

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

February 8, 2010

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at the MGEC office.

	Present	Not Present		Present	Not Present
President John Siekmeier	X		Director Joe Fleisher		X
Vice President Linda Heath	X		Director Rachel Guan		X
Past President Peter Buchen	X		Director Marilyn Jordahl Larson	X	
Secretary Len Leitner	X		Director Paul Kattleson	X	
Treasurer Jessica Forsberg	X		Director Jerry Kotzenmacher	X	
Director Mohammad Dehdashti	X		Director Mike Lownsbury	X	
Director Andy Eller		X	Executive Director Dana Wheeler	X	
Director Pat Ferrin	X		Administrative Asst Rhonda Bauer	X	

I. Call to Order: President Siekmeier called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

II. President's Report

A. Transportation Announcements:

- i. John gave his comments on workshops and on surveys and how they affect our membership. He passed out the following information:
 - ASCE "Summary from December Section Meeting Regarding Infrastructure Policy"
 - MnDOT/ACEC Annual Conference announcement
 - Met Council's "Council annual survey of residents."
- ii. John and Peter attended the Federal Transportation Policy listening session (Secretary LaHood) on January 25.
- iii. The MGEC task group on TTAA (Taxpayers Transportation Accountability Act) met on January 26 regarding how to respond to the consultant costs report.
- iv. MnDOT Meet & Confers – meetings once per quarter with division directors, other meetings are HR M&Cs. Marilyn and Mohammad would like to participate in future M&Cs.
- v. "Innovations" report coming out soon.

III. Vice President's Report

A. Legislative Activity: Linda attended a town hall meeting with Representative Tim Sanders. She reported that about 20 people attended, out of about 10,000 who were invited. She encourages members to attend and speak out at such events on the services that state employees provide.

IV. Secretary's Report: The January 2010 minutes were approved with a revision to Item II.A.

V. Membership Report (enclosure): As of January 19, 2010 there were 1,030 members (913 full members, 52 fair shares, 65 associates) and 350 life members.

VI. Treasurer's Report (enclosures): Tabled.

VII. Committees

A. Legislative: Notes from the January Legislative Committee meeting were reviewed.

- i. **Day at the Capitol:** MGEC participants will meet at the Kelly Inn on the morning of March 4. Our official position papers will be provided to participants and legislators, and a promo item will be left with legislators we visit to remind them who we are. We'll ask participants to turn in a survey summarizing at the end of the day on their legislative visit(s).
- ii. **Position Papers:** The Board voted on which position papers to focus on for March 4:
 - #1 Commissioner or deputy commissioner of MnDOT should be a MN-licensed engineer (HF 605)
 - #2 Eliminate pay caps for engineers
 - #3 Engineers and land surveyors compensation commensurate with others
 - #4 Adequate funding for routine inspection and maintenance of infrastructure
 - #5 Allow carry over of state funds to next biennium
 - #6 Stop wage freeze

It was agreed to keep #1 and #2 as one paper. Motion approved to use #1 and #6 and participant's choice of #4 or #5.

iii. **Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, February 16, 4:30 p.m. at MGEC.

B. Annual Meeting: Another announcement will be sent out to clarify that the event is free to MGEC members. The meeting is set for February 18 at the Ramada Inn Minneapolis at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and continuing education activities.

VIII. Executive Director's Report: Dana distributed his monthly status and activities report.

A. Compensation Survey: A new survey will be done this year to compare MGEC compensation with other public and private sector entities.

B. Financial Workshops: MGEC is promoting workshop offerings by the Wealth Management Group and Capital Street Financial. The first one begins tomorrow.

IX. Old Business

A. Working with other bargaining units: President Siekmeier talked about cooperation with MAPE and AFSCME. A motion was made to invite AFSCME and MAPE representatives to future board meetings at the MGEC office, to discuss common problems, points of interest, and/or areas where could partner. Motion seconded, passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2010 at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary