Board of Directors Meeting
The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, Inc.
Center for Excellence, Columbus, OH
Friday, June 23, 2017, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Cargill

Cargill had members sign in and established that there was a quorum with 17 voting members present.

Kevin Smith, Chairperson of the Board
David Bajula, President
David Mandina, Vice President
Scott Cargill, Treasurer
Arnold Bereson, Executive Director
Mohammed AbuFour
Martin Anderson
B. Boro Djordjevic
Gregory Garcia

Mohsen Hassanein
Danny Keck
Marybeth Miceli
Michael McGloin
Yi-Cheng “Peter” Pan
Robert Saunders
Flynn Spears
John Turner
William F. Via, Jr.

Guests entered web conference at various time pending on their reports: Roger Engelbart, Mark Gehlen, John Kinsey, Michael McDaniel, and Michael Ruddy

Staff: James Bennett, Heather Cowles, Tim Jones, Garra Liming, Mary Potter, Chris Schnitzer, and Michelle Thomas

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smith

3.1. Conflict of Interest

Members were individually asked whether there was any conflict of interest and there were none.

3.2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: McGloin recommended and so moved that the agenda be accepted as written.

Cargill seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.
Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. MOTION CARRIED
4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. Approval/Acceptance of Minutes (*Minutes uploaded to community*)

4.1.1. Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Draft BOD Meeting Minutes

4.2. Acceptance of Executive Committee Minutes & Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes

4.2.1. Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Draft Ex-Com Meeting Minutes

4.2.2. Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Draft Ex-Com Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** McGloin recommended and so moved that the Consent Agenda be accepted as written.

Via seconded the motion.

Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.  

MOTION CARRIED

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Board Charges (*Attachment 1*)

5.1.1. **Board Charge 05-108:** SDC to prepare a draft document for a Performance Based Testing

See McDaniel’s report for full details.

McDaniel recommended to keep it this charge on hold until American National Standards Institute (ANSI) provided response to ISC.

5.1.2. **Charge 15-201:** Charge Ad-Hoc Committee to study impact of Bylaws strategic changes to the Bylaws, and provide recommendations.

Bajula explained that the committee had been working on the changes for approximately two years and listed the members that were on the current ad-hoc committee. He reported on the proposed changes of the structure of ASNT leadership positions and terms as well as the nominating process for candidates to Board positions.

The ad-hoc committee will be meeting several more times before the Annual Conference to create the detail on how the structure would operate. See report for full details of the proposed structure changes.

Bajula will send copy of his presentation to all Board members.

Structure changes will be discussed again in detail at the first Board meeting at the Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. After the Board’s review in Nashville, TN, the
changes will be socialized with ASNT members for their discussion at the Town Hall meeting on Monday of the Annual Conference.

Discussion took place regarding the new proposed structure, how the terms would work, and how members would be selected to the Board and Executive Committee. Concern was raised that there were current bylaw changes being made this year and that if more were introduced it would cause confusion. Bereson explained the process that the current changes went through and that they were actually started over a year and a half ago. The changes that the ad-hoc committee is proposing would not go for a vote to the membership until the 2018 Annual Conference in Houston, TX. The ad-hoc committee would be able to socialize the changes to members during the 2017 Annual Conference and the 2018 Spring Symposium Town Hall meetings, before members would be asked to vote on the changes. The proposed changes would also be published in the *Materials Evaluation*.

Mandina called for Point of Order-member should speak once and then everybody discuss their thoughts. There was confusion about who could call for Point of Order and it was determined that any member could call for Point of Order but it would be at the Chairperson’s discretion on how to handle the situation.

It was also suggested that Board members should socialize the changes when they do their section visits. It was decided that after the Town Hall meeting and the second Board meeting at the Annual Conference that a PowerPoint presentation would be developed for members to take the section visits to inform them of the changes being proposed.

Clarification was made that these proposed changes would affect the elections in 2019.

Break taken at 9:56 a.m.
Meeting reconvened 10:16 am

5.1.3. **Charge 15-205:** SDC to revise CP-106 to align with ISO-9712 -2012 using Guide 21 and ASNT/ANSI standards development procedures & processes.

This is still a work in progress and will be worked on at the CMC meeting in July. It will be going for 60 day Public Review and should be published by end of the year. McDaniel requested that the Publications Department at ISC work on the formatting of the document, so that once the review comes back, the document should not take long to get published.

5.1.4. **Charge 15-206:** SDC to process “ILI-PQ “In-Line Inspection” Standard 2016 revision”

This was deferred until after lunch.

This is out for public review and should be ready for publication by the second Board meeting in November.
5.1.5. **Charge 17-001:** ISO 9712 Implementation Task Force to work with ACCP upgrade which includes adoption of ISO 9712. Smith will be the Chair of the committee and Bennett will be secretariat.

Smith presented a chart of the working structure of the committee and the topics that would be covered by the task force. He encouraged members to help with the process and that the goal was to self-certify by the end of 2018.

5.1.6. **Charge 17-002:** A subcommittee of the Business & Finance Committee will identify potential investment advisors and solicit proposals in alignment with the Investment Policy F-2 revision accepted by the Board 1/28/2017 with the intent of minimizing investment expenses by the Society. Other relevant factors will also be considered. The subcommittee will come back with recommendation to the Board no later than the 2nd Board meeting at the Spring Research Symposium. The subcommittee will also address the approach for transitioning funds to be in compliance with the current revision of the Investment Policy. The Subcommittee will consist of M. Gehlen (chair), M. Potter, D. Savoy, H. Sadek and A. Bereson. *(Attachment 12)*

See attached report for full details.

Gehlen gave a presentation on the work that the sub-committee completed in reviewing prospective investment advisors. One of the criteria that was used to select the firm, was that the new investment advisors would act as a fiduciary for ASNT’s investments. The sub-committee reviewed proposals from three different firms and selected Vanguard as the firm for the Business and Finance Committee to recommend to the Board to use for investing.

Discussion took place regarding the process for rebalancing investments because Vanguard rebalanced funds differently than the current ASNT investment policy. Vanguard reviews investments quarterly and will rebalance investments if necessary and the ASNT investment policy calls for this to be done once a year. The Business and Finance Committee presented two motions to the Board.

**Motion:** The Business and Finance Committee and Keck recommended and so moved that the ASNT Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director, Arny Bereson and CFO, Mary Potter to establish an investment portfolio management agreement with the Vanguard Group and to authorize transfer of all investment holding from UBS International to Vanguard Group and to terminate our current investment portfolio management agreement with UBS after the close of the fiscal year 2017, ending June 30, 2017.

**Rationale:** Vanguard Group Investment fees are several basis points lower than the other two firms for both passive (indexed) and actively managed funds.

Miceli seconded the motion.
Little discussion took place regarding everyone on the Business and Finance Committee being in agreement with this action. Potter said the committee had lettered balloted the decision on May 4, 2017.

Smith called the question and hand vote was taken. MOTION CARRIED

Motion: Keck recommended and so moved that the Board suspend provision 6.2 of the investment policy concerning rebalancing of ASNT asset to align with Vanguard’s rebalancing methodology under a discretionary investment management agreement.

Rationale: ASNT desires to enter into a discretionary investment agreement where an investment broker has legal fiduciary responsibility over ASNT investments. Vanguard’s discretionary investment agreement does not allow for rebalancing out of their methodology.

Hassanein seconded the motion.

Little discussion took place about changing ASNT policy to match the new investment agreement. Potter reported that the Business and Finance Committee would be looking at the policy by working with Vanguard and then make changes to the policy. It would be on the Business and Finance Committee agenda.

Cargill requested that this be a charge to the Business and Finance Committee.

Smith called the question and hand vote was taken. MOTION CARRIED

Smith issued Charge 17-011: The Business and Finance Committee is to review the Vanguard investment policy and revise ASNT policy as necessary.

The Board gave a round of applause to thank Gehlen for all of his hard work.

5.1.7. Charge 17-003: Employer-based NDT Program Compliance Committee

Create an ad-hoc committee to investigate and develop a program to register compliance of NDT Testing Laboratories and Inspection Agencies in accordance with SNT-TC-1A and CP-189 and written practice. The committee is to report back to the Board at the spring meeting with progress and benchmark dates. Goal is to have the program completed by December 31, 2017. M. Ruddy will chair the committee and members will include Ruddy, Mackin, Culbertson, McDaniel and ISC support that is necessary.

