Kansas Section ASAE Minutes - 1982

Friday, 29 October and Saturday, 30 October, 1982

Communications center, Hesston Corporation, Hesston, Kansas

Chairman Jerry Ostermann called the business meeting to order at 8:05 am., Saturday, 29 October, 1982, with 38 members present. The minutes of the Manhattan meeting were read by Secretary-Treasurer Danny H. Rogers, and approved as read. Secretary-Treasurer Rogers next presented the Treasurer's Report. The summary of the Treasurer's Report is as follows:

- Premeeting Balance, 29 October, 1981 - $ 813.71
- Deposits - 1,104.86
- Expenditures - 1,144.12
- Premeeting Balance, 28 October, 1982 - 774.45

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

After the Treasurer's Report, Chairman Ostermann asked for any outstanding bills. Harry Manges presented a postage bill for the special invitation mailing. Mark Schrock presented a bill for award plaques and Mike O'Halloran presented a bill for meeting expenses.

Chairman Ostermann introduced Dr. Charles Spillman to present the Kansas State Univ Dept of Agricultural Engineering Report. Dr. Spillman had recently been appointed as department head. Dr. Spillman introduced Dr. Richard Black, new state extension irrigation engineer and announced the following persons would be retiring from the department: Ralph Lipper, Gus Fairbanks, and Elwyn Holmes. After these retirements, Dr. Spillman noted that five positions would be open within the department.

With reference to these open positions, Dr. Spillman noted the entire college of Engineering is having difficulty attracting new faculty members primarily due to the level of faculty salaries being offered. Dr. Spillman also requested assistance in locating any open positions for new graduates. He reported two new positions within the department. One is a word processing typist, which is currently filled and the other is a computer programming position that is currently being held open to help meet budget cuts. Dr. Spillman announced that Dr. James Stiechen will be handling the student recruitment program. Hesston Corporation will be sponsoring a recruitment event. The department has two films for student recruitment available. Student numbers are up slightly with approximately eighty agricultural engineering students and one hundred agricultural mechanization students. Dr. Spillman closed his report by distributing information on expenditures by the department for student recruitment during 1981-1982.

Duane Mueting was called to present a report from the Consulting Engineering Committee. The committee's activity had included the sending of a letter to various farm organizations to promote the consulting engineering concept; however, the letter generated little response. Mr. Mueting then reported the committee was in the process of drafting another letter to be sent to other states and universities to try to increase the base of support for the agricultural engineering consulting activity. The committee is also preparing the 1983 listing of consultants.
Chairman Ostermann called upon Dr. Harry Manges for the membership report of the Kansas Section ASAE. Dr. Manges reported a membership of 243 members as of June, 1982, down one person from last June. He also reported that special invitations to the section meeting were sent to graduates from KSU in the Hesston area who were not ASAE members in an effort to encourage their participation.

OLD BUSINESS

During old business, Chairman Ostermann reported that Dale Turner had requested the Section's support of having the Microcomputer Interfacing Short Course held in Kansas in cooperation with Hutchinson Community College. This was approved by the executive board and the event was successfully held.

Other old business included a motion by Ralph Lipper to send $275 to the KSU agricultural engineering department to cover one-half the cost of the recruitment film. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

During new business, Chairman Ostermann called on Mike Blumanhourst, a student at KSU, to announce the student branches money-making project. The students are selling agricultural engineering belt buckles.

Chairman Ostermann next reminded the Section of the ASAE banner obtained from National ASAE by the Secretary-Treasurer and on recommendation of the Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman Ostermann entertained a motion to transfer the banner to the department for use during the year. This was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the section.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Steichen noted that as an officer of another group the question of incorporation had arisen and that it may be advisable for the Kansas Section to incorporate to prevent any individual officer of the Section from being liable for any problems or accidents occurring during a meeting or tour. Incorporation would transfer the liability to the organization. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to have the executive committee investigate the question of liability and make a recommendation to the Section on incorporation at the next meeting.

Dr. Harry Manges, as Kansas Representative of the Mid-Central Regional Program Committee, reminded members of the call for papers deadline of December 1, 1982. He also reminded members that Dr. Spillman is our Regional Director. Dr. Spillman then announced that Dr. Manges is on the ballot for the Regional Director and encouraged everyone to vote for Dr. Manges so Kansas could be represented again.

Duane Mueting asked about the possibility of obtaining group discounts for persons wanting to attend the winter meeting in Chicago as a method of encouraging attendance. A number of scheduling difficulties were noted, but Dr. Spillman suggested anyone interested in attending the meeting call the department to obtain any information they might have on discounts and travel arrangements. The department would try to coordinate as much as possible.

The next item of business centered on discussion concerning guidelines for the consulting engineers' committee. It was moved to have the executive board bring a recommendation to the membership at the next Section meeting.
Chairman Ostermann advise the committee to use caution and discretion when dealing with any possible controversial issues in the coming year. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Ostermann now called for the election of a member to fill the consulting engineers' committee opening. Duane Mueting was nominated for reelection and Ray Adee was nominated from the floor. Nominations were moved closed, seconded, and carried. Ray Adee was selected to serve on the committee.

It was moved an seconded to expand the committee to include the additional member and after discussion concerning the committee by laws and concern about the size increasing, the question was called and defeated.

Chairman Ostermann called upon John Krupp, nomination committee chairman, to present the committee's recommendations on nominations. The committee's 1982-1983 officer nominations are as follows:

- Chairman : David Pacey
- Chairman-Elect : Mike O'Halloran
- Vice-Chairman : David Pope
- Secretary-Treasurer : Parker Kendrick
- Nominating Committee: Mark Schrock, Chairman Bernard Pierce Ed Swenson
- Membership Chairman: Jim Steichen

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee be accepted.

David Pope, 1982-83 Vice-Chairman, extended an invitation to the Section to have its next meeting in Topeka. It was moved, seconded, and approved to do so. IT was moved, seconded, and approved to allow the executive board to select the meeting date within the approximate time frame as years past.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by additional presentations and a tour. The previous day had also been filled with tours, presentations, and an evening banquet. Rodney Horn and Ralph Lipper were presented the Young Engineer and Engineer of the year awards respectively. J. Dewey Long, past National ASAE President, spoke on his experiences in ASAE.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny H. Rogers

Secretary-Treasurer (1981-82)

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