

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
November 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 9, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Pat Ferrin, Jessica Forsberg, Rachel Guan, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleison via conference call, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, and Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer.

Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Joe Pignato, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Joe Fleisher, Mike Lownsbury, and Lane Moll.

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

II. Presentation: Mark Rachac and Daniel Rickett, Capital Street Financial Services, teach a financial education course geared to state employees which they developed with MSRS (Minnesota State Retirement System) about five years ago. MAPE sponsors the course for their members.

III. Secretary's Report: The August 2009 and October 2009 minutes were approved as written.

IV. Membership Report: As of October 27 there were 1,024 dues-paying members (908 full members, 51 fair shares, and 65 associates), and 345 life members.

V. Treasurer's Report: MGEC will get a debit card from Highway Federal after the first of the year.

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

A. Contract: The Legislative Committee on Employee Relations met on October 19 and approved the MGEC Tentative Agreement for 2009-11. Dana explained a holdup in printing the new contract due to a language discrepancy that needs to be resolved first.

VII. Committees

A. Legislative:

- i. Legislative survey – a membership survey seeking direction and participation on MGEC legislative activity has been drafted and will be sent out to contact people this week.
- ii. Candidate questions - the committee is developing a set of questions for the gubernatorial candidates. The legislative survey asks members to suggest questions for the candidates.
- iii. TTAA (Taxpayers Transportation Accountability Act) report on contract projects – analyzing the report and responding back to MnDOT. A meeting has been scheduled for December 3 with MnDOT and consultants.
- iv. Worksite visits - Peter and John were going to contact Commissioner Sorel about members inviting legislators to their worksites to see the work they do for the State.
- v. Next meeting - the next Legislative Committee meeting is November 16.

- B. Constitution:** Dual dues – a change in MMB policy allows for withholding of dues by more than one bargaining unit. Currently MGEC does not have an official policy on dues – defer to the Constitution committee.
- C. Nominations:** The annual MGEC Board of Directors election is currently underway with Election Day on November 23. Newly elected board members will be invited to the December meeting for a short orientation.
- D. Program:** There was more discussion on the format for the next annual meeting. The member who had a complaint said he would be on the Program Committee to help with the planning of next year's meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Financial Education Course:** A motion was approved 6-1 to allow training to be coordinated through MGEC with Capital Street Financial Services. In locations where there are fewer members, MGEC may partner with MAPE to host the trainings.

- IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next regular board meeting is Monday, December 14, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary