

# ACAGE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

*Mission:*

NMSU ACAGE serves as a communication liaison promoting support for the Engineering CE department form Industry, Government and Academia.

DATE: September 12, 2016

TIME: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (Meeting started @11:43 am)

PLACE: NMSU CE Department

MEETING: ACAGE BOARD Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Phone in Meeting

I. Roll Call

Tim Cynova-President

Chris Traina-Membership Co-Chair

David Jauregui-Treasurer

Adrienne Widmer- Financial Affair Co-Chair

Margaret Cotsonis-Adm. Asst.

## II. Consent Agenda

- Minutes for the July 22, 2016 meeting will be approved at the next meeting due to lack of a quorum
- Current Agenda approved

## III. Meeting Agenda

- ABET UPDATE – David Jauregui reported the meeting will be Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm in Hernandez Hall. For members who cannot attend a call in number will be set up. The agenda will be emailed before the meeting. Dr. Jauregui discussed some of the concerns about Civil Engineering students and their lack of basic skills in communication and computer software. MS Excel and technical writing would help with analyst and scholarship applications. Also these will help when entering the workforce.
- ACAGE Banquet update – In Conrad Keyes absents, Margaret reported on the banquet and initiates. Most of the initiates have sent in their registration, picture, and bio information. The banquet program will be sent out in the next week and hopefully it will encourage more of the membership to register.
- NMSU CE Department - Civil Engineering Homecoming-David Jauregui went over the schedule for September 30<sup>th</sup>. He discussed what he will present at The State of the Department at 8:30, at 9:30 the group will break out into sessions and have discussion about online master degrees and changing the Civil Engineering

department name to Civil and Environmental Engineering. At 11:30 there will be Alumni recognition, tours of the labs, and the John Clarke lecture will start at 2:00 PM. Dr. King has asked Mike Connor, NMSU BS in Chemical Engineering and Deputy Secretary of the Interior, to be the speaker (after the fact – Ted Asbury will be the speaker). The ACAGE Initiation and Annual Meeting will start at 3:15.

#### IV. Committees

- Student Affairs: ABET meeting will be coordinated by volunteers.
- Potential Initiates update-Conrad was not available for update, but his 2016 & 2017 summaries were provided by email to the Board before this call.
- By-Laws update-Voting will take place first at the annual meeting.
- Scholarship activity-David Jauregui reported the CE scholarship pool will be used to pick the top two scholarships. David also discussed giving a Faculty achievement award for 2017 in the amount of \$1000. A Committee needed to be formed made up of 3 ACAGE members and 1 Faculty to work on the nomination.
- Other Scholarships – David suggested letting members know about new scholarship monies and the ACAGE Silver Anniversary Endowed scholarship needed only a few thousand to make it an endowment.

Adjournment

No other issues to be discussed Adrienne made a motion to adjourn and David 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, meeting ended @12:30.