

Attendees

Board Members:

• Jignesh Vyas	President	Present (via Phone)
• Melissa Burns	President Elect	Not Present
• Tonya Mellen	Vice President	Present (via Phone)
• Corey Bloxam	Treasurer	Not Present
• Juan Gonzalez	Secretary	Present (via Phone)
• Craig Ballock	Past President	Present (via Phone)

Institute & Student Chapter Representatives:

• Construction Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Louis Bramblett – Chair
• Construction Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Ryan Wilson – Secretary
• Environmental & Water Resources Institute:	Not Present	Patty Therrien – Chair
• Environmental & Water Resources Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Sue Woodberry – Co – Chair
• Sustainability First Chair:	Present (via Phone)	Steve Sommerfelt– MOU - Chair
• Geo-Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Gene Williford – Chair
• Structural Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Mike Olka – Chair
• Structural Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Rocio Rodriguez – Vice Chair
• Transportation Institute:	Present (via Phone)	Frank Caruso – Chair
• Utility Engineering and Survey Institute:	Not Present	Alec Grkovic – Chair
• Education Committee:	Present (via Phone)	Juan Gonzalez – Chair
• Social:	Not Present	Suman Juluru - Chair
• Young Members Forum:	Present (via Phone)	Catherine Felter - Chair
• University of Central Florida:	Not Present	Chris Carrino – Past President
• University of Central Florida:	Present (via Phone)	Hannah Waddell – President
• University of Central Florida:	Present (via Phone)	John Desmet – Vice President
• Embry Riddle Aeronautical University:	Not Present	Valerie Gradel – President
• Embry Riddle Aeronautical University:	Not Present	Parker Brooks – Past President

Other Attendees Present:

• Diversity Chair	Not Present	Mike Olka
• Awards and Scholarship Committee	Present (via Phone)	Thomas Anzelon
• Government & Public Relations Chair	Present (via Phone)	Alex Goetz
• Newsletter Editor	Not Present	Khanh Olka
• History and Heritage Chair	Present (via Phone)	Rocio Rodriguez
• Florida Section	Not Present	Tonya Mellen
• Icebreaker Chair	Present (via Phone)	Catherine Felter
• Social Media	Not Present	Suman Juluru
• Social Media	Not Present	Ali Aydelotte
• Member	Not Present	Alex Hinkle

Presided

Jignesh Vyas

7:30 am General Business:

- Greetings and Roll Call
- Other New Business and Miscellaneous
 - Review of March Action Items action items – Juan
 - Filled out Florida Section Awards
 - Check with UCF funds for of new shop
 - Adding Ali and Suman as admins Facebook
 - They were added to Linkedin but not on Facebook as of yet
 - Steve to reach out to Jeff for MOU
 - To transfer Funds to Endowment
 - CD and Scholarship Endowment information session with Bruce Lawson later this month
 - Scholarship Endowment Fund – Template Contract Vote
 - Name of the Endowment is going be called to East Central Branch Legacy Scholarship
 - Earns or Lost 90% will be reinvested and 10% will be used for managing of the Foundation for endowment
 - Language needs to be added if Endowment winds down
 - ASCE 2021 Report Card for America's infrastructure
 - Infrastructure score for is America is C-
 - 2021 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (Virtual) – Starts tomorrow (April 7th) (Registration ends today)
 - 4/7 – 4/10, 2 hour sessions each day in the afternoon and will be looking at costs

Institute Chapters (Scheduled date for monthly event)

- Construction Institute: Ryan Williamson (2nd R)
 - Meeting was held on April 1st
 - This meeting was used to establish CI Officers:
 - Louis Bramblett PE. DBIA (Chair),
 - Rich Haffner PE (Vice Chair)
 - Harold Dubon PE (Treasurer)
 - Ryan Williamson PE (Secretary) were selected
 - Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 5/2
 - Louis will look into National CI website for webinar material to reignite interest in institute
 - CI will investigate funding a scholarship to reignite interest in institute
- Environmental & Water Resources Institute: Sue Woodberry (3rd R)
 - *Recent Events:*
 - Meeting Was held on early in the month
 - Jennifer Young double header webinar in May 7th and 14th, 4 hour each webinar with 4 PDH
 - Sponsorship is still being worked out
 - April 22nd to assist on City of Orlando street Clean up
 - Need to signed up ahead of time
 - EWRI Scholarship is on April 16th 2021 deadline
 - Scholarships will be three thousands
 - Scholarships will be awarded in May
- Geo-Institute Chapter: Gene Wiliford (4th T)
 - Have been requested to speak on behalf of the Cross US lecture again this year
 - Currently tracking 3 presenters and hoping to have next months more movement
 - No update on the Bank regarding fund

