

## **Association of Coastal Engineering**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 25, 2002 San Diego, CA in  
conjunction with the COPRI Coastal Hazards Meeting

The following board members were present at the meeting: John Fisher, President; Billy Edge, Vice President, Robert Dalrymple, Secretary, Karyn Erickson, Membership Secretary, Robert Dean, Ron Noble, Orville Magoon, and Fred Raichlan. Twenty one people attended the meeting.

The reading of the minutes from the 2001 Annual Meeting was waived.

John Fisher, President, provided a treasurer's report. The organization has \$5488.36 in the bank. The Annual Meeting in Washington operated with a loss, as did our first effort at a ACE calendar.

Karyn Erickson, Membership Secretary, reported that ACE has 140 members and that six others are currently being processed.

John Fisher reported for the Nomination Committee, which proposed the following slate of officers for 2002. Dr. Billy Edge was nominated for President, Karyn Erickson, Vice President, Lesley Ewing, Treasurer, Robert Dalrymple, Secretary. The office of Membership Secretary, created in the past year to expedite membership applications would remain vacant, as Karyn Erickson was willing to continue in that role, if elected Vice President.

Nominations were called for from the floor; there were none. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

Billy Edge then took over the meeting, with the first order of business being to thank Dr. John Fisher for his 2.5 years of service as the inaugural president of the organization and his efforts that helped to get ACE to its present state. He also thanked Charles Chesnutt for his tenure as Treasurer during the same time.

Edge then indicated that he planned an active presidency and called on the membership to participate in the activities of the organization.

### **Old Business:**

**Certification:** Dave Kriebel presented to the board the report of the certification committee (this report was submitted to the Board in a memorandum dated Jan 4, 2002). After reviewing five different options, such as Professional Licensure as a Coastal Engineer, Certification by Examination, and Certification without an Examination, the committee recommended, based on our size and practicality, that Certification was preferred over a Professional Licensure, and that the requirements would include a Professional Engineer License, professional experience, and letters of recommendation. An ACE Certification Committee would review and award certification.

Other issues were the educational requirements to qualify as a coastal engineer, and

the annual continuing education requirements. Further, a large public education effort would be needed to publicize the certification.

President Edge appointed John Fisher, Bob Dean, Ron Noble as Certification Committee members to assist Chair Kevin Bodge and David Kriebel with the further fleshing out of the procedures so that the full certification proposal can be presented at the annual meeting on November 5, 2002, with the intent of implementing the certification January 1, 2003.

Past President Fisher thanked Kevin and Dave for their efforts on bringing forth a clearly thoughtout proposal and stressed the importance of certification for ACE as it was one of the founding principles of the organization.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held in San Francisco, November 5, 2002 at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, following the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association meeting. The organizing committee is to be chaired by Russ Boudreau and includes Fred Raichlan, Ron Noble, Leslie Ewing, and Robert Dalrymple, who provides continuity to the Organizing Committees, having participated in the organization of the first two annual meetings.

Industry members present indicated that there would be strong financial support for the annual meeting. Don Treadwell indicated that his firm would be pleased to sponsor coffee breaks.

## **New Business**

**Membership** Edge pointed out that the membership procedures have been streamlined over the past year with Karyn Erickson (assisted by Pat Erhman of ATM) serving as the first point of contact with applicants. Drs. Dean and Raichlan have agreed to continue in their roles on the Membership Committee.

A new application for the ACE web page ([www.coastalengineers.org](http://www.coastalengineers.org)) was prepared by Billy Edge and is now on the web site. This will expedite the application process as it requests the necessary applicant information directly and in detail, which should significantly reduce the need to contact applicants for more information. (The request for Social Security Number will be removed from the form as unnecessary.)

Ron Noble pointed out that the organization needs to get the word out as there are a number of coastal engineers that are unaware of the organization. Fisher indicated that he was charged with sending out promotional materials and will do so to such organizations as ASCE, FSBPA, and COPRI.

Bob Dean asked how many foreign members ACE had. Erickson pointed out it was five, to the pleasant surprise of many.

It was suggested that there be an open meeting at the International Conference on Coastal Engineering in Cardiff this coming summer as was done at previous ICCE meetings.

**Bylaws:** Edge discussed that a growing organization needs to re-examine the bylaws regularly in the early stages as we shake out the organization. He reminded the board

that the bylaw changes voted on last year were approved and that he envisioned new changes in the future.

**Co-sponsorship of Coastal Sediments '03:** John Fisher presented a proposal from Dr. Skip Davis, Affiliate Board Member, that ACE consider co-sponsoring the Coastal Sediments meeting at a cost of \$1500. Ron Noble indicated that this was a sizable fraction of the ACE budget and that this might not be the best use of the memberships money. The motion to co-sponsor the meeting failed.

Dean moved that ACE co-sponsor the meeting if the fee is waived. This was approved. Dean indicated that he would discuss this with Davis.

**Salary Survey:** Erickson discussed the idea that a coastal engineering salary survey, as part of ongoing salary surveys carried out by various survey companies, would provide useful data to the membership. After discussion about the costs associated with it and the number of firms that might participate, it was decided that it was premature for ACE to take the lead.

**Membership Dues:** Edge pointed out that due to outdated email addresses and other problems, ACE was not efficient in getting members to renew their memberships. This has been rectified under the new membership procedures and an intense effort to obtain up-to-date email addresses.

Renewal notices will be coming out in the next month by email. Receipts will be emailed back to all as the dues are received.

**Committees:** Edge indicated that there are a variety of committees that need members participation. These include the Bylaws Committee, the new Open Source Code Committee, for which Robert Dalrymple was appointed chair, and Newsletter Committee. The newsletter is planned for quarterly publication either as hardcopy or electronic (say, PDF format). Possible members included Chris Jones, Nel Sultan, and Ron Noble.

The Calendar effort should continue into the future and the membership needs to provide possible candidate photographs.

**Web Site:** Edge suggested that Beth Judge be approached to assist Dalrymple in maintaining the ACE website. (She was the next day and she accepted.)

**Items from the Floor:** Dave McGeehee suggested that ACE target cities that are receiving beach fills or other high profile coastal engineering work with promotional, educational materials, or press kits, as the public awareness is heightened by the media focus on the coastal work.

Erickson suggested that any educational software developed for coastal engineering would be well received by K-12 educators.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

