

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
January 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Secretary Len Leitner, Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Joe Pignato, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Pat Ferrin, Rachel Guan, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleson, Lane Moll, Linda Taylor, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer, and member Andy Eller.

Not present: Vice President John Siekmeier, Directors Jessica Forsberg and Mike Lownsbury.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.
- II. **Introduction and New Board Member Orientation:** Board meeting days will continue to be the second Monday of the month. Schedule committee meetings for the year on one Wednesday each month during the lunch hour. President Buchen made the 2009 committee assignments.
- III. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the 12-8-08 board meeting were approved as written.
- IV. **Membership Report:** There are currently 963 Members (856 Regular, 45 Fair Share, and 62 Associates). There are 327 Life Members on the mailing list.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** The December 2008 Treasurer's Report was approved subject to audit. The Finance Committee shall meet to look into new types of investments.
- VI. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana Wheeler distributed his monthly status, labor relations and grievance reports.
 - A. **Directorship Appointment:** By online vote last month, the 2008 MGEC Executive Board voted 7-3 to appoint Rachel Guan to fill the one year vacancy created by John Siekmeier's assention to VP.
 - B. **Healthcare Bargaining:** The coalition wants proposals by 1-26-09. Survey members on healthcare for most important areas (*MRIs paid at 80-100%, out of pocket costs, copays, more prescription drug coverage, etc.*)
 - C. **Statewide Footwear Policy:** An update will be posted on the MGEC website this week.

VII. Committees

- A. **Education:** Chair Kettleson has located an instructor for Surveys and Construction, but not yet confirmed.
- B. **Legislative:** The first draft of the new brochure was distributed. The next committee meeting is 1-26-09, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.
- C. **Program:** Consult with committee chair on renewing a contract for the StoneRidge course again this year for September for the annual meeting and golf tournament.

- VIII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on February 9, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary