

**EWRI ASCE SANPAC Council**  
**Joint Student Conference Activities and Contest Committee Meeting**  
**May 23, 2006**  
**Henron Room, Hilton Hotel**  
**Omaha, NE**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Call to Order – Balu Bhayani called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Dr. Jim Groves represented the conference activities committee and Dr. Kate Leonard as proxy Contest committee chair.

Attendees: Balu Bhayani, Shoo Shan Fan, Katie Gorscak (ASCE staff), James Groves, Rubarenza Mark Henry (student guest) Mamta Jain, Kate Leonard, Jamal Nagamia, Udai Singh,

2. Presentation of Minutes – Kate Leonard presented the minutes from the Anchorage, AK. The minutes were accepted with no changes.
3. Coordination of Omaha Conference Activities – Conference Activities Committee (Balu Bhayani)
  - 3.1 Resume writing workshop (9 am) Qwest Center room 207, with representative from UN Placement Office. Katie will present the speaker from UN
  - 3.2 TP presentations (11:00 am) 207, K.L will moderate
  - 3.3 Student lunch reception 201, Katie Gorscak will get sign up sheet for students
  - 3.4 Career planning workshop at 1:30- 3:00 pm (207) - Udai is moderating the Career Planning Workshop
  - 3.5 Awards Banquet leave lobby at 6-6:30 pm, program at 7:30 pm. Balu Bhayani will present student awards and sponsor recognition.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1 Student Technical Paper contest – Dr. Kate Leonard report as follows:

4.1.1 TP Finances --Total of \$4,750 from the following companies,  
Platinum sponsors (\$1000) Black and Veatch, CH2Mhill, Kissenger Campo,  
Gold sponsors (\$500) DRMP, Greenhorne & Omara  
Silver sponsors (\$250) Ayres, Icon Consultants, URS

*Action Item: Council would like TP Sponsor account balance after 2006 disbursement - Katie Gorszak*

4.1.2 2006 TP Submittals – 8 undergraduates, 6 graduates

4.1.3 A new schedule was submitted to the council members for their use in the upcoming year.

*Action Item: Katie Gorscak will check on deadlines for next year's conference*

*Action Item - time discuss travel funding for 2008 – should we increase for Honolulu, Hawaii?*

*Action – Kate Leonard will make changes in 2007 to sponsor sheet (add email contact) and student TP information form (add permanent address)*

4.2 Parsons Brinckenhoff Team Design competition – Katie Gorszak stated that James Male was overextended with responsibility and thus there was only 1 student team enrolled. The sponsor was notified and we will use the money for next years' team design. Shoo Shan Fan will take over the task for the 2007 conference. Copies of the folders were given to Katie Gorszak, Jim Groves and Dr. Groves.

4.3 Photo Competition – Dr. James Groves

2 sponsors for \$500 each with 29 entries, the winner will be announced at the dinner tomorrow night. The photo is in the proceedings and the information packet.

*Action Item - Jim Groves conducting a survey of past photo contest winners to determine motivational results of winning a student contest.*

5. Planning for Tampa Conference – Balu Bhayani lead a group discussion of this item.

5.1 New seminar -- project management workshop and proposal writing for 90 minutes to 2 hours with EWRI Education and Research council.

*Action - Balu will contact the 2007 congress for 4 sessions: TP, PB design, career guidance, and resume writing.*

5.2 Student awards banquet should be included following the seminars. (Balu). Mamta Jain will head up an informal “career fair” to be held at the student reception.

6. Organization of EWRI Student Chapters: Balu Bhayani and Mamta Jain will review old documents by July. Katie Gorscak will approach governing board regarding an agenda item for August. Our proposal is that for schools that already have ASCE student chapters could EWRI become a sub-chapter

7. New Business

7.1 Council Achievement Award – Balu Bhayani recommended that the council approve the nomination of Udai Singh for this council award next year. The motion was passed and Balu will get nomination packet in order.

## 7.2 Leadership Elections and assignments for upcoming year

7.2.1 Contest committee – James Groves has accepted chair for 2006-08, he will also continue as chair of photo contest

Kate Leonard will continue as committee vice-chair and technical paper chair for 2007. She was also elected as EXCOM representative for 2007

Purush Terkonda is elected secretary for 2007.

PB Design Contest - Shoo shan Fan will take over this task with help from the committee.

Pauline Johnson and Rubarenza Mark Henry are new committee members.

7.2.2 Conference committee – Jamal Nagamia will chair the conference activities committee, Mamta Jain co-chair of conference activities,

*Action Item – KL will check on status of Mohammed Al Hamdan for committee.*

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*Action item for committee- to develop the resume workshop and 2 proposed seminars.*

### 7.2.3 Council Positions

EXCOM member for SANPAC for 2006-2007 will be Kate Leonard

Balu Bhayani will continue as Council Chair until 2007

7.3 Review of EWRI Strategic Plan – Balu Bhayani suggested that we read the copy and send in changes -- send all comments to Kate Leonard, then summarize them to the council members.

*Action Item - KL will present SANPAC views to governing board.*

7.4 Advertising =Web page – Council home page with committee contacts, activities, then link it to the contests. Mamta Jain Younger members contact person.

*Action Item - Kate Leonard will contact Katie Gorcsak regarding web page*

8. Adjourn – Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10 pm