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MINUTES
ASCE TEXAS SECTION
SUMMER 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 12, 2024 | Dallas, Texas

1.0 Convene

1.1 President Kimberly Cornett PE called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM.

1.2 Secretary Mike Sosa called roll and a quorum was present.

Position	Name	Present/Absent
President	Kimberly Cornett PE	Present
Past President	Travis Attanasio PE	Present
President Elect	Mark Boyd PhD, PE	Present
VP Educational	Julia Clarke PE	Present
VP Educational Elect	Genest Landry PE	Absent, notified
VP Professional	Andres Salazar PhD, PE	Present
VP Professional Elect	Julie Jones PE	Present
VP Technical	Christopher Nance PE	Present, arrived 2:40 PM
VP Technical Elect	Mark Mann PE	Present
Sr Director at Large	Rebecca Rice PE	Present
Treasurer	Glenn Goldstein PE	Present
Executive Director	Jenni Peters CAE	Present
Board Secretary	Mike Sosa	Present

Guest List

- Kim Garcia, TexASCE Marketing Communications Coordinator
- Lawrence Goldberg PE, TexASCE Past President and Region 6 Governor
- Art Clendenin PE, TexASCE Past President and Nominating Committee Chair
- Victor Murillo PE, Second Year Director at Large and Teller
- Lindsay O'Leary PE, CAE, TexASCE Past Executive Director and ASCE Society Staff
- Curtis Beitel PE, TexASCE Past President and TCEF President & Trustee

1.3 President Cornett welcomes visitors listed above to the meeting.

1.4 President Elect Mark Boyd PhD, PE led the group through the pledges and invocation.

1.5 Region 6 Governor Lawrence Goldberg PE provided Society and Region 6 Comments.

Discussion:

- The new [ASCE President Elect is Marsha Anderson Bomar](#), AICP, ENV SP, F.ITE, F.ASCE.
- There will be two open positions for [Region 6 Governor](#) this Fall (one for Texas and one for Mexico). Please reach out to the [Region 6 Board](#) for more information.
- The \$1000 [Region 6 Grant Program](#) is continuously open.
- The [Cities of the Future](#) movie was released in February 2024.

([A]-action items, [C]-consent items, [D]-discussion items, [I]-information items)

* Reports received and distributed prior to board meeting

- Register for the [ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum](#) in Reston, Sept. 15-16.
- Save the Date for MRLC for Region 3 6 & 7 in Cleveland in February 2025.

1.6 Executive Director Jenni Peters introduced Leadership Development: Succession Planning.

Discussion: Start now to set your successor up for success. **Save relevant files from your time as a leader in the applicable Texas Section SharePoint folder.** You can also send them to office@texasce.org and we will save them in the appropriate folder(s). All ExCom members were encouraged to host meetings with Chairs surrounding succession planning (files & goals) as well, even if not rolling off.

SharePoint link: [TexASCE Volunteer Files](#)

1.7 President Cornett provided the Executive Summary.

Discussion: President Cornett thanked ExCom members for their time in attending this meeting and other industry leader events. She also reminded the group to reference the Strategic Plan throughout the year when evaluating current programs and brainstorming potential activities and/or initiatives.

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: No changes were requested and therefore no vote was taken.

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

Discussion: No conflicts were disclosed and therefore no vote was taken.

3.0 Items for Discussion

3.1 Welcome to 2024 Leadership Development Weekend

Discussion: President Elect Boyd welcomed everyone to LDW 2024 and provided a brief overview of what to expect for the weekend.

3.2 Section Finances

Discussion: Treasurer Glenn Goldstein PE gave an overview of the budgeting process and explained the next steps for 2024-25, including setting up a call with each officer to discuss the budget items they oversee.

Committee budgets will be due to the Treasurer by August 11 so that the overall Section budget is ready for review and approval for the Fall Board Meetings in September.

3.3 Educational Activities

Discussion: VP Educational Julia Clarke PE discussed some of the feedback received and the final budget from the 2024 Region 6 Student Symposium, noting there were about \$18,000 in profits. The 2025 Region 6 Student Symposium is set to be hosted in Stephenville by Tarleton State University.

Next, VP Educational Clarke updated the group on the letter submitted by current Head Judge Shannon Jungman to request that Brittany Bullard be the next Head Judge for 2026 – 2028.

She also mentioned that The Region 6 Student Symposium is [hosting a Naming Contest](#) for the future event name. Each student chapter member in Region 6 can vote in this bracket-style competition, coming this Fall. The name change will take effect in 2026.

Next, she mentioned the updates to the Region 6 Student Symposium Profit Share proposal since the last meeting. ExCom reviewed the document and provided a few small changes to be incorporated into the approved version.

Motion to approve the updated Region 6 Student Symposium Profit Sharing document as edited. Move to approve. Seconded and passed without dissent.

Lastly, she noted that the Texas Younger Member Committee is helping to host ASCE's Global YM Alumni Summit in Houston this Fall and that the Texas Section STEM Committee has a newly appointed chair, Nalah Williams PE.

3.4 Professional Activities

Discussion: VP Professional Andres Salazar PhD, PE gave a brief overview of the current activities of the Government Affairs and Texas IRC Committees. He also mentioned that the Subject Matter Experts Bureau has a newly appointed Chair, Travis Attanasio PE.

3.5 Technical Activities

Discussion: VP Technical Chris Nance PE provided a brief update on Institute Chapter involvement with CECOM, noting that all the session selections and notifications have been completed. He also noted that there are five upcoming webinars that have been confirmed and will be up on the Texas Section website in July.

VP Technical Elect Mark Mann PE has received a handful of questions regarding the CECOM Poster Sessions but has not received any official submissions as of today. The deadline is August 9.

3.6 Membership

Discussion: President Elect Boyd reviewed the current membership trends as of July 1 and noted that Texas Section Leaders and the Membership Committee have attended a few conferences across Texas.

Future Idea – use the profits from the Symposium to elevate that event and make it an even better experience for student attendees since it may be the first experience they have with ASCE.

3.7 Volunteer Recruiting

Discussion: President Cornett passed out the 2024-25 Committee Chairs list, noting that everyone on that list has been confirmed. She also noted that the Texas Section's annual Call for Volunteers for 2025 will run from mid-July to September.

Next, she noted that Brent McNeme has agreed to serve as the Membership Committee Co-Chair for 2024-25 alongside Clint Hoover.

See consent agenda for the current list of 2024-25 Committee Chairs.

3.8 Editorial Committee & Texas Civil Engineer

Discussion: Senior Director at Large Rebecca Rice PE mentioned the membership survey, noting that the overall goal is to identify what aspects of membership are the most valuable to our members. Survey to be expedited.

Submit Topic & Article Ideas to Share@TexASCE.org. Branch activity updates are always encouraged.

3.9 CECON

Discussion: President Elect Boyd mentioned that the planning for CECON 2024 is going smoothly, and the programming is set. Registration and Supporter opportunities are still open! The early bird rate cutoff is at the end of July. Lastly, he gave a brief update on the venues for CECON 2026-29. See report 5.3 for details.

3.10 2024-2025 Section Tellers Committee Election Results

Motion to allow meeting guest and Nominating Committee Chair Clendenin to participate in the closed session. Move to approve. Seconded and passed without dissent.

The meeting went into closed session at 4:31 PM CT. Guests were asked to leave the room.

Discussion: Second Year Director at Large and Tellers Committee Chair Victor Murillo PE read the results of the election.

(Results to be endorsed in Consent Agenda item 4.1.2 as ratified by the Tellers Committee)

The meeting is now open to guests at 4:41 PM CT.

3.11 Texas Civil Engineering Foundation (TCEF) & Past Presidents Trust Fund Report

Discussion: TCEF President Curtis Beitel PE provided a brief update on TCEF activities including the new Leadership Speaker Series starting at CECON 2024 and the proposed Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award they are considering starting in 2025.

3.12 Rules of Operation Updates and Additions

- Addition to 15.E: Travel Reimbursement for Officers/Volunteers
 - ExCom Officers to discuss with their respective committees. The goal is to determine what events are being attended, how many people are attending, and what level of expenses are being put toward attending these events.
- Org Chart adjustment: Move Tellers Committee to under Past President oversight (Travis Attanasio PE, Past President) – Proposal declined.
Alternate recommendation to remove the Senior Director at Large from the Tellers Committee to avoid any conflicts.
- Addition to 4.B.2.3 Honor Committee Recommendations membership verification (Travis Attanasio PE, Past President) – Recommendation to add language to verification process: “. . . must be quantifiable and all reasonable attempts made to amend membership status.”
Motion to approve 4.B.2 with changes noted during ExCom Meeting and to remove 4.B.3. Move to approve. Seconded and passed without dissent. Past President Attanasio abstained due to conflict of interest.

- Adjust 4.B.4 and 4.B.7 to clarify Section President & Past President and Society Officer & Past Officer eligibility (Travis Attanasio PE, Past President) – no action

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. 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 [March 2024 Financial Report](#)).
- 4.1.2 Endorse 2024-2025 Elected Officers. *Provided onsite.*
- 4.1.3 Endorse [2024-2025 Preliminary Roster of Committee & Institute Chairs](#).
- 4.1.4 Endorse updated Student Symposium Profit Sharing MOU. *Provided onsite.*
- 4.1.5 Endorse [revised Houston Branch bylaws](#)
- 4.1.6 Receive [CECON 2023 Final Report](#)

4.2 Endorse slate of ASCE Texas Section 2024 Award Recipients as recommended and ratified by the Honors Committee. See 5.2 Past President's report.

Motion to endorse the slate of ASCE Texas Section 2024 Award Recipients as recommended and ratified by the Honors Committee.

Discussion: Two guideline exceptions as noted prior during the meetings.

Motion was updated to include the exceptions. Move to endorse. Seconded and passed without dissent.

8.0 President Cornett provided the Closing Remarks and Final Comments.

President Cornett reminded everyone about a few upcoming deadlines and events, see calendar for details.

9.0 Adjourn. President Cornett adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM CT.



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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July – September 2024

Call for TexASCE Volunteers

September 18-20, 2024 – Frisco, TX

CECON 2024, “Raising the Grade”

TexASCE Board of Direction meeting (Friday PM)

October 31, 2024

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 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January - Winter 2025 Executive Committee Meeting (TBD)

April - Student Symposium 2025 & Spring 2025 Board Meeting (Stephenville, TX)

July – LDW 2025 & Summer 2025 Executive Committee Meeting (TBD)

September 17-19 – CECON 2025 & Fall 2025 Board Meeting (San Marcos, TX)