

**2007 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2007**

**Memorial Union Building  
Michigan Technological University Campus**

1. Call to Order

- Joe Zellmer
- Self-Introductions

<b>2007 North Central Conference Business Meeting April 1st, 2007</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Joe Zellmer	Michigan Technological University
Kurt Schimpke	Michigan Technological University
Andrew Mansfield	Michigan Technological University
Adam Feenstra	Michigan Technological University
Mike McClain	Michigan Technological University
David Pritchard	ASCE Region 3 Governor
Dave White	University of Akron
Anthony Eckinger	University of Akron
Daniel Van Borel	University of Akron
Nate Foote	University of Akron
Andrew Rener	ASCE CSA
Heather Thurston	Michigan State University
Frank Hatfeild	Michigan State University
Dennis Raudolph	Western Michigan University
Chris Marshall	University of Michigan
David Parchuton	University of Michigan
Andrew Stastny	Western Michigan University
Craig Kurinsky	Western Michigan University
Nick Francis	Western Michigan University
Nnaemeka U. Ezekwemba	Michigan State University
Christopher Nelson	Michigan State University
Dan Willams	Michigan State University
Brad Fase	Michigan State University
Joel Brown	Michigan State University
Chase Whitlatch	Lawrence Technological University
Frahad Reza	Ohio Northern University
Bruce Berdanier	Ohio Northern University
Michael Brown	Ohio Northern University
Ryan Mahle	Ohio Northern University
Brad Barber	Ohio Northern University

2. David Pritchard – Region 3 Governor

- Welcome and thanks to the Host school
- National Activities
- Raising the Bar

Push for a masters for PE

- National Infrastructure Bills
  - Dam Safety
- Possible change in ASCE Organizational structure
  - 501 C-6
- Diversity in Engineering
- International Organizations (EWB, etc.)
- Push for Membership in National ASCE
- Questions

3. Andrew Renner – CSA

- Rule changes in this year's competition
  - Qualifications for National Competitions require technical paper/meeting attendance
- Questions
  - Why Technical Paper
    - Important to be able to write and communicate effectively
    - Mead Paper Contest

4. Dr. Neil Hutzler – CEE Department Chair at Michigan Tech

- Welcome and thanks

5. Conference Constitution

- Revisions and Comments
  1. Issue of cost of conference brought up by Nate Foote, University of Akron. Several options discussed amongst teams. Decided that solution and possible amendments be drafted prior to next years conference. Michigan State University will be responsible for making any changes to constitution.
  2. Western Michigan University brought up possibility of switching the 2010 conference location from University of Akron to Western Michigan University. Postponed for the time being.
  3. University of Akron brought up that they were interested in possibly leaving the North Central conference and moving instead to the Ohio Valley Region, this due to travel costs, difficulty of fundraising, and student interests. In order to switch conferences they needed to be let go from our conference. They wanted permission to take a vote now to allow them to leave the conference at a later date.

Motion (Mike Brown, ONU): To Vote now to allow University of Akron to leave the North Central Conference pending their own decision. (Nate Foote, U of A)

Second: Chase Whitlatch, Lawrence Tech University

Vote: For: 4  
Against: 2  
Abstained: 1 (University of Akron)

Motion Carried

They will contact other schools in 1 month by email and mail of their decision

4. Motion to draft language to clarify Constitution's wording on issue of joining and leaving the North Central Conference

Second: Mike Brown, Ohio Northern University

Vote: For: 7  
Against: 0

Motion Carried

Michigan State to be in charge of this at next Conference

5. Western Michigan University again brought up possibility of switching the 2010 conference location from University of Akron to Western Michigan University.

Motion: (Western Michigan University) Pending approval of Akron leaving the North Central Conference, the 2010 Conference will be switched to Western Michigan University.

Second:

Vote: For: 6  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 1 (Western Michigan University)

#### 5. Conference Equipment

-Swamp tank and Steel Bridge loading steel transferred to Michigan State University for next year's conference

#### 6. Feedback session

- Quick responses from host school in regards to questions was good
- Question regarding how host school chose/operated technical paper competition
- Branch out and encourage smaller schools to participate. Maybe offer free registration materials to representatives to visit next year's conference.
- New and additional special events such as environmental or design competition
- Wave registration fees for smaller, new schools in order to promote participation
- Specify rule changes for local conditions in advance

## 7. Motion to Adjourn

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Respectfully submitted,

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