

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
May 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, May 11, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Pat Ferrin, Jessica Forsberg via conference call, Rachel Guan, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleson, Mike Lownsbury, Lane Moll, Linda Taylor, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer, and member Scott Carlstrom.
Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson, Past President Joe Pignato, and Director Ron Dahlquist.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the April 2009 board meeting were approved, with a correction to Item IV that board meetings will be scheduled to end at 7:00 p.m.
- III. **Membership Report:** As of 4-28-09 there were 1,003 Members (885 Regular, 51 Fair Share, and 66 Associates). There are 335 retirees on the Life Members mailing list.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** The April report was approved subject to audit.
- V. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana's monthly status report was distributed.
 - A. **NASHTU (National Association of State Highway Transportation Unions):** Dana Wheeler and John Siekmeier gave an overview of the annual conference they attended. Congresswoman Donna Edwards was a speaker. They also met with Bill Richards, Chief of Staff for Representative James Oberstar; he discussed the direction Rep. Oberstar wants to see transportation funding take over the next six years. Dana will follow up with Senator Amy Klobuchar's office on contracting out issues. MGEC will post USDOT number to report fraud on the website: 800-424-9071.
 - B. **Compensation Survey:** The compensation survey report has been completed and the summary report was reviewed. The MGEC compensation study team will decide on some additional items to add to the summary and it will be emailed to contact people.
 - C. **Contract Negotiations:** The results of the contract survey and opening proposals on all language articles were discussed. Bargaining resumes May 12 & 14.
 - D. **Retirement Planning/Insurance Options:** A motion was approved to invite a presenter in for the June or July board meeting, either 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- VI. **Committees**
 - A. **Education:** Instructors are needed for the PE Review Class.
- VII. **New Business**
 - B. **Staffing:** The Board will discuss staffing needs at a future meeting.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting will be June 8, 2009, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary