

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
December 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, December 14, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Past President Joe Pignato, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Pat Ferrin, Joe Fleisher, Jessica Forsberg, Linda Heath, Paul Kattleson, Mike Lownsbury, Directors-elect Andrew Eller, Marilyn Jordahl Larson, Jerry Kotzenmacher, Executive Director Dana Wheeler and Administrative Assistant Rhonda Bauer.

Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Rachel Guan and Lane Moll.

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions:** President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The three newly elected directors were present and introductions were made. This is Peter's last meeting as president however in addition to the upcoming year as past president he will also serve on the MGEC Insurance Bargaining Team
- II. **Next Meeting:** The January meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, January 19. John Siekmeier will be in DC on the 11th to attend a TRB (Transportation Research Board) meeting. Also the January Legislative Committee meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, January 26, due to the January 18 holiday and the Governor's Candidate Forum on January 25.
- III. **Secretary's Report:** The November 2009 minutes were approved as written. The draft 2009 Annual Meeting minutes were distributed and will be posted on the web site.
- IV. **Membership Report:** As of November 24 there were 1,031 dues-paying members (914 full members, 51 fair shares, and 66 associates), and 348 life members.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** The December 2009 Treasurer's Report was approved subject to audit, pending updates to the Actual v. Annual Report. Those reports for both December and January will be included in next month's report.
- VI. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana distributed his monthly status and activities report.
 - A. **Administrative Assistant Contract:** A motion was approved unanimously to accept the new contract for Rhonda Bauer reinstating benefits, and wages at her previous rate.
 - B. **Contract Printing:** A language discrepancy has caused a holdup in the printing of the new contract. A motion was made and seconded to allow the president and executive director to facilitate an MOU with the State or take other steps to resolve the issue and get the contract to the printer. Motion passed; 1 opposed.
 - C. **Non-member Tuition:** Discussion to clarify the tuition rate for the PE Review Class - the rate for non-MGEC state employees is \$15, same rate as for fair shares.
 - D. **MnDOT Report:** MGEC surveyed project leaders about whether they felt the information in the report on consultants v. in-house costs was accurate. Linda, Pat, Peter, John will be on the Task Group for developing a response.
 - E. **Communications to Members:** Dana requested discussion and direction on what types of items/events to communicate to members. It was felt that bipartisan forums were acceptable.

VII. Committees

- A. Committee Assignments:** Board members were asked to review and choose three committees. Assignments will be finalized at the next meeting.
- B. Education:** Survey results from the fall session will be sent to instructors. Paul looking to fill instructor vacancies for the spring session which begins in February. He has found a potential instructor for Structural.
- C. Tellers:** President Buchen appointed Mike, Joe and Len to the Tellers Committee to verify results of the annual board election. Election winners were Vice President: Linda Heath; Treasurer; Jessica Forsberg; Directorships: Pat Ferrin, Jerry Kotzenmacher, Marilyn Jordahl Larson, Andrew Eller. The Tellers Report was approved unanimously. Rhonda will erase the electronic ballots after 30 days.
- D. Legislative:** The November meeting notes were distributed as well as the legislative survey results. The next meeting is December 21.

VIII. New Business

A. Directorship Appointments:

- i. There will be two vacant director positions as of January 1: 1) Linda's when she assumes vice president, and 2) Lane Moll is resigning effective December 31.
- ii. A motion was approved to fill the vacancies at tonight's meeting.
- iii. A motion was approved to fill the positions by paper ballot vote from a list of four members who expressed interest in serving on the board.
- iv. The two receiving the most votes were Rachel Guan and Mohammad Dehdashti. They will serve the remaining terms January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

IX. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary