

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 12 pm to 1 pm

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda – Steve Sommerfeldt
2. Meeting Minutes / Action Items – June 2021 (David); July 2021 Minutes (Anna) – approved w/ revisions
 - *Introductions to guests and new attendees:*
 - Steve K – particular interest in sustainable energy
 - Chris – established FL ASCE sustainability committee
 - Greg – West Coast ASCE, involvement in EWRI with interest in sustainability
 - Julia – personal interest in sustainability and involvement in office-level initiatives
 - Catherine – personal interest in sustainability
3. News from the Branch / Section / Society – (Melissa)
 - Annual Officer Installation Luncheon – Sept 10th at Dubsdread – Keynote is Jeff Benavides
 - Annual Golf Tournament – Sept 17th at Celebration Golf Club
 - ECFRPC MOU Elevated to Section & Society Attorney. Section to discuss at October BOD Meeting.
4. Events
 - SE 2050 - Joint Presentation with SEI being coordinated
 - FI Section Conf - Stephanie Ishii (Hazen Sawyer) – Approaches for Incorporating and Quantifying Sustainability Principles into Project Work
 - Others – none
5. Newsletter Content
 - August (went out on 8/9) - Advertised the Act Now Advocacy Podcast (8/26 at Noon) – Anyone able to attend?
 - September Ideas
 - Spotlight Jeff Benavides – Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer for Orange County. Rec'd content from Jeff on 8/24. – Need a committee member to format article (due for review by 9/9)
 - **David** will write article and sent to group for review.
 - Other ideas?
 - October Spotlight or ideas – can feature companies' successes.
 - **Committee members** should think of ideas for future newsletters.
6. Committee Finances – \$400 available from Branch for events and outreach.
 - Develop a self-standing banner for events/publicity? Our funds become available in the new FY starting in Oct.
 - Other Ideas? Catherine mentioned there may be a grant to assist with marketing materials.
7. Old / New Business / Agenda Items for next month
 - Sustainability Mailing List Update – Up to 13 subscribers! :/
 - Click link to join mailing list:
https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/zfLM8Fh?source_id=61bb845f-011f-45e2-9dbd-cd1bf107af90&source_type=em&c=-1fcNWPJGlppO7EMkZfAaVzvwx01S15k1ISUP3mNhEJUqH4PLR8_ka==
 - **Committee members** should make sure they are on the list. Could draft an email that requests submissions for projects or people to highlight. Can be completed later on.
 - FL ASCE Section is considering eliminating the state-wide sustainability & resilience committee. Looking to understand our group and use it to advocate for

establishing/continuing the state and branch committees.

- The current lead on the sustainability committee was unable to continue the initiative, and the state section board didn't believe that there was interest to continue the group.
- Next meeting of the FL ASCE section will be on October 2nd Chris and Greg will report back on the interest of the ECB to continue the state-wide committee.
- National ASCE has a Sustainability Liaison committee. Anna has been involved / attending these meetings and has not seen any FL representation at these meetings. Anna connected Chris Sharek with the national committee (Steven Fisher).
- There have been other ASCE members / branches that have been interested. E.g. Eric Czerniejewski (June 2021 meeting)
- Envision credentials should be considered as a duty on the state level.
- Chris requested that that **Anna** provide an article advocating for sustainability to be used on the state-level communications. Anna agreed.
- There's a state-wide initiative to get every branch to establish a sustainability. Anna has also reached out to see if any other FL branches have committees; only the East Central Branch has a sustainability committee. The ECB sustainability should lead by example to provide a framework for other branches to establish a sustainability committee. We should also look at other state's sustainability committees.
- Jennifer Rupert – potential visit and information sharing (ECFRPC) – David/Steve
 - Could invite to the October meeting once the MOU has been reviewed at the section and society level. **David/Steve** to initiate in Sept.
- **David** – Secretary
 - Looking to organize the committee documents and keep a database of all.
 - **Steve** will look into what resources the branch has for document organizing.
- **Committee members** should try to attend the County Sustainability meetings https://www.ocfl.net/OpenGovernment/BoardsAndSpecialDistricts/AdvisoryBoardsCalendar.aspx?m=lstvw&c=2%7C820#.YS5hq_eSmUk.

Committee Members / Meeting Attendees:

1. Steve Sommerfeldt (Chair) – Present
2. Melissa Burns (BOD Rep) – Present
3. David Klawitter (Secretary) – Present
4. Anna Pepper – Present
5. Steven Kreidt – Present
6. Guests
 - a. Catherine Felter –Present
 - b. Julia Felter –Present
 - c. Chris Sharek – Present
 - d. Gregory (Greg) Lee – Present

Committee's Core Mission and Function – To organize and facilitate outreach opportunities allowing the membership of the ECB to stay informed and promote sustainable engineering practices