



MINUTES OF THE ASCE UK BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21/03/2024

The Board Meeting commenced at 17:00 hours, BST on MS Teams.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| • Ian Parke | - | President |
| • Gbemi Agbaje | - | Secretary |
| • Lorenzo Avielli | - | Treasurer |
| • Chris GWaltney | - | Student Chapters Lead |
| • Amber Davis | - | ASCE HQ |

ABSENT

Mohammed K.S. AL-Mhdawi - President-Elect

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

There are no minutes from the last meeting. Henceforth , ASCE UK GROUP Board Meeting Minutes will be published to Members of the ASCE UK Group through Thrive (Collaborate).

Ian suggested utilising MS Teams to engage with our members and highlighted the need to purchase MS Teams to enable this happen, however Amber will check if ASCE Headquarters can facilitate the use of MS Teams under their umbrella. Gbemi shall set up future Teams Meetings going forward.

2. President's Report

Ian shall make monthly notes and copy Gbemi and Amber on this.

3. Future Board Director Reports

Board Members are to submit montly reports of activities performed or not. Reports should be sent to Ian and Gbemi.

4. Care of UK Funds

Ian wanted to know if the ASCE UK GROUP Funds could be kept the Group Treasurer , Lorenzo, in his personal bank account. Amber informed us that in the past ,funds have been kept in the personal bank account of a Board Director. Lorenzo , will look into this. Amber will provide us with a List of Members who are financially up to date by the end of the grace period for payment of membership dues.

5. Guest Lectures

The outcome of the membership survey in regards to Lectures showed a preference for Live Lunch and Learn Lectures. The Lectures will be recorded for members to view at their convenience. The membership survey also revealed a preference for Quarterly Presentations / Lectures and this resolution has been adopted.

6. Keynote Presentations

Ian will contact Martin Knights with regards to presenting a Lecture on The Thames Tunnel at a future date.

The ASCE Lebanon Group have offered to give a presentation to our members. Ian will collaborate with the ASCE Lebanon Group President to fix a date and time, most likely to be held in September 2024.

7. 2024 Programme/Activities not already discussed.

The following matters were discussed;-

1. ENGAGEMENT FAIR

Ian would like to engage with our members by holding a Membership Engagement Fair which is planned to be an engagement meeting with our members, held virtually through MS Teams, on Saturday, the 20th April, 2024 at 10am and this engagement fair will run for 45 minutes.

2. ACADEMICS CO-ORDINATOR / MENTOR

Ian would like to engage an expert to act as Academic Coordinator /Mentor.

3. FORGING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Ian would like the ASCE UK GROUP to forge international relations with other engineering bodies in Asia, Africa, Americas, The Caribbean and Europe. Amber advised that with regards to forging international relations areas to consider are Joint Conferences, Webinars and Events. Furthermore, Amber will provide Ian with the contact details of Olga who is a Governor of Region 10.

4. ANNUAL IN-PERSON EVENT

Chris, suggested hosting an annual in-person event and has offered to work on this and come up with ideas, where an event is hosted and attendees can obtain Certificates. Ian suggested hosting an event on TIDAL BARRAGES and will contact Professor Falcon about this.

5. ASCE CITIES OF THE FUTURE MOVIE

Gbemi is currently working on having Cities Of The Future Movie screened in the UK and has been in touch with ASCE HQ about this and has been given advice and contact details of persons at ASCE HQ. Gbemi has been in contact with Museums in the UK with regards to screening the movie.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIOGRAPHIES

Members of the ASCE UK GROUP should please send their biographies and a headshot to be used with their bio to Amber.

8. UK University Chapters, the way forward.



Chris reported that UK Universities prefer to collaborate with The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). Chris will find out which UK Universities have a high International Student Population who might be more inclined to form and join ASCE UK GROUP UNIVERSITY CHAPTERS. Ian suggested that it be reiterated that Student Membership is free. Lorenzo highlighted the lack of funding available for University Chapters from the Consultant Firms Perspective.

9. Collaboration with UK Based American Civil Engineering Companies

There has not been much success or progress in this area. Amber will research and provide contact details of American Firms in the UK to the ASCE UK GROUP.

10. Application for New Technical Committee Low Carbon Energy - Update

Ian has no feedback to provide on this with regards to the Rochester Bridge Proposal. Ian has spent 6 Weeks working on the Rochester Bridge Proposal. Amber will follow up on this to see what stage the Rochester Bridge Proposal is at currently.

11. Date of Next Board Meetings via TEAMS (Amber has arranged and posted invitations)

The next meeting will be held on 18th of April 2024 at 5p.m on MS Teams.

The Meeting closed at 17:53 hrs.

Gbemisola Agbaje, CP. MASCE

SECRETARY

ASCE UK GROUP

Date: 22/03/2024