



**STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA (SEAON)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 16, 2009**

- 1) **Attendance (present unless noted otherwise)**
 - a) Jeff Stevens
 - b) Mike Kuhse
 - c) Sandi Davison
 - d) Ken Kilzer
 - e) Richard Kotan (absent)
 - f) Rob Whorley
 - g) Jeff Ehler (absent)
 - h) Pete Vaccaro
 - i) Mike Naccarato
- 2) **Treasurer's Report Jeff Ehler**
 - a) No discussion
- 3) **SEAON Student Committee Update**
 - a) We'll check with Adam on Friday at the Structural Conference
- 4) **NCSEA**
 - a) Ken and Jeff will submit membership info/ballot/dues – we've received a reminder
 - b) Ken is going to national conference Thurs. Oct 15 evening and coming back Sunday Oct 18, the conference is in Scottsdale, AZ
- 5) **Committee Items**
 - a) Website
 - i) Google search yields "Information architecture, Web Design, Web Standards"
Can Bruce change this to "Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska"?
 - ii) We need to update past newsletters and Board meeting minutes, if available
 - (1) Ken will find past newsletters.
 - (2) Mike will find his past Board minutes
 - (3) Ken and Pete met with Bruce and decided on the following goals
 - (a) Ability to renew and pay yearly membership online – by year end (2009)
 - (i) Automatically send notice to Treasurer
 - (b) Ability to sign up and pay for SEAON dinners and events
 - (i) Automatically send notice to Program Chair and Treasurer
 - (c) May have tab to update member information
 - (d) Any other ideas for future upgrades
 - (i) Assign membership numbers to members
 1. Need to get a price from Bruce
 - (ii) Send updates to members
 - b) Membership
 - i) Can't remember who agreed to take this over? Mike K.? Yes, Mike is waiting until the membership spreadsheet is updated then he'll touch base with Adam C.
 - ii) Let Mike know if there is anyone that shouldn't be on the list

- c) Programs
 - i) Upcoming meetings
 - (1) September 18, 2009 Annual Structural Conference
 - (a) Ken will speak briefly to update attendees on our current activities
 - (i) Promote ATC-45 seminar
 - 1. Rob will bring flyers
 - (ii) Promote membership
 - 1. Will bring applications
 - (iii) Promote Steel Day
 - (2) September 18, 2009 AISC Steel Day
 - (3) October 23, 2009 ATC-45 with OPPD
 - (a) Need to promote with emailed flyer
 - (4) Check with Rob about upcoming events after September
 - d) Codes and Standards
 - i) No discussion
- 6) New Business**
 - a) Jeff S. mentioned that Engineer roundtable meetings are starting
 - i) Does anyone have any structural speaker suggestions
 - b) We received a letter from a founding member of the local AEI (Architectural Engineering Institute) professional chapter. The letter is asking for letters of support and cooperation from other professional organizations – see attached.
 - i) Ken will review the letter, write a letter of response and ask for comments
- 7) Next Meeting**
 - a) Wednesday October 21th, 11:30 am at the Ozone.

Submitted by: Sandi L. Davison, SEAON Secretary

September 8, 2009

Dear SEAON Board Member:

A group of local professional architectural engineers including myself are starting a local chapter of the Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI). At the national level, AEI is responsible for both ABET Accreditation requirements for university architectural engineering programs as well as writing the architectural engineering professional engineering examination. Some of our goals as a local chapter are to increase interdisciplinary awareness, further the professional development of all disciplines, and create an entity to prepare engineers for the architectural engineering professional examination.

One of the ways that we would like to increase interdisciplinary understanding and cooperation is to hold joint meetings with established discipline specific professional organizations such as SEAON. We would like to propose holding a joint meeting annually or bi-annually, as we will be meeting a limited number of times each year.

We are asking for letters of support and cooperation from professional organizations that are interested in holding joint discipline specific meetings which would be attended by professionals and students from all disciplines. If you are interested we would appreciate a letter from you on behalf of your organization. We are specifically interested in a statement of support of the formation of the local AEI chapter and agreement that your organization is interested in holding these joint meetings.

We are holding our introductory meeting Monday, September 28th at 5:30pm in the atrium at the Peter Kiewit Institute at the University of Nebraska Omaha. We invite you to join us to learn more about our organization and would appreciate if you would be willing to provide a letter of support at this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would still be willing to write a letter please send it to me.

This will be one of the first local AEI chapters and we will be presenting the letters of support to the national AEI chapter on October 1st as part of our plan for starting our chapter. Hopefully this can be used as a model for other local chapters throughout the country.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jake McConnell
Structural EIT