

**MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
**Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**February 2008**

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 11, 2008, at the MGEC office.

**Present:** President Joe Pignato, Vice President Peter Buchen, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Gordon Bergstrom, Ron Dahlquist, Pat Ferrin, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleson, Kim Larsen, Mike Lownsbury, John Siekmeier, Executive Director Dana Wheeler and Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer.

**Not present:** Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Jim Sellner, and Director Shongtao Dai.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Pignato called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes for January 2008 were approved as written.
- III. **Membership Report:** The January membership report was reviewed. There are currently 918 Members (811 Regular, 43 Fair Share, and 64 Associates). There are 316 Life Members on the mailing list. Life Membership was granted to Allan Mueller (MnDOT).
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** A motion was approved to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit and to make modifications to the dues planning graph.
- V. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana Wheeler distributed and reviewed his monthly status, labor relations and grievance reports.
  - A. **Meet & Confers:**
    - **MnDOT** – The next M&C is scheduled for 2-14-08 in District 2.
    - **DOLI** – A M&C was held with new Commissioner Sviggum on 12-11-07.
    - **MPCA** – The next M&C will be this month.
  - B. **Annual Meeting:** A motion was approved to set the date for the annual meeting for Monday September 8, 2008. The Program Committee will look at locations.
  - C. **Class Action Grievance** pertaining to DOER practice of not retroactively paying new pay rates when a new contract is approved: A motion was made to write a form letter or email including instructions, for former employees to fill out and send in for any severance and/or backpay; and to address part 2 of the grievance in negotiations (keep open). Motion seconded and passed.
  - D. **Health Insurance Coalition:** Notes from the LMC meeting 1-24-08 were distributed. The coalition will meet every other month.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE):** A motion was approved to continue support for the proposal that the Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer of MnDOT be a licensed engineer.
  - B. **Vendor Benefits for Members:** Tabled.
- VII. **New Business**
  - A. **Committee Appointments:** President Pignato finalized committee assignments. It was agreed that MGEC members that are not on the Board should be encouraged to serve on committees.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Len Leitner  
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer  
Administrative Secretary