

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Minutes of Meetings

BOSTON SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

September 12, 1973 — A joint meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers (Mass. Section) with the Boston Society of Civil Engineers was held at the Branding Iron Restaurant, 75 Blossom Court, Boston. Following a social hour and luncheon, the meeting was called to order at about 12:45 p.m. by President Hirshfeld of the Massachusetts Section, A.S.C.E. Following a few brief announcements, President Hirshfeld called upon the Secretary of B.S.C.E. to conduct any Society business.

The Secretary announced receipt of applications from the following:

For Member: Stephen Alsup, John Dewsnap, Roy Fedotoff, Joseph Kerrissey, Jr., Alden Jenkins, Donald McAllister, H. Gordon O'Reilly, Jr. and Robert Vallee.

For transfer to Member: Thomas Hurley, Leland Jenkins, Thomas Turton and Charles S. Young, III.

For Junior Member: James Flagg and Kevin McRae.

The members then observed a moment of silence for deceased member Lawrence S. Burke.

Mr. Cranston Rogers, National Director of American Society of Civil Engineers made a few brief introductory remarks on the subject matter of the program, which was a panel discussion of Retirement and Pension Systems.

The first speaker, Mr. Pat Brennan of Tippetts, Abbett, McCarthy and Stratton spoke for Mr. Daniel Reisner on the existing profit sharing (retirement) plan of his firm. This was followed by a description of typical retirement systems, tax implications, and future trends by Mr. James Moynihan of State Mutual Life Assurance Co. of America. The final speaker, Mr. Edmund Lang, Director of Professional Services from the American Society of Civil Engineers' National Headquarters gave a description of the A.S.C.E. interest and viewpoint on current and future policies of such systems.

The speakers answered various ques-

tions from the floor after their presentations.

Adjournment was at 2:00 p.m.

Approximately 50 members and guests attended the meeting.

Joseph F. Willard

Secretary

October 24, 1973 — The Annual Student Night Joint Meeting of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers and the Massachusetts Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers with Student Chapters was held at Northeastern University, Boston, following dinner. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Liu of the American Society of Civil Engineers, at 7:35 p.m. After introducing the head table, Dr. Liu turned the meeting over to President Sorota of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers. Following welcoming remarks, Mr. Sorota called upon the Secretary to conduct any Society business. The Secretary read announcements of forthcoming meetings and, then, read the names of new members elected by the Board of Government on October 17, 1973 as follows:

For Member: Stephen A. Alsup, Robert H. Fitzgerald, and Robert Peter Vallee.

For transfer from Junior to Member: David F. Doyle, Bruce O. Tobiasson, and Thomas H. Turton.

Applications for membership from the following were announced: Edward L. Byrne, Herbert H. Einstein, and David L. Freed.

This concluded the Boston Society of Civil Engineers' business meeting.

Dr. Liu, then, introduced Mr. Cranston Rogers, District Director of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who made a few timely comments on ethics. Mr. Thomas Flynn, President of the Northeastern University Student Chapter, also made a few remarks on the same subject.

The next order of business was the awarding of the 50th Anniversary Certificates to the Student Chapters from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and

Worcester Polytechnic Institute granted by the American Society of Civil Engineers' Board of Direction. This was followed by awards of the 1972 Certificates of Commendation to the Student Chapters from Merrimac College, Northeastern University, and the University of Massachusetts.

Mr. Lee Worth was called upon to moderate a debate on "Nuclear Power Plants Versus the Environment." Dr. James McKenzie, of the Audubon Society, gave the Environmental viewpoint, while Mr. Lawrence Minnick, of Yankee Atomic Electric Company, gave the power plant viewpoint. After the presentations and rebuttals, the meeting was opened to a general question and answer period with a number of excellent questions being raised from the floor.

Approximately 200 members, students, and guests attended the dinner and meeting, which was adjourned at about 9:35 p.m.

Joseph F. Willard
Secretary

CONSTRUCTION SECTION

October 17, 1973 — The Regular Construction Section luncheon meeting was held at the Red Coach Grill, 43 Stanhope Street, Boston. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Robert Norton of Metcalf & Eddy was the guest speaker. The theme was "Construction of Large Sewers in Urban Areas". A recently completed sewer construction project in Salem & Peabody was the subject under discussion.

A total of 37 members and guests were in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Clerk

ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

October 30, 1973 — The Environmental Section of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers met at the Playboy Club in Boston. There were 36 in attendance.

The meeting commenced with cocktails from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner served from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. At approximately 7:30 p.m. Chairman Guertin introduced Dr. Otis Sproul of the University of Maine, who talked on the Inactivation of Viruses. Dr. Sproul's talk went on for approximately one hour, followed by a question and answer period, which extended up until approximately 9:00 p.m. when the meeting adjourned.

Paul D. Guertin
Chairman

STRUCTURAL SECTION

October 3, 1973 — The October 3rd meeting of the BSCE Structural Section, held in the auditorium of the Boston Public Library, was opened at 7:00 p.m. by R. Zallen, Chairman. After a number of announcements by Max Sarota, BSCE president, Mr. Joseph Jones of the AISC presented to W.J. Le Messurier a special citation recognizing his contributions to the design of steel frame structures.

In the technical portion of the meeting, Professor Lynn Beedle, Director of the Fritz Engineering Laboratory at Lehigh University, gave the T.R. Higgin Lecture on the results of recent research on beam-column and connection behavior.

The meeting, attended by approximately 100, was adjourned at 8:30.

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