Ruddy gave presentation (See Attachment 13 for detailed report and Attachment 15 for document.) on the auditor training program. The program document is complete and the committee needs guidance from the staff and Board to handle the administrative part of the program.
Concerned was raised about the cost and revenue of the program, the proposed roll out date of the program, as well as if the market analysis was completed. The Board was reminded, that the administration, marketing, and pricing are the responsibility of the ISC and the ad-hoc committee was charged with investigating and creating the program. If the ISC needs their assistance, the ad-hoc committee would be willing to help with the administrative part of this program as necessary. The roll out date was determined in the charge itself.

Discussion took place regarding the process that was used to establish the program document as well as some of the details of the program and how it would operate. A survey had been done with members of NDTMA with not a lot of success.

The Board thanked Ruddy with a round of applause for his excellent work.

Smith issued Charge 17-012: The ISC to work with the committee to get the cost and pricing of the program.

More discussion took place regarding how the program would operate and Ruddy explained that it would work in three phases. There was still concern about the timing of rolling out the program and the business plan for the program. It was suggested that the business plan be part of the charge.

Smith reworded Charge 17-012 as follows:

**Charge 17-012:** The ISC to work with the Employer NDT Program Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a business case report and complete the report in time to present to the Board at the first Board meeting of the Annual Conference in fall of 2017.

Break was taken at 11:40 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

**5.1.8. Charge 17-004:** Smith appointed a task force to investigate and return with advice on solving administrative issues with inactive or dormant sections. The task force shall report to the Board at the Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. Members of the task force will be Potter (Chair), Cowles, Miceli, Spears, and Via.

Report from this committee is due in Nashville, TN at the Annual Conference so no report was given at this time.

**5.1.9. Charge 17-005:** The Research Council is to investigate forming a committee on the emerging technologies to address structural health monitoring in the context of identifying technology gaps, developing concepts of areas of research that are significant and technical sessions and address other emerging technologies. (Not asking them to form the committee to just investigate whether it would be a good idea or not), and to report back to the Board.
No report was given at this meeting.

5.1.10. **Charge 17-006:** CMC to coordinate with Chevron/John O’Brien to investigate and outline a program to address improving inspector examinations/field performance. The CMC is to report and make a recommendation to the Board on the approach by the June 23, 2017 Board meeting.

Bajula is taking the lead on this charge and explained that this charge should move forward without putting it into the ACCP program so that the program can be rolled out. The program will advance much faster if it is not initially contained within the ACCP due to the lengthy timeline needed to psychometrically validate the examinations. ASNT still needs to go the route with the ACCP Version 2. This is a work in progress and O’Brien hopefully will be meeting with the committee in July before the CMC meeting. O’Brien’s resources will be allocated in the new fiscal year beginning July 1. Bajula hopes to have the oil and gas representatives at the CMC meeting.

5.1.11. **Charge 17-007:** The Business and Finance Committee is to develop a business plan including anticipated fees for hydrocarbon industry safety improvements in coordination with CMC and Chevron/John O’Brien. Initial business plan is due by June 23, 2017 Board meeting.

The Business and Finance Committee would like to get an outside firm to put a detailed plan together with stop gaps. This would take about $20,000 and would be an ex-budget item. Goal is to have a detailed plan by October 2017. Clarification was made that a market survey and business plan needs to be done. To develop this program it’s possible that the costs could possibly be several million dollars and the committee wants to make sure that the Board is aware of the costs involved.

**Motion:** Miceli recommended and so moved that the Board authorize the Executive Director to spend up to 40K on the development of a business plan including a market analysis for the Hydrocarbon Performance Demonstration Initiative.

**Rationale:** To make sure that this a viable opportunity for ASNT.

Keck seconded the motion.

There was no additional discussion.

Smith called the question and hand vote was taken and motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5.1.12. **Charge 17-008:** charge for ISC to work with SOC to bring data to help clarify what clarifies as student and transitioning military for the intent of encouraging students participation in ASNT and the due date is the summer board meeting.
Cowles reported that most attendees were in the 40-50 age range and only 10% or less were younger prospects. SOC wanted to make sure that money was not an issue for students not to attend the conference and attending events. Schnitzer said as long as the Conference Department is aware that students will be coming, ASNT can make sure that they can attend the conference without it being a financial burden to the student.

