

# **ASEE North Central Section**

## **Minutes of the Executive Board and Section Meeting**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:45 AM  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Zone 2 Conference Event**

Executive Board members present: Dan Budny, Andy Kline, Betsy Aller, Karinna Vernaza, Kumar Yelamarthi, Greg Bucks, Jeff Kastner.

Several other unidentified section members.

### **1. Officer election results (Kline)**

Section Chair: Karinna Vernaza, two-year term begins in June 2017

Section Vice-Chair: Andrew Milks, one-year term begins in June 2017

Director: Gregory Bucks, two-year term begins in June 2017

Director: Nicholas Baine, two-year term begins in June 2017

### **2. Finance Update (Budny)**

Some funds on deposit with ASEE National may be lost due to financial situation at National. Kline mentioned that he talked to Gary Steffen, the current Zone 2 Chair, and Gary said funds might be recoverable if the Section has good records. General consensus that we do not want to let this just drop, and need to follow-up with National about recovering the money.

Budny mentioned that the current Zone 2 conference might make money, depending on number of registrants. Reminder by several Board members that the Section expects to recover its seed money of \$3500 from the Zone 2 conference, and hopefully more. Budny non-committal, as many conference charges not yet finalized. Reminder that NCS put in more seed money than the other sections in Zone 2 (\$3500 compared to \$2000 (Southeast) and \$1500 (IL/IN)). Kline to follow-up with Budny.

### **3. Conference Awards (Vernaza)**

Best papers not yet determined, will get them to Yelamarthi for website posting when known. Teaching Award given to Jeffrey Kastner.

**Motion by Vernaza:** Use funds from the Section's operating budget and needed additional funds from the BASS account to pay \$750 for the 2017 Outstanding Teaching Award prize to Jeff Kastner (University of Cincinnati). Second by Bucks. Motion passed unanimously. The amount of \$750 matches what we have used for this award previously.

Discussion: No other cash prizes from this Zone 2 Conference since we do not have the funds. Need to look during the Fall 2017 Executive Board meeting as to whether to continue giving cash prizes for faculty papers, or only for students. Loss of funds on deposit with National is the reason a review is needed.

**Outstanding Campus Representative Award (Aller):** Given to Terri M. Lynch-Caris from Kettering University.

#### **4. Officer Appointments**

Roland Arter has retired from the Executive Board.

Appointments by Vernaza (incoming Section Chair):

Kastner as the section's Newsletter Editor.

Kline as Secretary (may change if he is elected Zone 2 Chair with term starting in June 2018).

Needed: Best Paper Chair. Yelamarthi is willing to assist the new Best Paper Chair if the person has not done it before.

#### **5. Other Topics**

Aller gave Yelamarthi the Zone 2 Conference papers so he can sort them out as he sees fit for posting on the NCS website.

More general discussion on the money situation.

Discussion about the Zone 2 Conference. Reminders that we voted against it twice as a Board (only two sections in the Zone needed to approve). General comments on number of NCS people who could not afford the travel costs (only about 10 students and maybe 20 faculty in Puerto Rico) as compared to Spring 2016 at CMU (200 to 210 registrants). Comments on Zone conference run per Southeast Section's past practices, but they were happy to get our seed money.

Spring 2018 NCS conference at U of Akron, March 16 and 17 OR March 23 and 24, 2018.

Spring 2019 NCS conference at Grand Valley State.

West Virginia University and U of Toledo (Carmen Cioc) have both expressed an interest in possibly hosting a future sectional conference. Need to follow up as part of the Fall 2017 Executive Board meeting.

Please ask ASEE members at your campus to vote in the ASEE National Officer elections. On-line ballot available until end of March. NCS is part of Zone 2 for Zone Chair election process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.

DRAFT Minutes submitted by Kline to the NCS Executive Board on March 21, 2017 for review.

Approved by the NCS Executive Board on September 29, 2017.