

ACAGE Board Conference Call  
April 12<sup>th</sup> , 2013 @ 1:30 PM

Attending: Jorge Garcia [President], Conrad Keyes [Membership Co-Chair], Peter Martin [CE Dept. Head- Ex Officio], Kevin Eades, Carey French, Dean Albertson [Past President], Adrian Hanson, Frank Guzman. Tim Cynova [Secretary]

1. Meeting called to order. 1:35pm (Using Adobe Connect in CE Dept Conference Room)
2. Agenda accepted. Motion stated - Frank Seconded.
3. Approved minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup> , 2013 teleconference.
4. Committee updates:
  - a. Faculty Affairs: Adrian gave update – Faculty members are up to grade for the research, teaching, and service. Recommend distributing a faculty award proposal to the board for comment; motion was made and carried. Now how to approach funding was advanced – suggestions were presented but will be discussed at a later date. Keyes reminded that this needed to be ready by October for seeking the potential sources of income during the Annual ACAGE Meeting.
  - b. Student Affairs: Peter gave report - The students placed second in the regional competitions for the concrete canoe overall category, did good but will not go to Nationals. Bridge did good but was disqualified on technical design items. Utah State took first in every category of the competitions - but that is because the University has made a class for the competitions. Them having a class makes their students more prepared in every category of the competitions especially in the presentations. CSU is also in the process of making a class for the competitions. But doesn't this defeat the voluntary portion of the participation process, and the idea of the fair competitions; reminds me of how football got started; now look what it has become.
  - c. Membership:  
Carey any comments – no.  
Minutes of all recorded meetings will be distributed out to everyone, maybe by Dropbox.
5. Potential 2013 Initiates need Board approval:  
Frank was questioned on any negatives on 2013 initiates – none that he knew of .  
Deborah will not be here to report during this meeting. Has one abstain for an initiate nominee.  
Gilbert – will not be here to report at the meeting, but has 12 – 13 No's for initiates.

Carey – said she had not paid her dues yet - so could no vote, but the Board says she can vote as she pays her dues.

Lydia - is out for a week but will be right on it as soon as she is back.

The Board made a motion and voted to send to the membership the 2013 Initiates list for balloting. There must be a 75% vote in affirmative for approval of each Initiate by the active members(ones that pay their suggested annual donation amount).

The Board needs a minority report from Gilbert - Jorge will call Gilbert to get reasons for so many no's for the initiates.

Keys - make sure that life members are included in the 2013 Initiates voting (their dues are paid).

6. ACE 1988 Initiates\Invites: No new information since last meeting.  
There are a total of 11 that were ACE initiates, about 6-7 may be coming for the silver anniversary ceremony.
  
7. Honorary Member:  
Dr. White will not be available for a Friday ceremony for two years until grandson graduates from High School.  
Need a proposal to change the Honorary Member requirement for NMSU from outside the University to go from 20% to 30% to match what we have recommended for 2015.  
Now, we still have time to find a qualified Honorary Member Nominee. There is a list ut, so poll the Nomination/Awards committee members again – we can get someone from engineering practice again.
  
8. Banquet Venue:  
There are two venues to settle on – will need to talk to the venue again about a final choice?. Two contracts, one the Hilton Garden and the other the El Encanto.  
Board decided to go with El Encanto.
  
9. Scholarship Funding:  
Dr. Martin has looked at the old funding sources - which have a lot of restrictions, tied to the awards, so would need to be very specific. Let's promote the old scholarships which have not been used.  
Dr. Martin looked at the Account for the Academy of CAGE, which is to pay Lydia and what she does for the Academy as a personal assistant.  
There was discussion again on Maggard Courtyard work on what Dr. Martin has in mind for Chi Epsilon to do and how the work would be paid for and get done.
  
10. Social media activity:

There are 220 ACAGE members before initiates, which includes 40 deceased members

And 90 ACAGE members are on LinkedIn

And 45 on Facebook with 5 on twitter.

If 2013 ACAGE initiates are not involved in social media, they may not see all the information during the ACAGE nomination process.

11. Other Issues:

Let's make the Adobe Connect system work if we can. Remember to use a plugged in connection if you have it and Wifi connection second.

12. Meeting adjourned. Motion and seconded.

Next meeting will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013, at 1:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Cynova