Everyone was in agreement that this could be done and Smith closed Charge 17-008.

5.1.13. Charge 17-009: The Chairperson of the Board will coordinate with the Business and Finance Committee to project the financial potential for the CFE.

Smith reported that this was a work in progress and that the data is being collected regarding the capacity of the center and the costs.

5.1.14. Charge 17-010: The Structural Integrity/NDE Engineering Task Force will lead the effort to carry out the foundational initiatives based on the strawman included in the T&E Engineering Division Spring 2017 meeting minutes and develop the technical objectives and rationale for the proposed evolution of the T&E Engineering Division into the Structural Integrity NDE Engineering Council. All efforts will be coordinated with T&E Engineering Division. The Task Force will present a plan to the Board no later than the Fall 2017 Board meeting.

Smith updated the Board that at the time the committee was formed Jack Duke was going to chair the committee, but now Ward Rummel is going to be the chair and he will be making a presentation at the Annual Conference on the subject.

Break taken at 1:56 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 2:07 pm

6. COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. SDC (Attachment 2) McDaniel

See attached report for full details.

Bajula will be giving an update on ASME and TC1A forming a joint task group.

McDaniel provided a draft of SDC Agenda for the Annual Conference meeting so Board members could attend and be a part of the discussions.

6.2. CMC (Attachment 3) Kinsey

See attached report for full details.

JSNDI and ASNT already have a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) but it is very limited and ASNT is working with JSNDI to update the MRA. Their program is more stringent than
ours and they have 17 major areas that we will need to address. ASNT has learned a lot through visits with JSNDI. They are willing to work with us in developing our programs to work compatibly.

Kinsey raised a concern that the progress has been slowed due to time restraints of an all-volunteer implementation team. He is suggesting that additional paid resources such as consultants, be used to meet the goals of the Board. Bajula said that the CMC would update the Board after the summer CMC meeting in July. Kinsey’s concern is that time will slip by quickly and he felt that the sooner the program was rolled out the more of the market ASNT would get.

Break for lunch at 12:12 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

6.3. **RC (Attachment 4)**

See attached report for full details.

Smith will be reporting later in the meeting regarding QNDE.

6.4. **SOC (Attachment 5)**

See attached report for full details.

An update on Regional Planning Meetings was given to the Board.

Discussion took place about holding the summer Board meeting in conjunction with the Section Leaders Conference (SLC) in June. The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday and the Board on Friday so that Board members can engage with the SLC on Saturday. Via was concerned about separating these two events as to not to take away from the Section Leaders.

6.4.1. **Selection Committee Applications due September 1 to Cowles**

There has been one application received so far. Councils are to get the applications to Cowles by September 1, 2017.

6.5. **T&E (Attachment 6)**

See attached report for full details.

Mark Pompe will accept the nomination of chair of T&E and John Iman has accepted the nomination as vice chair. Keck thanked Light for taking the interim position. Djordjevic thanked Keck and Light for taking over for him.
6.6. JC (Attachment 7)  

Engelbart

See attached report for full details.

The Joint council report was unchanged from what was submitted on March 16 to the Board.

Reminder was given that SOC needs recruitment of candidates for the Selection Committee.

6.6.1. “Back to Basics Video”

This was not covered in the report.

6.7. TAG Committee (Attachment 8)  

Vigne

See attached report for full details.

Smith read report for Vigne who could not attend the meeting. See report for full details.

6.7.1. TAG Meeting Schedule-Sweden

Gothenburg, Sweden is where the 2018 bi-annual meeting will be.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT  

Cargill

There was no report at this time.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT  

Bereson

8.1. Member Update

8.1.1. Doggart

Doggart was sentenced to 20 years in prison on June 15, 2017.

8.1.2. Onder Ozenc

Bereson passed out a document for the Board to review that contained inappropriate comments that Mr. Ozenc has communicated to staff members and has posted to different sites for the past year and a half.

Discussion took place regarding if the Board wanted to revoke membership of these two individuals.

Motion: Bajula moved to remove these two individuals as ASNT members.

McGloin seconded the motion.
Question was raised about Doggart appealing the sentence and Bereson reported that appeals can take years to be granted if a sufficient case can be made. All of this is public record.

