ASC Region I Meeting

Attendees (28)
Erin Vitale (Alfred St.), Todd Dunn (RIT), Chris Fiori (Drexel), Kenneth Sands (Drexel), Anne Marie Sowder (CUNY), Amine Ghanem (RWU), Nadid Alaubai (Norwich), Philip Dunn (U Maine), Meredith Kirkmann (???), Holly Holevinski (RIT), Jason Kuberka (RIT), GC Brunnhoeffer (RWU), Dimitar Todorov (Utica), Paul Corvella (SUNY ESF), Jared Heinl (Clarkson), Jim Billings (Clarkson), Kent Hikida (Pratt), Larry Chiarelli (NYU), Gary Brackett (SUNY Delhi), William Dean (???), Namhun Lee (CCSU), Jacob Kovel (CCSU), Andy Chae (CCSU), Erik Backus (Clarkson), Gordon Reynolds (Vermont Tech.), Joe Witt (Vermont Tech.), Jared Yando (SUNY Delhi), Jesse Ottesen (Weeks Marine)

Discussion

(Directors comments in red font)

A. General
a. Ontario and Quebec are now in our region per the National meeting
b. 2018 Minneapolis ASC meeting promises to be extraordinary. Attendance was highly encouraged to give Region I more of a presence in national organization. [link]
c. 2019 is in Denver and 2020 in Liverpool, UK
d. National Elections are open – Todd Dunn would like to run for secretary. Members were asked to nominate him. Todd will email brief vitae so that members can write a good letter.
e. Need nominations for regional awards

B. Competition Summary
a. Schools participating 16, (DB 7, CIVIL 7, CB – 10, PreCon- 11) Teams competing 35
b. Meals to be served in the ballroom
c. Tables to be provided by the team was in the rules. Jared Yando apologized for not advertising the change more widely. The board members will try to improve communication when changes are made at mid-year (Rules and guidelines have been on the website since early August for all to view; elimination of the tables is in the minutes from the midyear meeting which have been on the website for over five months)
d. Disappointment with hotel this year regarding rooms not cleaned and ready upon arrival and some teams having to move to hotel across the street (schools must specifically request early check-in if they want to get in the rooms before 4 p.m.; the one school that had to move did not have correct reservations)
e. Hotel charged one faculty for 21 rooms on his credit card
f. Chris Fiori would like to step down as hotel coordinator; we need a volunteer to replace her (call for new hotel coordinator was sent out 11/12)
g. The change to later lunch/brunch on Saturday is not to most teams liking, again communication was poor about this change (Meal times are indicated on the schedule which was posted on the website in mid October)
h. Members would like duties of officers to be defined (Region 1 bylaws/operating procedures have been posted to the website)
i. Mid-year meeting needs a location – perhaps AGC office in Albany. Also the ability to attend via conference call or skype (AGC of NY has offered to host)

j. A simplified version of Erick Backus “prequalification form” was agreed upon to be required next year. One pdf per team would be submitted. The exact format of form is to be determined (form will be posted to website)

k. No extra faculty beyond listed judges are here at any meals.

l. Dates for next year: November 8-10, 2018

C. Job Fair Summary
   a. 23 companies participating

D. Budget
   a. Preconference balance $20,900
   b. Post conference projection $25,000
   c. Food cost per attendee at max count (Saturday Brunch) - $139.73
   d. Members would like an accounting of receipts and expenditures at mid-year meeting (full financial statement will be distributed to all Region 1 members once all of the bills have been paid)

E. Future Competitions
   a. Location
      i. All agreed we should look elsewhere when our contract is up at Hilton Albany
      ii. It was suggested to contact chamber of commerce and put out RFP to move
      iii. Schedule change was widely discussed; Jesse Ottesen reported that judging companies did not like it. A motion to change was brought to floor and it was voted down.
   b. Breakfast must be served next year on morning of presentations. Bagels, coffee and juice is acceptable (continental breakfast will add approx. $5,500 to our budget)
   c. Start time could have been moved up by 30 minutes this year.
   d. Expansion of categories – group would like an analysis of cost, it was agreed that a new category would need to be open to other regions (analysis will be posted on website)
   e. Discussion of raising career fair fee structure to $3,000 and $2,500 for early payment, also perhaps having a discounted cost for smaller contractors by volume (new fee structure is being developed and will be presented at the mid-year meeting)
   f. Need more signage next year to recognize sponsors (is someone volunteering to help with this?)

F. Rule Changes – tabled until mid-year – ran out of time (proposed rule changes will be emailed to all member schools)

G. Presentations by Procore, blue beam and Trimble were well attended.
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