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**MINUTES**  
**ASCE TEXAS SECTION**  
**SUMMER 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 July 21, 2023 | San Antonio, Texas

**UTSA – Main Campus**

One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249  
 Bldg: [BSE](#), Room: 2.102 Multipurpose Room

**1.0 Convene**

- 1.1 Call to Order.** President Travis Attanasio PE called the meeting to order at 2:17 PM CT.
- 1.2 Roll Call, Determination of Quorum.** Secretary Mike Sosa called the role; a quorum was present.

Position	Name	Present/Absent
President	Travis Attanasio PE	Present
Past President	Patrick Beecher PE	Present
President Elect	Kimberly Cornett PE	Present
VP Educational	Heather Guillen PE	Present
VP Educational Elect	Julia Clarke PE	Present
VP Professional	Augustine Verrengia PE	Present
VP Professional Elect	Andres Salazar PhD, PE	Present
VP Technical	Mark Boyd PhD, PE	Present
VP Technical Elect	Christopher Nance PE	Present
Senior Director at Large	Marita Moya PE	Sub Rebecca Rice PE & Victor Murillo PE - Present
Treasurer	Glenn Goldstein PE	Sub Anna Olveda PE – Present
Executive Director	Jenni Peters CAE	Present
Board Secretary	Mike Sosa	Present

1. Elizabeth De Leon PE (University of San Antonio Civil Engineering Department) – Present
2. Mark Mann PE (Southeast Texas Branch) - Present
3. Tim Newton PE (ASCE Region 6 Governor) – Present
4. Patrick Williams PE (Texas Section Membership Committee Chair) – Present
5. Art Clendenin PE (Former Texas Section President) - Present

- 1.3 President Attanasio welcomed the guests listed above to the meeting.**
- 1.4 President Elect Kimberly Cornett PE led the group through the Pledges and Invocation.**
- 1.5 Region 6 Governor Tim Newton PE provided Society and Region 6 Comments.**

Discussion: Governor Newton noted that Region 6 Chair Sean Merrell PE is currently at an ASCE Board Meeting and sends his regards to the group. He noted that there are two new Region 6 Governors from Texas starting later this year - Tiffany Reed-Villarreal PE and Susan Roth PE.

([A]-action items, [C]-consent items, [D]-discussion items, [I]-information items)  
 \* Reports received and distributed prior to board meeting

He thanked the Texas Section for their support and efforts in transitioning the Student Symposium to a region-wide event and noted that there are ongoing discussions about ASCE allowing more than one school from the Region to compete at nationals in Concrete Canoe. He provided a brief update on the future of Life Member Dues, explaining that anyone who becomes a Life Member prior to 2028 will not have to pay dues and anyone who becomes a Life Member after that date will have their dues cut in half. Lastly, he reminded the group about the Region 6 Grant program and encouraged them to consider applying for funds if they are working on an applicable project/event with their local branch or student chapter.

### **1.6 Executive Director Jenni Peters CAE provided a brief overview of the fiduciary duties of Board/Officer leadership.**

Discussion: Executive Director Peters explained that Board members have a legal obligation to be informed & actively participate. Think, "what's best for the Texas Section as a whole?"  
The fundamental legal responsibilities for a nonprofit Board are Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience.

### **1.7 President Attanasio provided the Executive Summary.**

Discussion: President Attanasio gave a brief update on the status of committee chairs for 2023-24 and noted that Membership, CECOM, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, and Branch/Section Relations are all searching for a Chair or Co-Chair. He also thanked the group for their efforts during the 2023 Legislative Fly-In (DC) and Drive-In (Austin) and encouraged everyone to attend the next Legislative Fly-In set for Spring 2024.

## **Reports for Action or Discussion**

### **2.0 Administrative Items for Executive Committee Action**

#### **2.1 The Executive Committee is asked for any changes to the agenda.**

Discussion: President Attanasio asked to pull consent agenda item 4.1.3 and add it to agenda item 3.10 and to pull consent agenda item 4.1.5 and add it as agenda item 3.11.

*Motion to approve changes listed above. Move to approve. Seconded and passed without dissent.*

#### **2.2 The Executive Committee is asked to disclose any new potential conflicts.**

Discussion: No previous potential conflicts to discuss and no new disclosed, therefore no vote taken.

### **3.0 Items for Discussion**

#### **3.1 Welcome to 2023 Leadership Development Weekend**

Discussion: President Elect Cornett welcomed the group to San Antonio for the event! She mentioned that 40 people are expected today and 53 (including 6 UTSA students) are expected for Saturday's training sessions.

### 3.2 Section Finances

Discussion: Assistant Treasurer Anna Olveda gave a brief overview of the current Section Finances, noting that the tax return for FY 2021 is complete and **budget changes/requests have been asked for by August 4**. Those requests will be reviewed in August and worked into an updated budget prior to September. That budget will then be sent to the Board for review prior to the September Board Meeting.

### 3.3 Professional Activities

Discussion: VP Professional Augustine Verrengia PE gave a brief overview of the status of the Subject Matter Experts (SME) Bureau, noting that all current Task Committee Chairs were contacted about the upcoming changes and asked if they wanted to remain involved. Based on the feedback, he believes there will be enough volunteers to foster an active committee moving forward. With the formation of the Bureau, Flood Mitigation Task Committee and Beyond Storms Committee are okay to sunset, not renew for the next year. Residential Foundations status will continue with discussions by incoming President Cornett on how to move forward with this Committee (change to standing & move under VP Tech, or sunset & utilize SME). He also noted that draft bylaws for the committee have been created and passed through Board for review & comment.

**Motion to endorse the creation of the Subject Matter Experts Bureau via a revision to the Bylaws. Move to endorse. Seconded and passed without dissent.**

Next, he mentioned that the 2023 Legislative Drive-In had a total revenue of \$14,000 (\$10,000 in sponsorships) and just over \$10,000 in total expenses.

Lastly, he mentioned that the sunset review of TBPELS has been pushed back for another ten years and that the position of ASCE in relation to elected officials will remain strong as infrastructure remains a high priority.

### 3.4 2023 YM Camping Trip Recap & Upcoming 2024 CRYMC/MRLC

Discussion: VP Educational Heather Guillen PE mentioned that the 2023 Camping Trip got a good crowd from the Austin and DFW areas. They met at Lake Whitney State Park in May and had a weekend of camping, water activities and hiking.

Lastly, she mentioned that the 2024 Region 6 Student Symposium will be held from April 10-13, 2024 in San Angelo and that planning for the 2025 event has begun as well.

### **3.5 Technical Activities**

Discussion: VP Technical Mark Boyd PhD, PE mentioned that the state and branch institute chapter chairs have been meeting monthly all year and discussing various ideas and best practices. These calls are meant to serve as a source for struggling chapters to ask questions and for active chapters to get ideas from each other.

Next, he mentioned that securing two webinar speakers has been extremely difficult and he has been unable to secure any sponsorships. One of the items he will pass along to the VP Technical for next year is to re-evaluate the budget and pricing for these webinars.

### **3.6 Membership**

Discussion: President Elect Cornett gave a brief overview of the current membership numbers and trends over the past few months, noting a few fun facts including that total assigned membership has reached over 10,000 and almost a third of that is made up of Younger Members.

Membership Chair Patrick Williams PE mentioned that he has been communicating with each Branch separately to get an idea of how the Section can best help them. He has met with 10 of 15 Branches so far in July alone! Lastly, he gave an overview of his main goals as Membership Committee Chair - the corporate ambassador program, satellite/remote lunch meetings, and having an ASCE booth at one large conference each year.

### **3.7 Volunteer Recruiting**

Discussion: A draft version of the org chart with committee chairs was passed to each person and President Attanasio asked the group to brainstorm ideas for individuals to fill the few remaining openings. He also gave an update on the Student Member Volunteer Role, noting that Student Members can join a committee or serve as Co-Chair but cannot serve as a standalone Chair.

2024 Nominating Chair Art Clendenin asked the group to brainstorm some potential candidates for Texas Section leader roles and send their information to him for consideration during the Nominating Process next year.

### **3.8 Texas Civil Engineer**

Discussion: Directors at Large Victor Murillo PE & Rebecca Rice PE gave a brief update on a few ongoing projects/ideas to help get more content for the TCE including some more content about members (look out for a new series on generational members coming soon!). They also mentioned that the committee has been tracking which types of content are read the most and the top two are "Meet the Board" style articles about one of our volunteers and technical-focused articles.

### **3.9 CECON**

Discussion: President Elect Cornett gave a brief update on the status of CECON 2023, noting that the program is finalized, four institutes will have full educational tracks, and a potential STEM-related program is in the works. She also mentioned that the Site Selection Committee has met three times recently and is working on a final list of target cities/areas. Their current goal is to have a venue selected and under contract prior to CECON 2024.

*Guests and incoming officers were asked to leave the room, the meeting is now in closed session due to the next item's temporary confidentiality.*

### 3.10 2023-2024 Section Tellers Committee Election Results

Discussion: Tellers Committee Chair Michael Gurka PE gave an overview of the election review process and election results via prerecorded message.

*Motion to endorse slate of 2023-2024 Election Results. Move to endorse. Seconded and passed without dissent.*

### 3.11 Fort Worth Branch Bylaw Updates

The Texas Section Executive Committee cannot endorse these bylaws, due to the following concerns:

- There are five missing counties in the geographic boundary list, also missing comma between Jack and Johnson.
- 6.2 - redundant and can be removed.
- 6.3.1 - should be removed aside from the mention of term limits. Also add a note about President rolling off to Past President.
- 7.1 - change "shall" to "may" and reassess composition of nominating committee.
- 10.4 - shorten to "upon dissolution of Branch, remaining assets go to Texas Section".

*Motion to reject this version of the Fort Worth Branch Bylaws and send comments back to the Branch for review. No opposition.*

## 4.0 Items for Executive Committee Action

### 4.1 The Executive Committee is asked to adopt [the consent agenda](#).

Discussion: None.

*Motion to adopt the consent agenda (not including 4.1.3 and 4.1.5). Move to adopt. Seconded and passed without dissent.*

The consent agenda includes the following:

- 4.1.1 Receive all Reports marked [I] on the agenda (including the [April 2023 Financial Report](#))
- 4.1.2 Receive [Fiscal Year 2021 Texas Section Taxes](#)

~~4.1.3 Endorse 2023-2024 Elected Officers. To be provided onsite. (removed, added to 3.10)~~

4.1.4 Endorse [2023-2024 Preliminary Roster of Committee Chairs](#).

~~4.1.5 Approve updates to [Fort Worth Branch Bylaws](#). (removed, added as 3.11)~~

#### **4.2 Endorse slate of ASCE Texas Section 2023 Award Recipients as recommended and ratified by the Honors Committee. See 5.2 Past President's report.**

Discussion: President Attanasio requested to add two additional awards – a posthumous Award of Honor for Rusty Gibson PE and a President's Award of Special Recognition to Kimberly Cornett PE for her service/dedication to Student Members in Texas and ASCE as a whole.

[Motion to endorse the slate of ASCE Texas Section 2023 Award Recipients with the two additions requested by President Attanasio. Move to endorse. Seconded and passed without dissent.](#)

#### **5.0 Closing Remarks and Final Comments**

Discussion: President Attanasio reminded the group to review all the officer reports, apologized for running late, and encourage everyone to attend CECOM in September!

#### **6.0 Adjourn. President Attanasio adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM CT.**



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## 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21-23, 2023 – San Antonio, TX

[Leadership Development Weekend](#) & [TexASCE Executive Committee meeting](#)

September 20-22, 2023 – San Marcos, TX

[CECON 2023](#), “The Future is Now” & [TexASCE Board of Direction meetings](#)

July – September 2023

Call for Texas Section [volunteers](#)

October 31, 2023

ASCE Texas Section [Officer Nominations](#) & [Texas OCEA Award](#) Nominations Due

November 5 – Worldwide

[ASCE Day](#) celebrates the Society’s founding on November 5, 1852!

## Tentative 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 2024 | Winter Executive Committee Meeting | tbd

April 11, 2024 | Spring Board Meeting | San Angelo, TX

July 2024 | Summer Executive Committee Meeting | tbd

September 18-20, 2024 | CECON 2024/Fall Board Meetings | Frisco, TX



## Tellers Committee Report

**Subject:** 2023-2024 ASCE Texas Section Election

**Report By:** Michael Gurka PE

**Report Date:** July 14, 2023

**Verified by:** Marita Moya

Rebecca Cummins

Victor Murillo

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The Committee was tasked with counting, authenticating, and certifying the results of the ballots of all elections authorized by the Constitution, Bylaws, and by the Board.

### REPORT:

- Ballots were received on July 7, 2023, counted, and confirmed on July 14, 2023
- A total of 274 ballots were cast and counted.
  - Five (5) votes were rejected and uncounted as the individuals who cast the vote were not active members of ASCE, per bylaws.
- This committee has certified that the nominees provided below are recommended based on the majority vote from the 2023 Election. The Committee will return the ballots and the Committee's tallies to the Texas Section office with this report.
- The following individuals are nominated based on their respective officer positions for the ASCE Texas Section:
  - President Elect
    - Mark Boyd, PhD, PE
  - Vice President for Educational Affairs Elect
    - Genest Landry, PE
  - Vice President for Professional Affairs Elect
    - Julie Jones, PE, CFM
  - Vice President for Technical Affairs Elect
    - Mark Mann, PE
  - Director at Large 1
    - Adam Eaton, PE
  - Director at Large 2
    - Angie Fealy, PE

**END OF REPORT**





APPROVED BY:

*Michael P Gurka*

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Michael P Gurka, PE  
Second Year Director at Large - Teller

*Marita E Moya*

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Marita Moya, PE  
Senior Director at Large

*Rebecca C Rice*

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*Victor E Murillo*

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