College of Engineering Alumni Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
at
Rocky Mountain Power

Minutes


Excused: Michael Gill, William Radford, Kurt Kottke

I. Welcome and Updates (Rich Nordlund)
   A. A social with Board members and 32 engineering members of Rocky Mountain Power was held prior to the Board meeting. Chris Spencer, Board member with Rocky Mountain Power made introductions to the group. The Vice President of Operations, Paul Radakovich, presented an overview of the electrical industry and Dean Rich Brown presented an overview of the College of Engineering. Rich Nordlund concluded the one hour social with an overview of the Alumni’s Association and the Board meeting followed with 14 Board members in attendance.
   B. Austin Van Otten with ATK was introduced as the Vice President for the Alumni Association for 2014 – 2015.
   C. Two new Board Members were introduced to include Jennifer Jacobsen of L-3 Com (mechanical) and Paul Summers (civil) who has retired.
   D. The Electrical Computer Engineering group has requested funds to be used to provide gifts/prize for their poster competition for a group of approximately 40 students. The Board approved $250.00 for this event and this amount was included in the 2014 – 2015 budget under Department Activity.
   E. A copy of the current list of Board members assigned to the three committees is attached.

II. Department Update (Josh Grant)
   A. The two students who received $1,000.00 scholarship from the Board were Kallie Bracken (Computer Science) and David Murie (Civil). They will be invited to our next Board meeting in December.
   B. Thus far the fund raising from the Board for 2014 – 2015 has amounted to $2,000.00 with four Board members contributing. Our goal again this year is to raise $5,000.00 to provide two $1,000.00 scholarships.
   C. For the past four years the Department has collected approximately names of 2,000 engineering alumni who are interested in volunteering. At some point in time this year each Board member will be given a list of these individuals to contact. It was decided that before this happens each Board member will have to volunteer in an event so they understand how to convey the message of helping our students to be excited about the engineering profession. The Department will give us a script so we can email to these individuals our need for volunteers.
D. A calendar was developed and was passed around to the Board members to sign up for events for the next twelve months.

III. Outreach Committee (Shirley Faerber)
   A. Community events were held this summer at four different locations in the valley. The last event at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan was very successful with a large numbers of volunteers attending and children (approximately 300) who were enamored in the various engineering activities. It appears that these community events have really increased in popularity with volunteers and students/children, since the first event.
   B. The Board proposed various ways to obtain more engineering posters, material, student projects, volunteers etc at follows:
      a. Communicate with the seven engineering departments for posters, student projects, etc.
      b. Have current students demonstrate their project.
      c. Secure previously built robots.
      d. Meet with the engineering administration at one of their meetings to help us in these community events.
      e. Work with the various engineering associations with their alumni and students to combine their efforts with ours to be involved together in community events.

IV. Academic Committee (Brett Matsumura)
   A. The first activity for this committee will be held with the Fall Career Fair on September 18th at the Warnock Building. We expect over 40 engineering students to attend to listen to engineering alumni. We already have the required number of engineering alumni to make their presentations on being a student and an engineer in industry.

V. Network / Social (Whit Johnson)
   A. The next Board meeting will be held at the Warnock Building on campus. We have been very successful in holding four Board meetings at various engineering facilities (Questar, L-3, GE Health and Rocky Mountain Power) and we plan to continue to hold at least two meetings off campus.
   B. We were very successful last spring to hold a series of classes at the Warnock Building for individuals who need class hours to continue to receive their PE designation. Last year it was directed to the civils and this year we want to include mechanicals.
   C. Our third Board meeting in 2015 was proposed to be held at IM Flash in Lehi. A proposed date on March 10th is being determined. We will also try to set up a car pooling of Board members to attend this proposed event in Utah County.

VI. Board Discussion on how to get Board members / alumni more involved in our events
   A. This Board has been discovered by groups wanting us to volunteer in their events. Those events while we have participated in, have “snow balled” to continue those events and established new ones. We have been given so much praise by those groups by either university or others that we are doing a very worthwhile job in bringing engineering to the forefront for their event. As discussed earlier in the minutes a calendar was circulated and list of possible alumni engineering volunteers was discussed. We want each Board member to participate each year to participate in one event and also attend the
four Board meetings. We decided not to plan any nonrelated engineering special projects but to be more involved in the calendar events. It was also discussed that we coordinate with other groups who are engineering related to work together on joint events.

VII. Next Board Meeting
A. December 10th (Wednesday) 6:00 pm at the Warnock Building