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MINUTES OF THE 101st ANNUAL WES BUSINESS MEETING VIRTUAL ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2021

President Ryan Kobbe summoned the meeting to order and welcomed the membership assembled virtually for the 101st Annual Business Meeting. President Kobbe reminded everybody of the WES business meeting rules of decorum that participation in this meeting requires a beverage of some variety, so he took a pause to encourage everyone to scamper to their nearest icebox and get a beverage to get yourself into the spirit of the Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society Meeting. This meeting is supposed to be interactive, so please feel free to chime in and participate as you are able, however, keep your microphone muted if you are not talking. If you are reporting to the participants, please turn your camera on so everyone can see you.

A year ago, none of us expected COVID-19 and the need for a virtual convention this year. As the year went on, it became obvious that we could not hold the convention in our traditional format. The Executive Committee and the Executive Director worked very hard through the year to bring you a convention with as much content as possible, to align with past years number of CPC's and business meetings. The Executive Committee also decided to continue with our full scholarship funding, despite the fact we did not know how participation and fund-raising to support the scholarships would go due to the virtual environment. True to form, our Society membership has stepped to the plate and it appears that we will be able to provide the scholarships without borrowing out of our Society reserve funds.

Past President Murray Schroeder displayed a framed print of the photo taken at the 100th annual business meeting in 2020. Anyone that would like their own framed print, may send \$75 to Murray and he will mail one to them. There is a key on the back with names of those in the photo. There are 3 unidentified individuals, if those individuals or others would let us know whom those people are, we will add their names to the key. Picture was taken to emulate a photo that had been taken of the Society in the 1920's.

President Kobbe did a quick run through of the agenda for the WES Business meeting. Approval of the agenda was moved, seconded, and passed.

President Kobbe started reading the minutes of the 100th Annual Business Meeting. President Kobbe was quickly interrupted with discussions from the floor to dismiss the reading of the minutes. There was a motion to dismiss the reading of the minutes, motion was seconded and

approved. President Kobbe reminded participants that the 2020 Meeting minutes are on the website of the Society for anyone who would like to read them.

State of the Society:

President Kobbe imposed on Executive Director, Gary Grigsby, to present the Annual Report of the State of the Society for 2020. The Executive Director's presentation highlighted the following:

Membership: Gary Grigsby reported as of February 11, 2021, the Wyoming Engineering Society had about 300 paid members, however, they continue to come through the Cvent system in conjunction with the convention. We currently have 38 honorary members.

Exhibits: Executive Director, Gary Grigsby, reported that for the 101st Annual Convention we had 8 exhibitors – 4 Silver Sponsors (\$750) which included ACEC Insurance Business Trust, Keller North America, RDO Equipment and T-O Engineers. In addition, we had 4 regular exhibitors (\$300) which included Carlson Software, SWCA Environmental Consultants, True North Steel, and Vaughn Concrete Products, for a total of \$4200 from our exhibitors to support the convention. The report was received with a round of applause thanking the exhibitors and the exhibits committee.

Registration: Gary Grigsby reported that as of February 11, 2021 we had 280 registered for the convention for \$49,415. We have 76 registered for Part 1 of the ASCE course tomorrow and 68 signed up for part 2. So out of the \$49,415, we will be writing a check to ASCE for \$6480 for the ASCE Chapter at UW. That leaves WES with a net of \$42,935 currently. There was a question how registration income compared to normal years, and it was mentioned that we do not know for sure at this time as registration remains open until April 1, 2021 for individuals to attend the recorded on-line classes until April 15, 2021, but at this time appears to be fairly similar to past events.

Finance Committee: – Finance Committee Member, Harrison Carter, reported the committee met to review and discuss the finances of the organization, approve the finances, and did not recommend any changes at this time.

Secretary/Treasurer, Shelby Carlson, stated that she had reviewed the financial records of the Society, as presented in the documents noted below, and found them to be accurate, correct and to reflect the financial condition of the Society, with all transactions suitably supported by proper documentation.

