Chair; David Harkins, Vice-Chair; Jeff Stovall, Secretary/Treasurer

**Members:** Stephen Morse, Ying-Hsuan Lani Marshall, Brian Pierce, Gary Thomas, Jeff Williams, Raajan Mehta, Lydia Johnson, Stacey Weichert, Robert Lee, Ty Thomas, Tom Zachman, Terry Winn, Jerry Roberts, Brian Haynes, Joe D. Gamble, Bruce Kromer, Greg Soules, Bernie Gradel, Jr., R. Panneer Selvam, Andy Jacobson, Dudley McFarquhar, Gopal Guthikonda, Steven Dean, Travis Waldrip, Victoria Harkins, K. Elaine Rogers, Eric West, Dennis Haar, Denis Qualls, Ray Russo, David Harkins, Jeff Stovall, Martin Rodin, David Ernst, Interim CECE Chair, Debbie Starcher, CECE Unit Coordinator.

## **Call To Order**

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the CECE Academy convened Saturday, April 16, 2016. Martin Rodin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

## **Introductions**

Martin asked all of the Academy members in attendance to introduce themselves.

2016 Inductees–CECE Academy

- Steven Dean
- Jay Edwards
- John Hamilton
- Brian Haynes
- Andy Jacobson
- Lydia Johnson
- Robert Lee
- Brian Pierce
- K. Elaine Rogers
- Raymond Russo
- Jeffrey Young

## **Review and Approval of the 2015 Meeting Minutes**

It was noted that Lyndsey Rodgers' name should be corrected to Lacey Rodgers and that no discussion of officer elections was included in the minutes. The minutes were approved with pending revisions.

Motion to Approve (Bernie Gradel) 2nd (Dudley McFarquhar) – Motion Carried

## **Review and Acceptance of the 2015 Treasurer's Report**

Jeff Stovall presented a summary of the accounts.

2016 CECE Academy Minutes

Reviewed income and expenses:

Operating FY15 \$17,917.62

Operating FY16 \$21,866.69 (includes estimated expenses for banquet and breakfast)

Civil Engineering Academy Scholarship Endowment \$253,083.35

CECE has awarded four \$1,500 scholarships, three \$1,300 scholarships, and one \$900 scholarship to date in FY2016 from the Civil Engineering Academy Endowment Scholarship Interest account.

A question was raised regarding non-participating members of the Academy. Debbie Starcher stated that roughly 25% of the members give annual contributions to the Academy. The members discussed ways to encourage participation.

Motion to Approve (June Willcott) 2nd (Greg Soules) – Motion Carried

#### CECE Proposed Academy Bylaws

Stephen Morse talked about the changes made to the Academy Bylaws last year to incorporate the Construction Engineering Academy members and a gap regarding members of the Construction Engineering Advisory Council who are not members of the Academy. Gopal Guthikonda and Victoria Harkins volunteered to reach out to CONE Academy and Advisory Council members.

Motion to Approve (Victoria Harkins) 2nd (Tom Zachman)– Motion Carried

#### CECE Chair's Report – David Ernst, Interim Chair

Ken Rainwater gave a presentation regarding the upcoming 2017 ABET review and requested approval of the CECE Objectives as presented.

Motion to Approve (Dudley McFarquhar) 2nd (Denis Qualls) – Motion Carried

David Ernst presented an update on the CECE department.

#### **Academy Business**

A question was raised regarding the possibility of using online meetings to allow members to participate from home. Stephen Morse noted that the room is set up for distance learning, so it may be possible. Denis Qualls asked if Agricultural Engineering alumni were eligible to join the CECE Academy. It was stated that those alumni should already be included and are eligible.

#### Undergraduate Lab Initiative

The Academy held a lengthy discussion regarding the lab initiative and department scholarships. Victoria Harkins motioned for the Academy to move \$5,000 from the operating account into the CECE department scholarship fund, if needed by December 31, 2016; if not needed, the money would be transferred to the undergraduate lab initiative. June Willcott seconded; the motion was opposed by Tom Zachman in favor of donating to the lab initiative.

Vistoria Harkins amended the motion to transfer \$5,000 from the operating account to the lab initiative fund immediately. The operating account would have approximately \$16,870 remaining after the transfer. The motion was seconded by Greg Soules.

Motion as amended (Victoria Harkins) 2nd (Greg Soules) – Motion Carried (1 nay)

### **New Business**

#### **Election of New Officers**

The bylaw process is for current officers to move up one spot and elect a Secretary/Treasurer. Stacey Weichert volunteered for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. David Harkins will be the 2017 Chair and Jeff Stovall will be the 2017 Vice-Chair.

Motion that nominations cease (Tom Zachman) – Motion Carried

#### **Discussion of Meeting Minutes**

Stephen Morse noted that Academy meeting minutes should be submitted to Debbie Starcher within 30 days of the meeting and motioned to include this rule in the bylaws.

Motion to Approve (Morse) 2nd (V. Harkins) – Motion Carried

#### **Next Meeting – April 22, 2017**

The next meeting of the CECE Academy will be held in April 2017 with the date and time to be determined.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

(Notes submitted by Jeff Stovall, Secretary/Treasurer, CECE Academy)