

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
October 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 12, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Directors Joe Fleisher, Linda Heath, Mike Lownsbury, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, and Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer.

Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson, Secretary Len Leitner, Past President Joe Pignato, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Pat Ferrin, Jessica Forsberg, Rachel Guan, Paul Kattleson, and Lane Moll.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. There was not a quorum.
- II. **Membership Report:** As of 9/29/09 there were 1,019 members (905 full, 51 fair shares, and 63 associates). No layoffs have been reported so far.
- III. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana's monthly status report was distributed.
 - A. **Scholarship:** Josh Vinkemeier of The Wealth Maximizer sent \$500 to be used for an MGEC scholarship. Dana will acknowledge his donation. Options for setting criteria for awarding the scholarship will be up to the board.
 - B. **MnDOT Consultant Costs Report:** About 50 in-house versus consulted projects are on the list. Schedule a meeting off-site possibly near the Metro office, inviting all who are interested including project engineers who provided input.
 - C. **Negotiations:** The LCER (Legislative Committee on Employee Relations) meets October 19 to review MGEC's tentative agreement.
 - D. **Grievance:** Dana reported that grievance activity is down.
 - E. **Training:** Board members are encouraged to identify any training that may be helpful to them as board members.
 - F. **Job Postings:** Dana will continue to track the number of postings and report periodically.

IV. Committees

- A. **Nominations:** Balloting for the annual board election will take place in November. Newly elected board members will be invited to attend the December board meeting.
- B. **Program:** Discussed having the next annual meeting before the golf tournament, which may be more conducive for conducting business than having it after the golf tournament.
- C. **Legislative:** John provided an update on the committee's activities. An email/survey will be sent to the membership regarding member involvement. Recommend sending a letter to Past Presidents to welcome sharing their experience with the current board. Also looking into the possibility of inviting legislators to visit worksites to see the work that's being done.

V. New Business

- A. **Member Gifts:** Providing a turkey or other gift for all members – put on November agenda.

- VI. Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting is November 9, 2009, at the MGEC office. Joe and Mike will not be at the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary