

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting August 2010

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 9, 2010 at the MGEC office.

	Present		Present
President John Siekmeier	X	Director Joe Fleisher	X
Vice President Linda Heath	X	Director Rachel Guan	
Past President Peter Buchen	X	Director Marilyn Jordahl Larson	
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		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.

II. Committees

- A. Executive:** They met last week to review the membership survey. The Finance Committee will discuss dues and bring their suggestions to the board.
- B. Member Issue Advocacy:** The committee reviewed one issue.
- C. Grievance:** Dana reviewed his report.
- D. Education:** Paul found an instructor for the Traffic class.
- E. Nominations:** Recruiting is underway – still need more candidates.
- F. Program:** The appreciation event was changed to September 20. The golf outing and dinner is September 13.
- G. Insurance Coalition:** Anyone who has Preferred One or HealthPartners, please take a look at any free services they provide, such as health programs, coaching, etc., and report back to Peter.

III. Other Agencies: DNR hasn't determined yet if they will offer the Early Retirement Incentive. MnDOT will offer to some employees.

IV. Vice President's Report: Linda asked for input on the monthly agenda format so there's time to get everything covered. Suggestions: 1) committee reports be an overview rather than detailed analysis--people can ask questions if they need to; 2) longer meeting time; 3) board members are prepared, reviewed topics and materials prior to the meeting.

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

- A. PE Licenses:** Dana will send a letter of support for the "yellow ribbon" bill which would waive late fees for those who are deployed.
- B. Collaboration:** Dana met with MSPE (Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers). He'll continue to explore the feasibility of creating a professional development organization.
- C. Gubernatorial:** The MN Transportation Alliance is hosting a debate for its members on August 25. Since MGEC is now a member, we need to let them know how many of our board members will attend.

- D. **Office Equipment:** Discussed the possibility of adding videoconferencing as a way to participate in committee meetings.
- E. **CESO (Council of Engineers and Scientists Organizations):** Next meeting - September 15-16 in Wash., DC. Let Dana know if you're interested in attending.

VI. President's Report:

- A. **Innovative Culture Report:** MnDOT agreed to share with the board their survey report on organizational functions, management style, innovation, etc. He'll send it out again to the board to decide whether we should follow up.
- B. **TTAA:** Outsourcing of the Hastings arch bridge – deferred.

VII. Old Business

- A. **Board Member Compensation:** Per diem was proposed and discussed – deferred.
- B. **Staffing Needs:** Deferred.

VIII. Consent Calendar: The July 2010 minutes were approved.

- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Since the MGEC banquet is September 13, the September board meeting was subsequently rescheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 4:00 p.m., at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary