

Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2009

- Attendees:
 - Pete Grotsky
 - Kathleen Boland
 - Matt Montgomery
 - Elizabeth Vincourek
 - Steve Elting
 - Bob Andrew
 - Paul Stevenson
 - Sean Motta
 - Tim Hunt
- Review of Minutes
 - Minutes from October were reviewed and approved
- Treasurers Report
 - Pete was not copied on last month's report, however several members did receive
 - Report was reviewed and approved
- Programs
 - The networking event at Linvatec went very well! It was estimated that 25-30 people were in attendance. Several students attended and had an opportunity to network with the senior section. The Linvatec speakers ran a little long, which limited the time left for networking. This should be addressed in future networking events.
 - Next event is tomorrow night, and is a tour of the USF Clean Energy Research Center.
 - The Tampa Bay Automotive Museum is still planned for December 9th or 10th
 - A tour of the National Gypsum plant in Tampa is still planned for January
 - February's event is the Tampa Bay Engineers Week Banquet
- Newsletter Update
 - Tim Hunt requested more information for the newsletter! Would like write-ups after each meeting summarizing the event, number of attendees, etc.
 - Pete and Steve will get together and provide him some fodder
- TBEWB Update
 - Planning ongoing, and tickets are now for sale to the general public and all societies. Societies can purchase tables of tickets at a discounted rate.
 - Pete requested nominations for Engineer of the Year nominations!
 - Pete would like information for some email blasts to the membership advertising the event and encouraging tickets be purchased through our society. He will meet with Paul to develop.
- Student Section Report
 - Graduation Party for all USF ME Seniors on Monday, November 23rd at the Research Park from 5-8 pm. All Senior Section members are invited to attend.

- Twelve students from USF attended the IMECE Conference. They witnessed the student design competition, heard the key note speakers, and attended some of the sessions at the congress.
- Scholarship Update
 - Matt met with Dr. Dubey last week to discuss. He also plans to attend the graduation party and request nominations from the student section.
 - Matt motioned that the scholarship value be raised to \$2000 to cover a full semester's tuition (based on 15 credit hours). After discussion, the motion was amended to be an increase to \$1500 this year with further review and discussion next year. This motion passed unanimously.
- USFirst Tech Challenge Update
 - The event will be held Saturday, February 27th on the USF Campus. ASME has once again been asked to provide judges for the event. Pete will encourage the membership to register. The first 15 volunteer will be accepted.
 - FWCS is sponsoring two teams again this year.
- New Business
 - Al and Stella Kurzenhauser have moved to San Francisco this past month, and they will be missed! Pete will continue to keep them in the loop on our section and encourage Al to continue to participate in our BOD conference calls.
 - Paul reiterated the need for EoY and SEoY nominations! Pete will send an email blast to the membership requesting nominations. These awards will be given out at the TBEWB 2010.
- Next teleconference was scheduled for December 17th at 6 pm
- Meeting adjourned