

ASPE DETROIT CHAPTER 17
MEETING MINUTES
11-13-2009

ATTENDING:

Gary Tamanini, Barton Malow; Amy Johnston, Flooring Services; Tim Fradeneck, CCI; Glenn Frank, McCarthy Construction; Patrick Todd, Barton Malow; Frank Carnovale, CAI; Rob Wagner, PEA; Matt Oreski, Matthew Edwards PSE; Sue Gollon, FTCH; Curtis Rowe, Maryland Electric; Paul Kelly; Brian Haithcoat, Barton Malow; Jim Georges, Barton Malow; Jeffery Borowicz, DTE Energy; Tabitha Popa, DTE Energy,

Meeting Called to Order by President, Gary Tamanini, CPE at approx 6:00 PM. Welcome to Prof. John Tocco of Lawrence Technological University (LTU) and students from his "Cost Estimating, Bidding and Contracting" class. Also welcome to visitors Tabitha Popa and Jeffery Borowicz from DTE.

Meeting Agenda Approved

OLD BUSINESS

- ASPE national provided Chapter Incorporation information. Has been forwarded to Frank Carnovale
- Donation to NAWIC scholarship fund of \$500 sent. Received "thank you" for \$1,000. Gary Tamanini to get clarification from NAWIC.
- Meeting topics requested. Sue Gollon is presenting in February on LEED and how it affects estimating. Pat Todd is presenting in March on Reconciliation of an Estimate. January will be ad hoc Round Table discussion of "Clarifications / Scope of Work – What do you write and how specific do you need to get?"
- Discussed ways to increase membership – contact old members who don't regularly attend meetings, promote student membership.
- Focus more on education
- Meeting Schedule: take summers off for meetings? June project visit, July off, group outing in August? TBD
- CPE – if anyone is interested... January class if forming with Glenn Frank, new CPE Chair: glenn.frank@ymail.com or 248-200-8316. Next cycle begins January 1st. Online class starts January 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

- President's Report...
 - o Results of online survey of members for December "meeting" location discussed. Palazzo di Bocce won the vote
 - o Chapter mail discussed. Website should be linked to ASPE National's website
 - o ASPE paraphernalia is available for anyone interested in adding to their collection or giving away for marketing purposes. Contact Gary.
- Vice President's Report...
 - o Frank Carnovale not in attendance, no report.
- Secretary Report...
 - o Curtis Rowe elaborated on Bocce event. One court, food, beverage, promise of fun.
- Treasurer Report...
 - o Jim Georges reported on cash on hand
- Programs/Entertainment...
 - o See secretary report
- Communications/Website...
 - o Patrick Todd discussed website. All is well with exception of some member's claim of not receiving the December Meeting Location survey e-mail. Patrick to investigate.
- Newsletter...
 - o Susan Gollon stated appreciation for Tim Fradeneck's contribution to the newsletter of his re-cap of ASPE Regional Meeting in Cincinnati, OH. See Chapter 17 4th Quarter, 2009 newsletter for full report.
- Other
 - o Tim Fradeneck provided re-cap of Fall Central Plains Regional Meeting in Cincinnati, OH, emphasizing the 5 hour drive. Overall considered it pretty good with appreciation for our part of the "bigger picture". Chapter 17 4th Quarter, 2009 newsletter for full report
 - o Consider inviting new Central Plains Governor to Detroit for ASPE 17 meeting?
- **Round Table Discussion: "Estimators: The Root of all Evil? (or maybe just the root of all disputes?)"**
 - o Presented by Professor John V. Tocco, esq. of LTU in conjunction with his "Cost Estimating, Bidding and Contracting" class. See CH 17 1st Qtr 2010 newsletter "Meeting Notes" for a report on what was discussed.
- Humor: "Is construction the only industry where people are trying to work for free?"
- Next Meeting:
 - o Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5:30 PM at Barton Malow.
- Meeting Adjourned by Gary Tamanini