



Structural Engineers Association of Montana Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2008

Location: Spring Engineering Festival, MSU – Bozeman, MT – SUB Ballroom C

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order:** Kurt Keith, President, called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm and welcomed the attendees.
- 2.0 Role Call:** Zach Diede, Secretary, distributed sign up sheets (see attached).
- 3.0 Review/approval of Minutes from 11/01/2007 meeting:** It was moved by Matt Schmidt to approve the meeting minutes from the 11-01-07 meeting and seconded by Matt Hubbard.
- 4.0 Review of Open Action Items from Previous Meeting:** Derek Brown gave report regarding State Board
- 5.0 Treasurer's Report:** Janna Moser gave summary report for 2007 and category breakdowns.
- 6.0 Kurt Keith gave 2007 year end report**
- 7.0 Kurt Keith gave summary of Special Board Meeting held earlier in the day.**
 - The results of the survey were reported and discussed
 - 7..1** Based on the survey results the Board decided to allocate \$2000 to Continuing Education for SEAMT members, \$2000 to help with the state snow load finder updates, and \$1000 to scholarships for college engineering students.
 - 7..2** Based on the results of the survey, it appears that the top two priorities of the membership would be for SEAMT to have a stronger voice in code adoption and helping with more consistent code enforcement.
 - 7..3** Matt Schmidt volunteered to look into developing a school program encouraging kids to pursue engineering backgrounds.
- 8.0 Committee Reports:**
 - **Structural Engineers Emergency Response (SEER) Committee** - Co-Chairpersons: Greg Benjamin and Dave Roberts
 - SEER proposed working with the state to develop a list of engineers that have had ATC-20 training.
 - Greg is still checking on Good-Samaritan laws and their applicability when reviewing buildings for occupancy safety after a natural disaster
 - **Building Code Committee** - Co-Chairpersons: Jason Hicks and Gary Grassel
 - Building Education Conference will be April 8, 2008, volunteers are needed to help set-up and run booth. A request of \$100 was also approved to help pay for conference.
 - **Snow Load Committee** –

- Tom Able gave report and reported that MSU has committed to pay \$10,000-\$15,000 toward helping with the snow load finder. A letter has also been sent to the state asking for additional help with the funding for the snow load finder updates.
- **Government Relations Committee** – Chairperson: OPEN
- **Membership Committee** - Chairperson: Alfred Hendrickson
 - Alfred gave summary report of membership
- **Continuing Education Committee** - Chairperson: Dan Van Luchene
 - Dan asked to seminar suggestions and also for two people to help with the JEC conference in Helena.
- **Information Committee** - Chairperson: Will Freese
 - Will Freese asked for content for upcoming newsletter

9.0 Kurt Keith requested volunteers to act as SEAMT delegate for the upcoming National NCSEA Convention

10.0 Anders Larson gave report for Student Chapter of ASCE

- A request was made to help with the upcoming Northwest Student Conference in April 2009. Judges and other volunteers are needed to help with the conference.

11.0 Jerry Stephens asked for ideas for small research projects for students.

- Jerry will submit official request for and funding help SEAMT can provide
- Alfred Hendrickson moved to donate \$500 immediately to this research funding program and Derek Brown seconded the motion. Derek also suggested SEAMT consider providing additional funds to this program in the future. The motion was passed, but further discussion did not take place so technically the motion could be not officially passed and will be re-discussed next meeting.

12.0 Meeting Closure:

- Matt Hubbard made motion to close meeting, John Cooney seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned



Structural Engineers Association of Montana Meeting Attendees

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