Christian Engineering Society Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, 7/12/2019 from 8:45 – 9:30 pm at Dordt University

I. Meeting was brought to order by Steve VanderLeest (SVL)

II. Opening prayer was offered by Bill Jordan (BJ)

III. Minutes from previous meeting (6/29/2017) were presented and approved.

IV. Introduction of board members, officers, and volunteers (effective after CEC 2019).
   - Board Member: Steve VanderLeest (president)
   - Board Member: To Be Determined (vice president)
   - Board Member: Bill Jordan (treasurer)
   - Board Member: Gayle Ermer (secretary)
   - Board Member: Melani Plett (at large)
   - Newsletter Editor: Ted Song
   - Website Managers: Mike Foster, SVL

V. President’s Report
   a. SVL summarized the history and goals of the society and presented membership statistics.
      - This year’s official membership count is 60. Last year was 56.
      - 140 Facebook group members, 210 LinkedIn group members
   b. Conference information
      - SVL thanked the conference organizers for their hard work: Justin Vander Werff (conference chair) and Randy Schwindt (program chair).
      - SVL noted that google click ads were used for the first time to publicize the conference starting in April (at a cost of $350, resulting in 54K impressions and 364 clicks).
   c. Future plans
      - 2020: Dinner at Montreal ASEE Conference. A dinner host/coordinator is needed.
   d. Board actions
      - Approved the addition of two new board members. Process for nominating and electing these members also approved.
      - Approved funds for advertising.
      - Approved funds for student scholarships to attend conference and developed application process.
      - Published a member directory which was emailed to members.
      - Ongoing work on the scholarly journal. Launch of open access journal provided through Baylor University scheduled for early 2020. CFP to be available this fall. Reviewers will be needed.
• Thank you to MP for completing service as treasurer. BJ will assume the role of treasurer after this meeting.

VI. Treasurer's Report
a. MP reported that there are currently 60 individual members (up from 57 at last meeting) and 12 institutional members (up from 11).
b. Spending and account balances were reported.

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VII. Election Results
a. GE reported that Ted Song and Justin Vander Werff were elected as at large members of the board.
b. David Che and Mike Foster were thanked for their willingness to run and encouraged to consider future service.

VIII. Discussion Period
a. Comment: interest rate on CES account is low. Response: current bylaws do not allow investment of funds, but it might be wise to compare rates among banks.
b. Announcements
   i. California Baptist University is in immediate need of faculty in mechanical and civil engineering. Note: the CES website hosts job postings.
   ii. Liberty University plans to have a PhD program in place by 2024.
   iii. Derek Schuurman noted that he is looking for book review writers for the American Scientific Affiliation journal *Perspective on Science and Christian Faith*.
   iv. Note: Announcements can also be included in future newsletters (emailed and posted on-line)
c. General comments
   i. The CES logo needs to be updated.
   ii. For the next conference, pre-conference workshops should be considered (e.g. new faculty workshop, software training, future leaders in Christian education).
   iii. Board should consider a plan for the society in 5-10 years, e.g. membership, financial, and conference participation targets.
   iv. Suggestion to promote ourselves via the One Accord conference and to other mission organizations.
   v. Suggestion to continue to grow industry participation by offering pdh credit, reaching out to alumni, and reaching out to local engineers.
   vi. Suggestion to include a discipline-specific networking session at the next conference.
vii. The need to reach out to Christian faculty at public universities was emphasized. CRU Faculty Commons and Intervarsity Emerging Scholars Network were mentioned as possible venues. A session at the next conference could focus on educators at secular schools.

viii. It was suggested that CES sponsor a booth at the next ASEE conference (~$2000). Institutional members of CES could be highlighted in the display.

ix. It was suggested that we might provide CES ribbons for ASEE conference attendee badges.

x. Suggestion to consider whether we should piggyback on ASA or ASEE for future conferences. Would ultimately like to have yearly conferences.

xi. Job posting on the CES site was discussed. Currently the list is restricted to companies with a Christian connection/mission. Board should consider loosening the criteria, which might allow for job and internship matching via the site.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Ermer, CES Secretary