

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
March 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Rachel Guan, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleson, Mike Lownsbury, Lane Moll, Linda Taylor, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer, and member Andy Eller.

Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Joe Pignato, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Pat Ferrin, Jessica Forsberg.

I. Call to Order: President Buchen called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. Secretary's Report: The minutes for the February 9, 2009 board meeting were approved as written.

III. Treasurer's Report: The February 2009 Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

IV. Membership Report: As of 2/17/09 there were 970 Members (862 Regular, 46 Fair Share, and 62 Associates). There are 333 retirees on the Life Members mailing list.

V. Executive Director's Report:

A. Contract Negotiations: A draft survey was distributed and discussed, and health insurance bargaining priority issues were discussed. The next Negotiations Committee meeting is 3-19-09.

VI. Committees

A. Legislative: Chair Siekmeier distributed the notes from the 2-23-09 meeting. The new brochure's text is completed. The next step is to review the cover options. March 27th is the target date for a review of the layout draft. Development of Talking Points will begin at the next committee meeting, and other items for discussion at that meeting include bills on: 1) bridge inspections and maintenance, 2) removing cap on salaries, 3) engineer in MnDOT management.

VII. New Business:

A. Website: Board member suggestions for the website: 1) add a hit counter to the website, 2) keep the piece on "how to write your legislator" as a permanent link, and 3) list each update's "hot topics" at the beginning of the update.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 13, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary