
ASCE February Meeting Minutes

Speaker: Jennifer Jacka-Taylor, P.E. – ASCE Region 7 Governor
Daniel Schrant, P.E. – Sedgwick County, ASCE Kansas Section President

Topic: Current Happenings with ASCE

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Location: Wichita Advance Learning Library
711 West 2nd Street., Wichita, KS 67203

President Scott Lindebak called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm and opened with announcements.

Announcements

- We still need volunteers for the Hands on Engineering activity at the library
 - Occurs the first Saturday of every month, 10:30-11:30 am.
 - Talk to Daniel Mealiff if interested in volunteering
- Steak Fry will be held July 18th
- Next Meeting will be March 1st, Speaker: Sipp Tech

Vice President Layla McDaniel introduced the guest speakers Jennifer Jacka-Taylor & Daniel Schrant.

Presentation Notes

Daniel Schrant – How to become involved in ASCE

- Wichita Branch
 - Officer/Board Position
 - Do not have to be established in your career, you can be a younger engineer to hold a board position
 - Social Activities
 - Monthly Meetings to get professional development
 - STEM Hands on Activities
- Kansas Section
 - Help with Kansa Report Card
 - Kansas Section focuses more on coordinating between the branches & student chapters
 - Professional Awards
 - Joint meeting held in Atchison on February 21st
 - Legislative Fly-in



- Open to anyone to attend
- National level selects who goes
- Kansas Section Provides stipend to attend
- Civil Engineering Conference held annually in Wichita
 - Great Speakers
 - Social hours/events
 - Brings money into the Kansas Section & branches
- Student Symposium
 - Hosted at Kansas State University
 - Kansas Section is a sponsor this year

Jennifer Jacka-Taylor - ASCE Region 7 Governor

It is important to get involved in organizations like ASCE because it provides an avenue for government relations & communication between engineers & elected officials. Both engineers & elected officials need the proper input from constituents to properly do our jobs, and engineers can provide the technical advice to our politicians while also having an obligation to provide informed & safe decisions.

ASCE provides policy statements which are available online to help guide engineers to know where ASCE stands on different political topics. ASCE can and does lobby for specific political topics, however everyone must be careful which elected officials can be invited to speak at events during election season.

ASCE provides the following advocacy tools for members:

- Legislative Fly-in
- Become a Key Contact
- Report Card
 - Every 4 years
 - Tool to give legislators & public on “easy to understand” state’s infrastructure
 - Kansas’ Report card in 2018 had an average C GPA

What can you do?

- Vote – Approx. 1/6 of population **actually votes** for the winner
- Communicate & build relationships with your elected officials
- Run for Office

What else does ASCE offer?

- Society level committee – Approx. 300 different committees
- ASCE Mentor/Mentee program
- Resources for Sections & Branches
 - Talking points & Guidance
 - Legal Advice

Future World Vision

- 6 trends that will change the future
- Future Scenario Analysis



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Meeting Attendees

1	Shane	Albritton	24	Scott	Lindebak
2	Mike	Armour	25	Dmitry	Lomachenko
3	Eric	Armstrong	26	Ky	Louanghaksaphone
4	Allison	Atkinson	27	Layla	McDaniel
5	Gregory K	Baalman	28	Dakota	McKee
6	Michael	Bailey	29	Aubrey	Mealiff
7	Scott	Bernhardt	30	Daniel	Mealiff
8	Alfred	Blanco	31	Elizabeth	Motter
9	Donald	Bosken	32	John	Oswald
10	Maisy	Brouillette	33	Rohith	Panhanggi
11	Scott	Canfield	34	Jessica	Rhein
12	Paul	Cater	35	Larry	Schaller
13	Caleb	Coltrane	36	Daniel	Schrant
14	Colin	Costley	37	James	Shimp
15	Macee	Crowell	38	Brad	Shores
16	Nicole	Franken	39	Jessica	Slavik
17	Danielle	Gonzalez	40	Anne	Stephens
18	Angela	Gutierrez	41	Tyler	Ummel
19	Abdul	Hamada	42	Luke	Vohs
20	John	Heinz	43	Tyler	Voth
21	Jennifer	Jacka-Taylor	44	James	Wagner
22	Kyle	Kerns	45	Wendy	Zhang
23	Derek	Kratzer			

Meeting adjourned by President Scott Lindebak at 12:54 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Macee Crowell.



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