

ASCE General Meeting  
04/04/05 – Chapel Break  
Gellersen 231

Ashley Young (Pres Elect.) led the meeting.

- Old Business:
  - ASCE Great Lakes Regional Competition – April 21st – 23rd
    - As the competition this year is at IIT in Chicago, IL, we will be going for the day on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - The steel bridge, balsa wood bridge, technical paper, environmental, and concrete baseball bat competitions will all be held on Saturday.
    - We (VU ASCE) will only be competing in the environmental competition.
    - Anyone interested in participating in the steel bridge competition next year should go.
    - 6 students attending. Anyone else interested please contact any member of the E-Board ASAP.
  - Membership Forms
    - Those that have been attending but are not yet members of the chapter were encouraged to become both a local chapter member and a national society member.
      - One time \$10 fee for the local chapter.
      - Free memberships for students in the national society.
    - It was also noted that one must be a member in good standing to vote.
  - Constitution Changes
    - Proposal of amendment in Article I, Section 5.
    - Non-discrimination clause added per Student Senate requirements.
    - Updated constitution can be found at:  
<http://www.valpo.edu/student/asce/documents.html>
    - Amendment ratified by unanimous vote of attending members in good standing.
- New Business:
  - Field Trips
    - The chapter is working to put together field trips for both this spring and for the fall.
    - Ideas include:
      - Cedar Point – Behind the Scenes
      - Visit Concrete Redimix Plant
      - Construction Projects
      - Steel Mills (if possible)
      - Chicago Tour with Professor Longinow
      - Coffee Creek
    - Interest was shown in Coffee Creek yet this spring, and Cedar Point this fall.

- The consensus for Coffee Creek was that a Friday afternoon would work well, and could be followed by a social activity, eg BBQ or a trip to the dunes.
- Social Activities
  - The chapter is working to put together some social activities before the end of this semester.
  - Ideas include:
    - BBQ at Professor Leitch's House
    - Visit the Dunes, go walking on the trails
- Fundraising Activities
  - Plans in the works for fundraisers in the Fall
    - Texas Hold-Em Tournament
  - Please contact any member of the E-Board if you have any other ideas that you would like to see discussed.
- Interest in Community Service
  - The VU ASCE chapter currently does not participate in any community service.
  - Ideas for service include:
    - Adopt a Highway (cleanup a section of a highway)
    - Make and install wheel chair ramps for elderly who can't afford it
    - Building Big - go to local elementary or middle schools and talk about engineering and do activities with them
- Student Bridge Update
  - As the weather gets warmer, the push is on to finish both campus and Vineyard sites.
  - Work will be going on most afternoons from now until the end of the year.
  - To get added to the bridge mailing list, please contact [Derek.synder@valpo.edu](mailto:Derek.synder@valpo.edu)