

ACAGE Board Meeting
Albuquerque, NM
April 15, 2004
6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

John Burkstaller, President	Robert Tachau, Board Member
Walter Hines, Past President	Conrad Keyes, Board Member
Barbara Crockett, Secretary	Don Lopez, Member
Chris Youngblood, Board Member	Jim Morris, Member
Craig Newton, NMSU Faculty Member	

1. **Phonathon** – John Burkstaller, Rob Tachau, and Walt Hines are going to finish up the phonathon calls. Chris Youngblood offered to help as well. **Action:** Finish Phonathon by April 30.
2. **Database** – The maintenance status of the ACAGE database is not clear. The NMSU Alumni Association (AA) has offered to maintain database. The Association can include several fields and link the ACAGE website member list maintained by the Association. There is a cost. **Action:** Meet with Alumni Association. Set up meeting with Debbie Widger Tentative Date: June 6 and 7.
3. **Life Membership:** Extend to date to October 2004 for members to pay for \$500 membership before cost goes up to \$1,000.
4. **Interdepartmental Academy** – Gather information on department academies. The Interdepartmental Academy is looking for representation of up to three from each of the academy. **Action:** Barbara Crockett send list of officers, when we meet, and initiation.
5. **Academy member nominations**
 - Mars DeLapp (WH)
 - Gary Hobbs (WH)
 - Jess Ward (WH)
 - LeeAnn Towne (WH)
 - Kerry Davis*
 - Deborah Hicks*
 - Tres Hicks*
 - Jerry Paz*
 - Rhonda Faught*
 - Barbara Crockett*
 - Rob Richardson*
 - Kevin Patton (CY)
 - Bruce Stidworthy (CY)
 - Steve House (BC)**Action:** Nominations due by May 21. John to contact Debbie, NMSU AA for list of updated of alumni. Ken White has a list of names of every graduate (almost 2000 graduates).
6. **John Clark Endowment** – John Hernandez pledged up to \$65K to set up endowment for John Clark if the ACAGE obtained with matching funds from members. Walt Hines did an e-mail challenge soliciting \$5,000 donations. He secured pledges from 12 people to donate \$5,000K each. The next step is to request a federal match of \$125K. ACAGE will discuss with Ken White regarding the endowment criteria.
7. Walt Hines has attempted without success to solicit donations from Albuquerque Companies (similar to Ed Archuleta in El Paso) including having Ted Asbury send out letters, encouraging companies make donation. Ted Asbury has not sent out letter.

8. Geological Engineering as an emphasis is no longer going to be supported by the Civil Engineering Department. The department is currently searching for Geotechnical Engineer Faculty. Accreditation will expire and geotechnical engineering will be an option similar to environmental and structural.
9. Senior design course – Would be great to get some additional input including ideas for designs. **Action:** John will contact **Phil King**. Rob to contact Bob Donham, retired Las Cruces structural engineer, that might be interested in supporting structural Capstone seminar.
10. Annual Banquet – Hilton Hotel, October 29, 2004
 - Honorary Membership – Discussed not having and honorary member this year and rather focus on John Clark endowment. The decision was made to not have an honorary member and focus on a tribute to John Clark.
 - Invite Jackie Clark to come to the banquet. Decision made not to do it this year.

*Nominated last year, completed information, and did not attend.

Next Meeting – Monday, June 7, 2004 in Las Cruces
Minutes by Barbara Crockett.