

## 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.
    - 2021: Full CEC at Azusa Pacific University in Long Beach, CA (jointly with Association of Christians in Mathematical Sciences). A program chair, and possibly a general conference chair, will be needed. Dates: ACMS: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 through Saturday, June 26, 2021 and CES: Friday, June 25, 2021 through Saturday, June 26, 2021
  - 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

- MP reported that there are currently 60 individual members (up from 57 at last meeting) and 12 institutional members (up from 11).
- Spending and account balances were reported.

Opening balance	\$17,237.03	
Income from memberships	\$ 2,936.81	Less Paypal fees
Funds from CEC dues to cover logistics	TBD	Conference is intended to be revenue neutral
Expenses	\$ 193.95	Primarily for Google ad services
Interest earned	\$ 4.14	Minus miniscule taxes withheld
Donations	\$ 482.50	
Current balance	\$20,466.53	Does not yet reflect gains or losses from CEC 2019

VII. Election Results

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

VIII. Discussion Period

- 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.
- Announcements
  - California Baptist University is in immediate need of faculty in mechanical and civil engineering. Note: the CES website hosts job postings.
  - Liberty University plans to have a PhD program in place by 2024.
  - Derek Schuurman noted that he is looking for book review writers for the American Scientific Affiliation journal *Perspective on Science and Christian Faith*.
  - Note: Announcements can also be included in future newsletters (emailed and posted on-line)
- General comments
  - The CES logo needs to be updated.
  - For the next conference, pre-conference workshops should be considered (e.g. new faculty workshop, software training, future leaders in Christian education).
  - Board should consider a plan for the society in 5-10 years, e.g. membership, financial, and conference participation targets.
  - Suggestion to promote ourselves via the One Accord conference and to other mission organizations.
  - Suggestion to continue to grow industry participation by offering pdh credit, reaching out to alumni, and reaching out to local engineers.
  - 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 Intersity 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