- Geo scholarship is due in November
- Structural Engineering Institute: Mike Olka (3rd T)
 - *Recent Events:*
 - Monthly meeting was held
 - First Project highlight shown in this months newsletter
 - New article regarding new details
 - Scholarships are not being done till next semester
- Transportation & Development Institute: Frank Caruso (4th R)
 - *Recent Events:*
 - March 3rd had 6 people lunch meeting TDI group
 - March 30th had 5 people for April
 - Scholarships will looking for applicants for fall
 - Donation for fall for bridge and canoe
 - No special Olympics till after Fall and Covid lifting
 - April will have a Cape Canaveral Spaceport on the 29th
 - Another lunch meeting will be on the 5th of May
- Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute: Juan Gonzalez (3rd R)
 - Meeting held on Thursday March 18th with 4 people attended
 - Alex was to coordinate with scholarship Jignesh
 - Provide scholarship information to ASCE UCF and Embry Riddle and provide to the newsletter individual such as Khan Olka
 - Another meeting will be held on Third Thursday
- Education & Outreach Committee: Juan Gonzalez (2st R)
 - *Recent Events:*
 - *No meeting was held last month*
 - *Assisting the E for day for YMF*
 - *Resending SCHME bridge videos sent to Jignesh*
 - *Mike and to assist on revitalizing the group*
- Sustainability Committee: Steve Sommerfeldt (2nd T)
 - *First webinar was held with Anthony Kane, present on the envision program, with 60 people registered 52 people attended*
 - *Can be posted online from Anthony Kane*
 - *By Laws draft was provided by Jignesh to establish and provide members to review*
 - *Last By Laws 2014, so it can be updated*
 - *Steve to work on the MOU for the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council*
 - *Steve to review on the MOU and then coordinate with Jeff*
- Younger Member Forum: Catherine Felter (1st or 2nd R)
 - In person happy hour for May
 - Donation for Ronald McDonald since no in person volunteer
 - Community core projects, for City of Bithlo and roof for Church
 - March Madness ended
 - Looking at in person sports in the fall
 - Currently trying to figure out E For a Day
 - Holding UCF and Embry graduation celebration

- At the Keg and figured out cost
- \$600 dollar funds for student events
 - No sponsor for the event
 - Branch if they wish to assist on the cost for the event which is in the three weeks
 - 30 people are to attend at the event
 - East Central Branch to provide support up to \$400 from BOD discretionary
 - Motion from Craig Bollock and second by Mike Motion passed
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Will only be officers since there are only 4 spots

Student Chapters:

- University of Central Florida: Hannah Waddell
 - *Recent Events:*
 - 25 to 27 conference was held
 - General body meeting was held with Finrock and next month will be with AIM
 - Rented out a movie theater as social event showing back to the future
 - Order of the Engineer on April 8th
 - To confirm student chapter received at least, \$2,500 was donated and Robin Knight needs to provide funds to student Chapter
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: Jignesh Vyas
 - *Recent Events:*
 - 6 people were at the last meeting and trying to increase student involvement
 - Hoping to have in person meeting soon
 - Scholarship applications have been provided
- Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
 - *NO REPRESENTATIVE*

Events

Community Service: Vice President – Tonya Mellen

- No updates at the moment.

Annual Branch Events:

- E-Week: Mike Olka
 - E-Week (February 22 – February 27) event collaboration with SWE, NSBE, and SHPE. Success!!!
 - Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund is still open
- Officer Installation Luncheon (TBD, 2021): Tonya Mellen
 - Deposits for Dubsdread and is currently coordinating for September 10th as date
- Icebreaker (July, 2021): Catherine Felter
 - New paper work, and possible mask event with waiver
- Golf Tournament (TBD, 2021): Craig Ballock
 - No updates, planning starts May June
- Central Florida Field Trip (February, 2021): Catherine Felter
 - Went well

Committees

- Awards & Scholarship Committee: Thomas Anzelon/ Craig Ballock
 - Society Awards – nominations

- Section Scholarship Committee Volunteer – Thomas Anzelone is now in the position so far three applications
- Scholarship Application – Due May 1st / Need to distribute application notice.
- Florida Section Awards - Due May 28th
 - Engineer of the Year Award
 - Nominations Louis Ramblit, Jignesh Vyas, and Steve Sommefelt
 - Young Engineer of the Year Award
 - Nominations Corey Bloxam, Thomas Anzelon, and Catherine Felter
 - Checking to see if Thomas can be nominated since won Branch level last year but did not win the section level
 - Government Engineer of the Year Award
 - Nominations Mike Olka
 - Branch of the Year Award: East Central Branch
 - Project of the Year Award
 - Jignesh requested for nominate any interesting projects
 - Mike requested requirements for project of the year requirements
 - Student of the Year Award
 - Student Outstanding Service Award
 - Graduate Student of the Year Award
 - Faculty Advisor of the Year Award
- Nominations & Tellers Committee: President-Elect/Past President – Melissa /Craig
 - No update
- History & Heritage Committee: Rocio Rodriguez
 - *Past Presidents questionnaires and going independently requesting past presidents to provide feedback*
- Finance & Budget Committee: President-Elect/Treasurer – Melissa/Corey
 - July will hopefully be in person meeting
- Membership & Retention Committee: Past President – Craig Ballock
 - No current updates
- Government & Public Relations Committee: Alex Goetz
 - Forwarded a few articles regarding April
 - **Piney Point Leak** - Florida was in the news for another potential Environmental Disaster this week. A leak was discovered at the Piney Point Phosphate Plant in Manatee County which cause a risk of toxic flooding for residents down-stream of the plant. The leakage from Piney Point has been stopped for now according to the MSN article below. This crisis may have been averted for the time being, however the national headlines has increased awareness to the risks involved with the phosphate mining industry in Florida. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/piney-point-toxic-runoff-stopped-county-officials-confirm-no-second-leak/ar-BB1fkMYb?ocid=uxbndlbing>
 - **Okeechobee Algae Bloom** - For updates on the Potential Okeechobee Algae Bloom, the FDEP releases weekly updates at the flowing link. <https://floridadep.gov/AlgalBloomWeeklyUpdate>

- **Florida has lost the water war with Georgia** - Florida has sued Georgia on the grounds that it consumed too much of the water that flows south to the Gulf of Mexico. The United States Supreme Court dismissed the lawsuit on the grounds that Florida failed to prove its case. <https://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2021-04-01/supreme-court-gives-georgia-win-in-water-war-with-florida>
- **A sign of recovery** - Sanford Airport saw a 22% increase in passengers from January to February which is a positive sign that Orlando's Tourism Industry may be on the way to recovery. <https://www.bizjournals.com/orlando/news/2021/03/29/this-regional-airport-welcomes-back-more-travelers.html>
- **Florida Engineering Society Legislative Update 04/02/2021** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmWGq1jv56E>
- **House Bill 1131 to oppose CNNA put University at Risk**
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee: Mike Olka
 - Working SWE, NSBE, and SHPE for E Week
- Scholarship Endowment Fund: Craig/ Jignesh/ Melissa
 - Already discussed on transfer funds
- Special Projects & Activities Committee: Vice President – Tonya Mellen
 - No current updates

Treasurer Report**Corey Bloxam**

- Monthly Report
 - March to hold till next month for approval

Secretary Report**Juan Gonzalez**

- Meeting Minutes
 - Provide past months meeting minutes
 - February and March to hold till next month for approval

Communications (asce-ecb@outlook.com)**Khanh Olka**

- Newsletter: Khanh Olka (asce-ecb@outlook.com)
 - Invoicing for Sponsors & Job Advertisements – Jignesh/Khanh
 - Need input by Friday, April 9th
- Website: Jignesh Vyas (asce.ecb.webmaster@gmail.com)
- Office 365 – Jignesh
 - Use of ECB email addresses
- Social Media: Suman Juluru (sumanjuluru@gmail.com)
 - LinkedIn Ownership – Added Suman and Ali along with Trillian
 - Provide facebook access to Ali Aydelotte

Closing

- No new items

Action Items

- Steve to work on the MOU
- Steve to inform on what days of the month will the meetings be held on