1. Balance Sheet – December 31, 2020
2. Summary of Revenue/Deposits – FY 2020
3. Summary of Expenditures – Checks written – FY2020
4. Edward Jones Year-end report FY2020
5. Bank Statements – 2020

Financial Report:

Total Income:	\$111,688.11
Total Expenses:	<u>104,703.66</u>
Net Gain for 2020:	\$ 6,984.45
Income Fund of America (Edward Jones Account):	\$ 86,325.59
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 67,682.76
Total Net Worth:	<u>\$154,008.35</u>

Note: The Edward Jones Account had a beginning balance of \$81,477.50. There was a positive change in asset value of \$4,848.09 with an ending balance for 2020 of \$86,325.59.

Resolutions: Committee Chair Josh Fuller started his presentation for the 100th and a half convention showing everyone the sign language “hands up and shaking” to show your applause for presenters and the resolutions prepared by the committee. Whereas, in the past year the good Lord has called the following of our members to their final home – Chuck Spurlock, Abe Knapp, Jerry Russell, Bill Sherman, Ken Kennedy, Boots Nelson, and Larry Perry. Chairman Fuller asked that those in attendance observe a moment of silence in memory of our members lost, but not forgotten, who passed in 2020. Chairman Fuller then gave a reading of the resolutions. Pontification of the resolutions proceeded to completion with only minor breakdowns in proper meeting decorum.

Scholarship: Committee Chairman, Justin Terfehr, announced that WES awarded \$14,000 to this year’s students which is \$4000 more than we traditionally award and the account remains in good standing, therefore, they will continue to award at that level for the coming few years. Scholarships are funded through the WES Undergraduate Education Trust Fund which has a value of \$312,000 and typically gains about a 4% per year return on that account. The eight scholarship winners selected by the committee for academic year 2020-2021:

Scholarship Name	2019 Scholarship Winner	Winner's Hometown	UW Engineering Department
Past President's (\$2,500)	Amanda Christensen	Buford, WY	Chemical Engineering
WES (\$2,000)	Wyatt Leadens	Sedalia, CO	Civil Engineering
WES (\$2,000)	John Denigan	Rye, CO	Mechanical Engineering
WES (\$2,000)	Jayden Forbes	Minden, NV	Civil Engineering
WES (\$2,000)	Emma Wilson	Elnora, Alberta Canada	Petroleum Engineering
Carl Oslund Memorial (\$1,500)	Oreoluwa Babatunde	Oyo State, Nigeria	Computer Engineering
Carl Oslund General (\$1,000)	James Sheets	Powell, WY	Mechanical Engineering
Carl Oslund General (\$1,000)	Megan Vande Steeg	Greeley, CO	Civil Engineering

The other half of the committee's duties is to award the Student Engineer of the Year, which is completely funded through WES's general account, at a level of about \$12,000/yr. The actual scholarship amount is \$11,250 with the remainder being used for plaques and other associated expenses. In November, the committee interviewed eight outstanding students who were their departments' nominees for the WES Student Engineer of the Year Award. The committee selected one awardee and designated the others as WES honorees as follows:

Nominating UW Engineering Department	Student's Name	Student's Hometown	Award / Honorarium Amount
Outstanding Student Engineer of the Year	Suzanne Piver	Cheyenne, WY	\$2,500 Award
Architectural	Tessa Anderson	Eagle River, AK	\$1,250 Honorarium
Chemical	Amanda Christensen	Buford, WY	\$1,250 Honorarium
Civil	Daniel Gardalan	Highlands Ranch, CO	\$1,250 Honorarium
Electrical	Briley James	Wheatland, WY	\$1,250 Honorarium
Energy Systems	Taylor Romshek	Windsor, WO	\$1,250 Honorarium
Mechanical	Elijah Ellis	Cheyenne, WY	\$1,250 Honorarium
Petroleum	Colter Robinette	Lakewood, CO	\$1,250 Honorarium

Chair Terfehr thanked the other members of the 2020 WES Award and Scholarship Committee: Rick Deuell, Angie Schrader, Joe Lord, Thomas V. Edgar, David Whitman, David M. Bagley, Murray Schroeder, Ryan Kobbe, Jeff Bates, Derrick Thompson, and Cameron Wright.