The Board discussed that Ozenc had made threats against ASNT.

Per our bylaws these the two individuals can request a hearing. ASNT will give them a 30 day notice prior to when the hearing will be.

After the discussion, the Board felt that there should be two separate motions. Bajula and McGloin the seconder agreed to amend the original motion and split into two separate motions.

**Motion:** Bajula recommended and so moved that the Board task ISC to send out a “membership termination letter” to Mr. Doggart including the right to appeal.

**Rationale:** Mr. Doggart has already been discussed and action was waiting for his conviction; he has been sentenced to 20 years. Furthermore the Code of Ethics Paragraph 1.0 (To uphold at all time the reputation of the Society and the dignity of membership therein).

McGloin seconded the motion.

Clarification was made that this would just revoke membership to ASNT and that their ASNT certificates would need to be revoked by the CMC not the Board.

There was no further discussion and hand vote was taken.

Motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion:** Bajula recommended and so moved that the Board task ISC to send out a “membership termination letter” to Mr. Ozenc including his right to appeal.

**Rationale:** Mr. Ozenc has violated our Code of Ethics Paragraph 1 (To uphold at all time the reputation of the Society and the dignity of membership therein) and (5. To advertise only in a professional manner; to avoid using improper or questionable methods of soliciting professional work…)

Smith called the question and hand vote was taken.

Motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

ISC will request Sarah Mooney, ASNT attorney, to draft the letters next week.
8.2. Prohibition on Harassment Policy *(Attachment 9)*  

ISC captured the comments from Via and Anderson germane to the existing policy and sent to our non-profit attorney. A new revised policy was given to the Board members at the spring meeting for them to review and see if they wanted to act upon it at the summer Board meeting.

Everyone agreed this policy was fine. There were a few editorial changes that will be made before the policy is published.

**Motion:** McGloin recommended and so moved that the Prohibition on Harassment policy be accepted as revised and with editorial changes.

Anderson seconded the motion.

Clarification was made that it was for the volunteers only not staff. Staff has a separate policy.

Smith called the question and hand vote was taken.

Motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

8.3. Update on NDT/NSF Program

Bennett and Cowles went to Washington, DC with representatives from WELD Ed to go over the concept paper with them. The paper is due in October and they hope to have one more face to face meeting in July. ASNT hopes to hear back in January if they get the grant. The funds were reduced to $200,000 for each year for a total of three years. The goal is to apply for this grant as a means of collecting data and developing a process for a successful application for a multimillion dollar grant.

8.4. Recognition Ideas for Jim Houf and others that have passed away

There have been a lot of ideas submitted. Bereson is putting ideas together and by he will forward them to the Board by the Nashville, TN meeting.

8.5. Policy G-16 Requisite Travel and Expenses *(Attachment 11)*

The policy was re-crafted about a year ago and some of the language was a bit ambiguous and confusing. A section needed to be added for reimbursing members for Board Training. It was clarified that that the revised policy is not retroactive.

**Motion:** Spears recommended and so moved that the Board accept the revised Requisite Travel and Expense Policy as presented to the Board June 23, 2017.

**Rationale:** The purpose of the revision was to address any and all confusion regarding clarification of the expenses, reimbursements, and eligibility of officers for ASNT related business.
Keck seconded the motion.

It was mentioned that the Executive Director can approves expenses for extenuating circumstances.

Voice vote taken and motion carried unanimously.  

**MOTION CARRIED**

8.6. **Update on American Petroleum Institute (API)**

A tentative meeting has been scheduled between API, some ISC staff and Dave Bajula on July 26, 2017, a few days before the CMC meeting. The oil and gas sector are anxious to talk with us and Bajula will have an update after that meeting.

8.7. **ASIA Pacific Meeting**

It was reiterated that the Board voted to appoint Smith on the Board of APFNDT for four years and Bajula on the Pan American Board for four years.

At the APCNDT meeting in Singapore, Babu (the President of ICNDT) has set aside a four-hour segment of time on November 13, 2017, for a workshop for ASNT members to attend and thinks there will be 75-100 members in attendance. There will be more information in Nashville.

