American Society of Safety Engineers
CT Valley Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/15/2015
Time meeting called to order: 5:00     Adjourned: 8:00
Location: Sheraton Four Points, Meriden CT

Attendees:
☐ Nathan Fague – President*
☐ Allison Bresloff – President Elect*
☐ Walt Tucker – Vice President*
☐ Tom Benedict – Treasurer*
☐ Michael Stanczyc – Secretary*
☐ Marc Nettleton – Past President*
☐ Joe Bongiovanni – Construction Practice Specialty
   – Communications Chair, Jobs Chair
☐ John Able, CSP – Nominations, Newsletter Editor
   – Awards & Honors Chair
☐ Walt Tucker – Government Affairs Chair
☐ Tim Healy – Chapter Student Affairs Chair
☐ Ralph Willing – Scholarship Chair
☐ Maryanne Steele – Western Massachusetts Chair
☐ Jack Braddock – Foundation Liaison
☐ Sylvia Malinsky – Chapter Membership Chair
☐ Marc Nettleton - Delegate*
☐ Nathan Fague - Delegate*
☐ Eric Stager
☐ Dave Gelpke

Quorum present: Yes / No (a majority of the * need to be in attendance to make it a quorum) YES
Approval of the previous minutes:

Treasurer’s Report: Executive Committee meeting minutes must reflect submittal and approval of the monthly financial report. Approved / Not Approved
APPROVED

Old/New Business Items
Nate reviewed the items of interest that he got out of the Member Experience survey. Some of the suggestions that came out of it were to possibly move the meetings to different geographical locations to better support the membership. It was also suggested to have meetings during normal work hours and have them available with webcasts/virtual meetings for those who can’t attend.

Eric Stager mentioned that we should be contributing to the Body of Knowledge. The ASSE Body of Knowledge represents a tremendous progression for the Society and the practice of Safety. The BOK is the collected wisdom, experience, processes, and facts that both inform the profession and provide the solid foundation from which continuous improvements and innovative change can occur. Since 1911, ASSE and its members have made countless contributions to the safety, health and environmental profession through its training programs, publications, and research projects. Competency, collaboration, and credibility for the SH&E professional are the desired outcomes of these efforts. The BOK is located in the Member section of the ASSE website and can be contributed to by any member. Instructions on how to contribute can be found on the ASSE website.

It was brought up that future meetings should be scheduled, optimally, 6-8 months out to allow for adequate time for fitting into everyone’s busy schedule and be on a uniform day of the week. It was discussed that the 1st Wednesday of the month is a good day to do meetings.

The Western Mass Section has a meeting scheduled for August 21st at which the new Confined Space Standard will be reviewed.
The Chapter has two qualified individuals that have applied for a scholarship. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the Chapter would fund a scholarship for both individuals in the amount of $1000, $1000 to be taken from the Chapter funds and $1000 to be funded from the former Nutmeg Chapter funds that the Society is retaining.

A discussion was had with Eric Stager concerning the former Nutmeg Chapter funds that the Society is retaining. A couple options came up. One would be to possibly fund the Robert Ferris Grant (a former Nutmeg Chapter grant) or possibly giving the money to the ASSE foundation to fund scholarships and professional development in perpetuity. This will require further discussion/debate.

A suggestion was made to have student dues after graduation escalate on a tiered approach in the hopes of keeping them in the Chapter/Society as they transition into their safety careers.

The Chapter has two vacant positions to fill (Communications Chair & Awards & Honors Chair). It was suggested that contact be made with Mike Shannock and Rosemary Coggeshall as both have expressed an interest in being active in the Chapter.

A brief discussion was had concerning attending upcoming conferences and that it is best to start planning as early as possible as it helps control costs.

Tom reviewed the requirements of the Chapter Standard Operating Guidelines document highlights.

The Connecticut Safety Society Golf Outing donated $500 to the “Survive the Drive” campaign. The CT Valley Chapter donated $300 to help support the outing.

Tom will be retiring from the Treasurer position at the end of his current term. We will need to fill the position and are looking for volunteers. Anyone who is
interested should contact the Board. The sooner the better as it is advantageous to shadow Tom as long as possible to make the final transition smoother.

**Exact wording of all motions including names:**
Motion to support the two scholarships at a level of $1000 each

**Results and number of votes**
Scholarship were unanimously approved

**Motions tabled or postponed**
None

**Date/Time and Location of the next meeting:** TBD

Michael Stanczyc
Secretary
CT Valley Chapter
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