Sincerely,
Justin Terfehr, Chairman, WES Award and Scholarship Committee

Publicity: Committee Chair, Ryan Waterbury, reported that the committee has worked hard to report the happenings of the Society throughout the year. The Facebook page has 263 likes, which is an increase in 10 followers since last year. They published 45 posts throughout the year. The LinkedIn page has 124 members which is an increase in 25 members over the last year, encouraging everyone to post job openings and industry news on the page. As we move towards next year's convention in Sheridan, Ryan encouraged chairs of the other committees, the Executive Committee, the Executive Director, and members at large to reach out to the Publicity Committee and use them to get information out about the Society. Chairman Waterbury did recruit Mathias Jung from JB Engineers, and Garrett Zimmers from WWC to help with the committee next year.

Presidential Project Award: Committee Chair Dave Whitman reported:

The 2019 Projects of the Year were displayed at the UW College of Engineering during "E" week just prior to the COVID-19 Quarantine. Unfortunately, due to that event the posters were not displayed anywhere else during the past year. Due to the pandemic the committee met via

Zoom on January 19, 2021 to judge this year's project submittals. The Chair gathered all 4 of the Engineering Projects from the WES Office in Cheyenne and UW. It was noted that the requirements have changed for submissions and in the future they should be delivered to the WES office in Cheyenne. The notebooks were scanned, and photos taken of the posters and shared with the committee members to do their own individual project evaluations.

The winning project this year was the North Sheridan Interchange Project, submitted by Morrison Maierle. Honorable mention goes to the projects of – Evers Boulevard Project submitted by AVI, PC; the Teton County Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling Project submitted by Teton County Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling; and the I-80 Point of Rocks West Project submitted by the Wyoming Department of Transportation. It is expected that these projects will be displayed at the College of Engineering over the next couple of months and then forwarded to other locations. If you are interested in getting the projects displayed in a local office or a library, etc., please email Dave Whitman. Dave has contacted the State Capitol officials to display the projects in the gallery that has been used for many years, however, they are still not accepting displays at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Whitman, Chair

Site Selection: Committee Chair, William Dolinar, was unable to attend, so President Kobbe provided the report on the committee's recommendation for future sites. As everyone knows we were supposed to be at the Holiday Inn Sheridan this year. The Holiday Inn agreed to work with us given the circumstances and the extended our contract out until next year. The slate of future events is as follows:

- Next year's convention, Sheridan Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming, February 2, 3, and 4th, 2022.
- 2023 Site is proposed as the Clarion Inn (previous Parkway Plaza) in Casper.

The Society needs to determine if we want to enter a contract with the Clarion Inn, Casper for the convention in 2022 as this needs to happen soon to secure the space. Discussion pursued and the questions was asked if the combined event, both in-person and virtual, may reduce the participation to allow for other communities in Wyoming to be considered. The approximate attendance of 300 – 400 participants has limited the options to Sheridan, Casper, Laramie, and Cheyenne. Motion was made to accept the Clarion Inn, Casper, for the 2023 event, seconded, motion passed.

Ryan will work with the committee to look at other areas in the state, such as Rock Springs, Jackson, and Cody, to see what facilities are available. There are guidelines developed regarding the number of sleeping rooms, meeting rooms, and exhibitors space needed.

Legislation: Committee Chair, Mark Madsen, reported on key issues in the State Legislature which as usual is always a riveting good time. (Mark will share the report with anyone who would like to see it).

HOUSE BILLS

- General Appropriations, Supplemental Budget
- School Buildings and Facilities, Major Maintenance

- Transportation Computer System Funding
- Fuel Tax increase by 9¢ / gallon
- Wind Tax Exemption
- Interference with Public Contracting
- Road Usage Charge
- Local Government Distribution
- School Finance Recalibration
- Wyoming Preference Act
- Wind Energy Production Tax
- Property Tax Assessments

SENATE BILLS

- General Appropriations, Supplemental Budget
- School Facilities Project Prioritization
- Public Works Contracting Requirements
- Primary Seatbelt
- Taxes Increases, Ad Valorem Tax Revision
- Tolling Authority
- Constitution Amendment – Allow vote of electors to impose taxes
- Omnibus Water Bill and Planning
- Universal Occupational Licensure – has passed, thanks to the State Board for their work on the bill