8.8. **PCN Certification**

The British Institute for Nondestructive Testing (BINDT) revoked approximately 3000 PCN certs which is about 10% their total PCN certs due to security issues at some of their testing facilities including India and Singapore. Discussion took place about how ASNT uses the highest level of security in India on all of our testing sites and other areas where there have been security issues. Site visits are also conducted to validate the security of the testing facilities. ASNT certificate holders were indicated on BINDT’s website at first but after a call to Sinclair, ASNT certification numbers were removed from their website immediately.

Of the 3000 PCN certificates that were revoked, the ISC has requested a list of those individuals who hold ASNT certificates. The ISC is still waiting for a response and if Bennett does not hear back from the certification contact at BINDT, Bereson will contact Sinclair for his assistance. There is more information on BINDT’s website.

Break taken at 3:00 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 3::09 pm
9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

9.1. Committee Appointments *(Attachment 10)*

Sadek submitted the committee members that will be serving for the 2018-20 term and the Board needs to approve the members. Bajula read through the list of names.

Shannon has not submitted his list at the time of this meeting.

**Motion:** Spears recommended and so moved that the Board accept the 2017 updated roster of committee members submitted by Committee Chairman Hussein Sadek for the Non-Financial Recognition Awards.

McGloin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and Smith called the question.

Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. **MOTION CARRIED**

9.2. President Updates *(Attachment 14)*

See attached report for full details.

9.2.1. CINDE

A signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RCan was completed (the government agency that is in charge of certification in Canada). ASNT is working with Pui Kei Yuen in developing an MRA. They are excited to work with ASNT but have cautioned that it may take some time to complete. Hopefully, the MRA will be signed next year.

9.2.2. COTEQ

Refer to the trip reports that have been posted to Board communities.

9.2.3. ICPITT

There were 250 attendees. Bajula showed videos from the conference and the links for the videos are included in his report, which is attached.

9.2.4. World Conference on Condition Monitoring (WCCM)

The first World Conference on Condition Monitoring was held in the United Kingdom. This conference was supported by BINDT. ASNT is still investigating what role to take with condition monitoring. Jack Duke was in charge of the task force to investigate the role that ASNT would take. Smith will cover later on in the meeting.
Bereson explained that the ISC staff have been working with Society for Machinery Failure Prevention Technology (MFPT) for the last year and half and have another meeting this week to see if ASNT can work more closely with them. ASNT has a place in this and we just need to figure out what that is.

9.2.5. Code week report

Bennett and Bajula attended code week and made a lot of headway. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has allocated time at the next Code Week to meet with Bennett, Ruddy, and Bajula to formalize work towards TC-1A acceptance. The meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2017 in Minneapolis.

9.2.6. Ultimate Safety Moment

A presentation designed to engage Level II’s is finished and Bajula will forward to Board members for them to use.

9.2.7. BINDT Video

Bajula showed the Board members the video that BINDT has developed to promote NDT. To see the video follow the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKfPb1bdllh4

10. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

10.1. Strategic Plan Update

Smith reminded board members they have a team of councils that they are working with on the Strategic Plan and they will need to update the Board at the Annual Conference. Smith will send out a reminder. The intent of Board members working with the councils is to help the councils to focus on the plan.

10.2. Activities at the CFE

Bennett reported that three refresher course sessions have been conducted at the CFE in the past year. Most participants have come from the US but there have been a few from other countries such as New Zealand, Israel, and Malaysia. Conklin has been cleaning up the instructor presentations. There has also been interest in NDT math classes being taught there.

10.3. Opportunities for Condition Monitoring

Duke and his ad-hoc were charged to investigate condition monitoring. He recommended ASNT investigating whether insurance companies would reduce premiums if an inspector certified in
Condition Monitoring was engaged with their insured. Smith will get more information and report back to the Board at the Annual Conference.

There is a lot of activity in this area worldwide and many sister societies are embracing condition monitoring. ASNT needs to make some decisions in the near term.

10.4. Flexible Riser Integrity Management

There will be a tract on Flexible Riser Integrity Management at the Annual Conference. It is being spearheaded by ABENDI. Discussion has taken place between ASNT and ABENDI regarding doing joint tracts or sessions at each other’s conferences. Last year we provided a short course to ABENDI on Aerospace. The idea is to work together with other societies.

