Kansas Section ASAE Minutes - 1983

Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, 1983

Holiday Inn - West, Topeka, KS

Chairman David Pacey called the business meeting to order at 8:15am, Saturday, October 15, 1983, with 16 members in attendance. Chairman Pacey announced the executive's board appointment of Danny H. Rogers as secretary-treasurer to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Parker Kendrick.

The minutes of the Hesston meeting were read by Secretary Rogers. The minutes were approved as read. Secretary-Treasurer Rogers next presented the Treasurer's Report. The summary of the report is as follows:

- Premeeting Balance, 28 October, 1982 - $774.45
- Deposits - 1027.17
- Expenditures - 1069.74
- Premeeting Balance, 10 October, 1983 - 731.88

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

After the treasurer's Report a call for outstanding bills was made. A bill from the nomination and awards committee for awards plaques was presented for payment.

Chairman Pacey called upon Dr. Charles Spillman to present the KSU dept of agricultural engineering report. Dr. Spillman reported the numbers of undergraduate students was down slightly from last year's enrollment although graduate student numbers are approximately doubled. The total enrollment for the College of Engineering was also down this year. Dr. Spillman noted that the quality of student performance has been excellent in terms of both academic and extra-curricular activity. A local chapter of Alpha Epsilon, the Agricultural Engineering Honorary Society, has been established.

Dr. Spillman introduced Joe Harner who had recently joined the faculty to fill the positon opened by the retirement of Elywn Holmes. Dr. Spillman also announced the positions vacated by the retirement of Ralph Lipper and Gus Fairbanks have been filled by Steve Eckhoff and Mike Mailander respectively. Dr. Spillman noted his former position is currently in the process of being filled.

Dr. Spillman closed his report with a rundown of various research and extension projects. He also reminded the membership that the two new and the old student recruitment films are available and the Hesston Student Recruitment Tour is planned.

Chairman Pacey called upon Jim Steichen for the membership report. Dr. Steichen reported 243 members, down one from the previous year. He had also requested a list of members with 25 and 40 year memberships that these people can be properly recognized.

Chairman Pacey presented the report on behalf of the Nomination and Awards Committee. The slate of officers for the 1983-84 year are as follows

- Chairman: Mike O'Halloran
- Vice-Chairman Elect: David Pope
Chairman Pacey called upon Neil Stevens for the Consulting Engineer Committee Report. Mr. Stevens reported the committee had not been active this past year and that John George and Jim Scharplaz had resigned. He submitted no nomination to fill his expiring term and recommended the committee be dropped due to lack of interest.

During the business portion of the meeting, Chairman Pacey introduced the subject of incorporation of the Kansas Section of ASAE. He distributed an Article of Incorporation sheet and announced the executive board’s recommendation of incorporating. After some discussion, David Pope moved to incorporate the Kansas Section, Harry Manges seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The next item of business concerned the consulting committee. Chairman Pacey noted that Morgan Powell had been appointed to fill the term of John George. He announced that the executive board recommended that the nomination responsibility for new committee members be placed with the standing nomination committee rather than with the members of the consulting committee. Chairman Pacey also noted he had talked with Bill Johnson about the possibility of filling the vacancy left by Jim Scharplaz. Scharplaz was to be the committee chairman this year. It was felt a replacement for him should be familiar with the committee's past activities.

After some discussion Jim Steichen moved to eliminate the executive secretary position of the committee. Second was by Bill Funk and the motion carried. Harry Manges moved to place the nomination responsibility for the Consulting Committee with the regular standing nomination committee. This was seconded and carried.

The next business item concerned rebate monies from National Dues. Secretary Rogers reported the rebate money for this year was not applied for but the section was still eligible to collect. He had the rebate forms to apply for both this year and next. Jim Steichen moved that the Kansas section give $150 to the KSU dept of agricultural engineering for educational and promotional purposes with the understanding that the majority of this money would be forthcoming through rebate program. Mark Loche seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Pacey now called for elections. The consulting committee elections were held first. Bill Funk nominated Bill Johnson to fill the term of Jim Scharplaz which had one year remaining and is the chairman position of the committee. This was seconded. Charles Spillman moved the nominations cease. This was seconded and carried, electing Bill Johnson to the consulting committee.

The four year term nominations were opened. Harry Manges nominated Dan Spare. This was seconded. Mike O'Halloran moved to cease nominations. This was seconded and carried, electing Dan Spare to a four year term on the consulting committee.

Chairman Pacey now opened the floor for nominations for the Kansas Section officers. Charles Spillman moved to accept the nomination committee's recommendations and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the entire slate of officers. Bill Funk seconded and this motion carried.

Chairman Pacey polled the membership in attendance about interest in holding a microcomputer interface course in conjunction with the next section meeting. A straw poll indicated slight interest. Dr. Spillman indicated a mailing through National ASAE could be made to more completely assess membership interest and this could be done.
at no cost to the Kansas Section.

The final item of business was establishing the location of the next meeting. Jim Steichen moved to hold the next meeting in Manhattan within the time frame of the past meetings and in conjunction with a home football game. Bill Funk seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Pacey asked for any announcements. Harry Manges announced that the Mid-Central Regional Paper Proposals must be in by Nov 15, 1983. After this announcement the meeting was adjourned.

At the Friday evening banquet, Donald Signor of Lawrence and David Binne of Salina were announced as 25 year members of ASAE. Don Christy of Scott City was announced at Friday evening banquet as the Engineer and Young Engineer of the Year Award Winners respectively. Joe Harkins made the banquet dinner presentation. He is Director of the Kansas Water Office and his speech dealt with current water problems and water policies and planning in Kansas.

Respectfully Submitted

Danny H. Rogers

Secretary-Treasurer 1982-83

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