Respectfully Submitted,
On Behalf of the Legislative Committee

Report of the Wyoming Board of Registration: President, Ryan Kobbe, asked Jeff Fuller to provide a report on the activities of the Wyoming Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

- Number of new licensures in Wyoming in 2020
 - EIT – 94 Resident Individuals, 149 Non-Resident, Total 243
 - LSIT – 2 Resident, 0 Non-Resident, Total 2
 - LS – 3 Resident Individuals, 12 Non-Resident, Total 15
 - PE – 41 Resident Individuals, 470 Non-Resident, Total 511
 - Engineering Firm Registrants, 10 Resident Firms, 103 Non-Resident, Total 113
- Number of Licensees in Wyoming on 02/02/2021
 - EIT – 1081 Resident Individuals, 758 Non-Resident, Total 1839
 - LSIT – 27 Resident, 8 Non-Resident, Total 35
 - LS – 112 Resident Individuals, 169 Non-Resident, Total 281
 - PE – 1135 Resident Individuals, 6179 Non-Resident, Total 7314
 - PELS – 31 Resident Individuals, 20 Non-Resident, Total 51

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution and By-Laws Update: Secretary-Treasurer, Shelby Carlson, provided a brief update on the changes and adoption of the 2021 Constitution and Bylaws:

- Changed the name of the Wyoming Engineering Society to the Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society.
- Provided a new Mission Statement versus the previous Object Statement.
- The Immediate Past President was added as a non-voting member to the Executive Committee.
- The roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director were defined and clarified that the position is filled by the Executive Committee on a qualification basis.
- The remainder of the changes were generally editorial, grammatical, and organizational in nature.

The Executive Committee routed the draft for comment in September of 2020 to all members and took comments. The Executive Committee made minor changes based on comments received and sent Constitution and Bylaws out to all members on November 4, 2020 for the official vote. The voting closed on January 5, 2021 to meet the 60-day requirement. We received a total of 47 votes, 45 (95.7%) FOR, and 2 (4.3%) AGAINST. The new 2021 Constitution and Bylaws were passed and adopted in January 2021.

The Executive Committee's 2021 task will be to review, consider and revise the Operating Practices, which identify the operations of the Society and the roles and responsibilities of the Officers and Committees.

Member, Thomas Edgar, congratulated and thanked the Executive Committee on a job well done on the virtual convention, noting that attendance far exceeded what we had anticipated.

NEW BUSINESS

Honorary Members: It was announced by President Kobbe that the Past Presidents of the Society convened at the 101st Virtual Convention and bestowed the distinguished and respected rank of Honorary Member upon Murray Schroeder and Mike Donnell.

Nominations: Committee Chair Murray Schroeder reported the committee – consisting of himself and fellow Past Presidents Amy Allen and Dave Whitman – by the authority vested in the committee by the Constitution of the Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society, nominate (after the slate of officers volunteered to serve another year in their same roles, due to the change in format caused by the pandemic) the following slate of officers to serve until the 102nd Annual Convention to be held in 2022: Ryan Kobbe: President, Harrison Carter: Vice-President, and Shelby Carlson: Secretary-Treasurer. It was moved Stan Abel, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee is looking forward to a live event in Sheridan next year. We had a great team working on the event for 2021, and we had to set them on the bench when the COVID-19 pandemic took the convention in another direction. If anyone would like to help with organizing the Sheridan 2022 Convention, please let us know. You can email the Executive Committee at WESOfficers@gmail.com.

2020 Engineer of the Year Award:

President Kobbe announced Jim Kaldianos, recently retired WYDOT Design Team Leader and professor at the University of Wyoming. Jim was a go to person at the University in Civil and

Architectural Departments. He had a great career with WYDOT and positively impacted a lot of this professions graduates over the past 40 years or so. The Virtual format makes it harder to recognize Jim in the manner we would like to, and we request everyone provide a round of applause for Jim.

There being no further business, President Kobbe requested a motion to adjourn the 101st Virtual Convention. Dave Whitman made the motion, Tom Edgar seconded the motion, and the motion passed. President Kobbe declared the Virtual 101st Annual meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Carlson, Secretary-Treasurer