Break taken at 3:58 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

10.5. Member Engagement

Discussion took place regarding reaching members who are not attending section meetings. Some sections are very populated and some are not. It has been suggested to begin doing virtual section meetings using social media to engage members that cannot physically attend meetings. This has been talked about for a while but now ASNT needs to move forward in that direction.

Lengthy discussion took place and a lot of suggestions were given on how this could be accomplished and what material could be presented. The virtual sections could benefit members in different time zones if it was asynchronous or if virtual sections were in various time zones. It is important to address the issue that many members speak a different language. ASNT already has access to some of the media platforms and could set up a library for section leaders, officers and Board members to use. Cost could be deferred by having companies pay for sponsoring videos.

Smith issued Charge 17-013: Establish a task force to develop content to be used in virtual sections. Miceli will be the Chair of the task force and she can populate the task force as necessary. The task force is to report back to the Board at the Annual Conference.

Short discussion took place about recording presenters at the conference and Schnitzer and Kropas-Huges will discuss the options available.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 CNDE

Djordjevic has a LLC that runs international symposiums/conferences and has asked ASNT to take it over. The symposiums/conferences attract international individuals primarily engaged in engineering and academia. It does not have a political agenda. There is more information on the
CNDE website; www.cnde.com. It has its own Board of Directors, whose membership is predominantly made up of ASNT members.

The Executive Committee has discussed this several times and they were unanimous that this was a good thing for ASNT. ASNT would host the website and it could operate through the Research Council. ASNT would not be responsible to host the symposium/conference unless we wanted to. The Research Council was given the information at the Spring Symposium and wanted to embrace this opportunity. Kenderian volunteered to organize the next meeting of CNDE and has been in contact with three venues to host the event in 2019.

Bereson, Smith, and Sarah Mooney; ASNT non-profit attorney, have discussed the legal process to acquire the company. ASNT would take over the intellectual property, the website, and any trademarks and logos. It will cost ASNT between $5,000 and $10,000 for the intellectual takeover/legal fees. This would be a one-time cost and ASNT may want to send staff or Board members to the symposium/conference which would involve additional costs.

Clarification was made that ASNT would get all papers and paper summaries.

**Motion:** Spears recommended and so moved that the Board approve the acquisition of the Center for Nondestructive Evaluation’s Intangible Assets and IP pursuant to the letter from the Law Office of Webster, Chamberlain & Bean, LLP dated June 20, 2017.

**Rationale:** ASNT as an Ohio not-for-profit corporation purchase all rights, IP and assets of the CNDE organization for the continued operation from its current owner Dr. B. Boro Djordjevic for the continuation and performance of operations to the scientific and engineering community.

Keck seconded the motion.

Short discussion took place regarding when the first symposium/conference would take place.

The motion was read and Smith called the question.

Hand vote was taken and motion carried.

14 in favor
0 opposed
2 abstentions-Miceli wanted to be recorded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11.2 High School Student Membership Fee**

Abufour made a presentation that there should be a High School Membership Fee added to the fee structure. The amount should be $15 for high school students and $35 for college students. Currently there is Student Member Fee of $15 and to be a Student Member an individual needs to be a full-time student in a degree seeking institution.
Discussion took place and it was suggested that this go to SOC for them to investigate and bring a suggestion back to the Board.

Smith issued **Charge 17-014**: SOC to investigate and report back to the Board at the second Board meeting in Nashville, TN, a recommendation on how we can have a high school student membership.

**11.3 India Exam Fees**

Abufour needed an explanation of why exam costs went from $185 in 2016 to $450 in 2017. Potter explained that when ASNT went to computer-based testing that a uniform price was established for certification with Pearson Vue Centers and that is the new cost. She explained that individuals paid fees to individual societies for sitting fees and to ASNT for exams. Now they just pay ASNT for both. In actuality there was no large increase in fees. It is simply an aggregation of all fees into one fee. During the discussion it was determined that the costs had been socialized and that it was an issue of communication being very slow in India.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Smith called for an Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. and asked for the Executive Director to stay for the session and the staff was released to leave the meeting.

**13. RECONVENE THE BOARD**

Smith reconvened the Board at 5:45 p.m.

**14. NEXT MEETING**

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Annual Conference in Nashville, TN

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASNT Secretary/Treasurer