

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
April 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 13, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Pat Ferrin, Jessica Forsberg, Rachel Guan, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleison, Mike Lownsbury, Lane Moll, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer, and member Alan Rindels.

Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Joe Pignato, and Director Linda Taylor.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. **Media Campaign:** Jennifer Mundt (AFSCME), presented the media promotion being sponsored by Minnesota unions. A motion was seconded and passed to contribute \$5,000 to the media campaign (3 votes opposed).
- III. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the March 9, 2009 board meeting were approved as written.
- IV. **Future Meeting Formats:** Discussed future meeting and agenda formats. The time agreed on is 4:30-7:00. Treasurer Pierson will give his report quarterly, beginning with the May meeting. The minutes, agenda, executive director's report, and membership report will be sent out via email. Other items such as committee reports will continue to be hard-copied.
- V. **Membership Report:** As of 3/31/09 there were 991 Members (873 Regular, 51 Fair Share, and 66 Associates). There are 336 retirees on the Life Members mailing list.
- VI. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana's monthly report was distributed.
 - A. **Contract Negotiations:** The Negotiations team reviewed the survey results at their last meeting. Insurance bargaining ended tonight, and AFSCME and MAPE meet for negotiations with the State's team this week. MGEC's turn at the table could take place as early as May.
- VII. **Committees**
 - A. **Legislative:** The new brochure is ready for final review. The next meeting is 4-20-09, to discuss development of talking points, and printing of the brochure.
 - B. **Education:** Chair Kettleison gave an update. Instructors are needed for the PE Review Class.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be May 11, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary