

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
October 2008

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 13, 2008, at the MGEC office.

Present: Vice President Peter Buchen, Directors Gordon Bergstrom, Ron Dahlquist Shongtao Dai, Pat Ferrin, Paul Kettleson, Mike Lownsbury, John Siekmeier, Executive Director Dana Wheeler and Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer.

Not present: President Joe Pignato, Secretary Len Leitner, Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Jim Sellner, Directors Linda Heath and Kim Larsen.

I. Call to Order: Vice President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

II. Secretary's Report: The minutes for the 7-14-08 board meeting were approved as written.

III. Legislative Committee: MGEC hired an independent consultant for editing and design services for the legislative brochure and several meetings have taken place. The Board discussed more ideas for topics and a title; Chair John Siekmeier will schedule another meeting with the consultant and the committee [10-21-08].

IV. Membership Report: The August, September, and October 2008 membership reports were distributed. There are currently 954 Members (844 Regular, 48 Fair Share, and 62 Associates). There are 325 Life Members on the mailing list.

V. Treasurer's Report: The September 2008 Treasurer's Report was approved subject to audit.

VI. Executive Director's Report: Dana Wheeler distributed his monthly status, labor relations and grievance reports.

A. Compensation Study: The survey is finalized and ready to be sent out.

B. I35W Bridge: MGEC will proceed with setting up tours and/or informational sessions for the new bridge.

C. Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act: MS 161.3203 Contracts for Work for Trunk Highway, passed into law last year.

D. Open Enrollment: November 5-18; members are encouraged to attend an open enrollment meeting.

VII. Committees

A. Nominations: The pairing of candidates was agreed on and election day set for mid-November. The candidate slate will be posted on the website [10-14-08].

VIII. New Business

A. MSRS (Minnesota State Retirement System): Dana will send his latest information via internal email. Suggestion to have the rep at a board meeting early next year.

B. Education Committee: Chair Paul Kattleson said he has been checking into the cost of updated Lindeburg books for the PE Review Class instructors.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The next meeting will be on December 8, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office. Newly elected board members are encouraged to attend (new terms officially begin on 1-1-09).

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary