

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting June 2010

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 7, 2010 at the MGEC office.

	Present		Present
President John Siekmeier	X	Director Joe Fleisher	X
Vice President Linda Heath	X	Director Rachel Guan	X
Past President Peter Buchen		Director Marilyn Jordahl Larson	X
Secretary Len Leitner	X	Director Paul Kattleson	
Treasurer Jessica Forsberg	phone	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
Life Member Mike Herman	X		

I. TTAA (Taxpayer Transportation Accountability Act): MnDOT can't consult out work over \$250,000 when the consultant is more. Mike Herman gave an overview of the TTAA response. The report, when finalized, will be presented to MnDOT at the July Meet & Confer. Comments should be submitted to Dana by next Monday.

II. Call to Order: President Siekmeier called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The order of the agenda was stated. John would like committee reports to come before his report on the agenda.

III. Committees

- A. Legislative:** The next meeting is this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. They'll talk more about activity at the capitol, and invitations to candidate events. Follow up letters are being drafted to the contacts from the NASHTU conference.
- B. Member Issue Advocacy:** There won't be a meeting this week, since Dana is following up tomorrow at the meeting with Karin on an SES that had to come in as an ES. We will continue to follow another issue regarding posting of temporary positions.
- C. Constitution:** No report.
- D. Education:** The fall schedule is being planned and instructors need to be confirmed.
- E. Awards & Scholarships:** Discussion on when to present awards and scholarships; board in favor of awarding both 2010 and 2011 scholarships at the next annual meeting.
- F. Nominations:** The committee will meet in July to begin work on the slate for the Executive Board, for an October election. Anyone who isn't running for the board may help with the recruitment process.
- G. Insurance Bargaining:** Meetings begin later this month.

- H. **TTAA Task Force:** The task force was joined by Mike Herman at last week's meeting and an update was given at the beginning of tonight's meeting.
- I. **Compensation Study Team:** No news as they don't begin working on the study until the end of this year.
- J. **Program:** Jessica and Jerry will be on the committee. StoneRidge Golf Club has been reserved for September 13, 2010. This year teams will be four players instead of five.

IV. Presentation/discussion with MAPE: President Chet Jorgenson and Executive Director Jim Monroe.

- J. **Program (continued):** Jessica said some non-golfers would be upset if the dinner is removed from the event. A motion was S/P to fund food and beverages and alcoholic beverages. The committee must meet to organize the golf/social event.

V. President's Report

- A. **Minnesota Senate 2010:** Becky Siekmeier (John's wife) is running for State Senate in District 52.
- B. **Innovative Culture Report:** This was sent out after the last Meet & Confer and we'll have this on our agenda next month.

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

- A. **Staff Duties:** A list of current staff duties is enclosed.
- B. **Member Survey:** This will be ready to review at the July meeting.
- C. **Transportation Alliance:** A motion was S/P to join the Transportation Alliance.
- D. **Financial:** Dana is getting bids for this year's professional audit as our accountant is discontinuing this service.

VII. New Business

- A. **Board Member Compensation:** Be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

VIII. Consent Calendar: The April and May 2010 minutes were approved as written and this month's Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010 at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Assistant