

# **MINUTES**

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 8 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011 FOUR SEASONS ST. LOUIS ST. LOUIS, MO

In Attendance: President James W. Martin, P.E.; President-Elect David R. Gaboury, P.E.; Secretary/Treasurer David A. Schoenwolf, P.E.; Directors-at-Large Kurt R. Fraese, L.G., Mark K. Kramer, P.E., Frank D. Leathers, P.E., Gordon M. Matheson, Ph.D., P.E., P.G., and Steven D. Thorne, P.E., D.GE; Director-Nominees Joel G. Carson and Woodward L. Vogt, P.E.; Terra Liaison James L. Withiam, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE; Executive Vice President John P. Bachner; Chief Operating Officer Sarah P. Lanning; Program Director Kristen J. Dineen; Membership Director Susan A. Ford; and an additional 120 persons representing 86 ASFE-Member Firms

#### 1. Convene

Mr. Martin convened the meeting at 7:45AM.

#### 2. Minutes

**UPON MOTION BY JAMES JOHNSTON, SECONDED BY KEVIN HOPPE, AND PASSED**, the membership approved as distributed minutes of its October 8-9, 2010 meeting.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Schoenwolf reviewed ASFE's financial performance to date in FY2010-11.

#### 4. Business Practice Committee

Mr. Ross reported on the Committee's progress.

#### 5. Emerging Issues and Trends Committee

Mr. Thompson reported on the Committee's progress.

## 6. Election of Officers and Directors, 2011-12

Mr. Martin reported the following slate of directors and officers developed by the Nominating Committee:

For President, David R. Gaboury, P.E. (Terracon),

For President-Elect, David A. Schoenwolf, P.E. (Haley & Aldrich, Inc.),

For Secretary/Treasurer, Kurt R. Fraese, L.G. (GeoEngineers, Inc.), and

For Directors-at-Large,

Joel G. Carson (Kleinfelder Group),

Mark K. Kramer, P.E. (Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc.),

Gordon M. Matheson, Ph.D., P.E., P.G. (Schnabel Engineering),

Steven D. Thorne, P.E. (GEI Consultants, Inc.), and

Woodward L. Vogt, P.E. (Paradigm Consultants, Inc.).

Mr. Martin reported that ASFE-Member Firms had submitted 38 mail ballots, all voting for the slate as presented. Members submitted no write-in nominations. Mr. Martin asked for

nominations from the floor; none was offered. **UPON MOTION BY JAMES JOHNSTON, SECONDED BY KEVIN HOPPE, AND PASSED,** the members closed nominations. **UPON MOTION BY MICHAEL SMITH, SECONDED BY KEVIN HOPPE, AND PASSED**, the members instructed the Secretary to cast a single, unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.

#### 7. Geotechnical Committee

Mr. Smith reported on the Committee's progress.

### 8. Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Committee

Mr. Gregory reported on the Committee's progress.

#### 9. Recess and Reconvene

Mr. Martin recessed the meeting at 1:50PM and reconvened it on Saturday, April 9, at 7:45AM.

#### 10. Education Committee

Ms. Reinbold reported on the Committee's progress.

#### 11. Legal Affairs Committee

Mr. Yost reported on the Committee's progress.

#### 12. New Leaders' Committee

Mr. Harwood reported on the Committee's progress.

#### 13. Bylaws

Mr. Bachner reported that the Board of Directors, acting as the Bylaws Committee, has developed several amendments; some to accommodate changes in membership categories, others being housekeeping in nature, including elimination of the code of ethics. He explained that the code of ethics was developed by an organization that no longer exists and is, in ASFE's case, unenforceable. As such, it does not comport with ASFE's desire for transparency and so needs to be excised. Mr. Martin asked for comments and, hearing none, moved on.

## 14. Recognition of Program Champions

Mr. Thorne recognized amidst applause the following individuals for their volunteered efforts to make this meeting a success:

- Jeffrey Cannon,
- Joel Carson,
- Kurt Fraese,
- James Harless,
- Mike Lustig,
- Joni Powell,
- Gerry Salontai,
- Jerry Samford,
- Steve Thompson,
- Steve Thorne,

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- Woody Vogt, and
- Mike Yost.

## 15. President's Annual Report

Mr. Martin recapped progress ASFE has achieved during the 2010-2011 fiscal year, focusing on implementation of ASFE's strategic plan.

#### 16. External Relations Committee

Mr. Neuhaus reported on the Committee's progress.

## 17. Council of Fellows

Mr. Samford reported the Council's progress.

#### 18. Environmental Committee

Dr. Harless reported on the Committee's progress.

## 19. Membership Committee

Mr. Kramer reported on the Committee's progress.

# 20. Executive Vice President's Report

Mr. Bachner updated attendees on activities of ASFE staff.

## 21. Next Meeting

Mr. Thorne described plans for the 2011 Fall Meeting in Phoenix/Scottsdale, AZ.

#### 22. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before it, and **UPON MOTION DULY SECONDED AND PASSED**, the membership adjourned its meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bachner

John P. Bachner Executive Vice President