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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (1/14/2017)

The meeting was called to order by President Leffler at 12:35p.m.

Secretary Swanson reviewed the general meeting minutes from June 25, 2016. A motion to accept the meeting minutes as written was offered by member Bell and seconded by director Curtis. The motion was approved by the membership unanimously.

Secretary Swanson reported that the BOD adopted changes to the Bylaws regarding conferring of the level of Fellow to qualified candidates at the September 14th teleconference meeting. Paul Swanson, Art Schwartz, and Mary Ann Cannon met on December 27, 2016 at NAFE Headquarters to review the electronic and paper balloting for the 2017 Director-at-Large positions. James Petersen and Liberty Lewis were elected to the 2017 Board of Directors as Directors-at-Large.

Director Gordon provided a review of the NAFE financial status as summarized in the Treasurer's report. The finances were reported to be sufficient to meet the upcoming obligations of the Academy. It was noted that the journal publications and meals at the seminars are significant expenses to the Academy.

Executive Director Schwartz informed the membership that the upcoming NAFE meeting venues. The next summer meeting will be in Atlanta, Georgia July 21 - 23.

President Leffler commended Marvin Spector for 30 years of service on the NAFE Board of Directors. President Leffler acknowledge the hard work provided by the Executive Director and the headquarters staff during his tenure as president. President Leffler stated that there are currently 427 dues paying members in the Academy and 54 members joined the Academy during 2016. NAFE membership is strong as evidenced by the large attendance at the New Orleans seminar.

Director Curtis provided the Legislature Committee report. Given the various changes currently occurring at Federal level due to the election, it is unlikely any actions relative to the practice of forensic engineering will be acted upon. An appeal was made to the membership to be diligent about reporting actions affecting Forensic Engineering at the State and local levels.

President Leffler provided the Technical Journal Review Committee report and explained to the membership the benefits of publishing in the Journal. An update of the status of indexing journal papers with EBSCO was provided. The indexing service will result in increased exposure for the published journal papers. A request was



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made to the membership for those that would be willing to serve as technical reviewers for candidate journal papers. The committee was also looking to the membership for a Vice Chairman for the committee.

President Leffler presented a summary of the Board of Directors January 13, 2017 Meeting actions.

The language in the NAFE Bylaws (Article III Section 1 (b)) regarding Fellow qualification language was changed: (1) change “registration” to “license” and (3) changed to allow the Admissions Committee some discretion for approving qualification.

A non-discrimination statement was adopted as NAFE OP 15.

The NAFE Mentorship Program was adopted as NAFE OP 16.

A revision to NAFE AP 14 was made to clarify the use of the NAFE insignia in presentations and websites.

The NAFE Bylaws Article III Section 3 regarding Life Members was amended to provide additional benefits for Life Members and clarify the CPD requirements for those Life Members that want to maintain status as Diplomate Engineer according to CESB.

New Business Actions:

President Leffler reported that the Board acted to renew the Executive Director’s contract for three more years. It was also reported the Board discussed various options for limiting paper journal publications. The Board decided to request members state their journal publication preface during the next membership renewal cycle.

A motion to accept the proposed revisions to the NAFE Bylaws was offered by Director Curtis and seconded by Member Courtuse. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors was offered by Director Curtis and seconded by Director Haglid. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the committee reports was offered by Director Leshner and seconded by Director Gordon. The motion was passed unanimously.



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The installation of the 2017 slate of officers was officiated by Past President Paul Stephens.

President: MICHAEL D. LESHNER, PE. [NAFE 559F]
Pres. Elect: MARTIN E. GORDON, PE. [NAFE 699S]
Sr. Vice Pres: KLAS C HAGLID, PE., RA. [NAFE 599S]
Vice Pres: JOHN CERTUSE, PE. [NAFE 708F]
Treasurer: JERRY SCOTT OGDEN, PE. [NAFE 561F]
Secretary: PAUL G. SWANSON, PE. [NAFE 653M]
Past Pres: JOHN P. LEFFLER, PE. [NAFE 709S]
Past Pres: JEFFREY D. ARMSTRONG, PE. [NAFE 644F]
Past Pres: E. ROSS CURTIS, PE [NAFE 571S]
Dir. At Large: LIBERTY LEWIS, PE. [777M]
Dir. At Large: JAMES PETERSEN, PE. [631F]

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was closed at 1:05p.m.

Paul G. Swanson, P.E.
NAFE Secretary
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