

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
July 2009

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

Present: Past President Joe Pignato, Vice President John Siekmeier, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Pat Ferrin, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleson, Rachel Guan, Jessica Forsberg, Joe Fleisher and Executive Director Dana Wheeler.

Not present: President Peter Buchen, Treasurer Scott Pierson, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Lane Moll, and Rhonda Bauer.

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice President Siekmeier called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- II. **Negotiations Report:** Bargaining discussion have come to an end. The State has requested binding arbitration and the bureau of Mediation Services has provided a list of arbitrators. Settlement agreements can still be proffered.
- III. **Executive Director's Report:** Dana Wheeler distributed his monthly status, labor relations and grievance reports. Discussion was held on the following items:
 - A. **MGEC Brochure:** MSP to approve 2,000 copies of the brochure be purchased.
 - B. **Office Lease:** MSP to agree to a three year lease extension with provision for getting out.
 - C. **MGEC Correspondence:** There was discussion about the President and or Executive Director sending correspondence on behalf of MGEC. It's suggested that they run such correspondence by the MGEC Executive Committee when communicating a position of the council.
 - D. **Constitution Committee:** The committee was directed to draft guidelines for material to be posted to the MGEC web site.
 - E. **Negotiations:** An update was given stating that the State filed for binding arbitration. The Bureau of Mediation Services has provided a list of arbitrators and the State wishes to begin the selection immediately. MGEC took straw poll votes of members at four worksite meetings. MGEC may alternatively pursue settlement proposals.

IV. Committees

A. Education: Chair Kettleson noted his efforts at recruiting new instructors. Several are needed.

- V. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 10, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Leitner
Secretary

Dana Wheeler
Executive Director