

**Minnesota Government Engineers Council (MGEC) – Position Description**

**Board Director Position**

**General Purpose of Board Director:** Act within the confines of the Constitution and the policies established by the membership and the Executive Board to act in the best interest of MGEC and its members. The Board Director must be a full member of MGEC. Each Board Director holds one vote on the Executive Board.

**Terms of office:** The term of office for a Director is a term of two administrative years with the terms of about half of their number expiring at the end of each administrative year (Article VII, 5). A minimum of six Directors must serve on the board (Article V, 1).

**Duties of the Board Director:**

* Promote the highest standards of engineering and professional practice among MGEC members and associates (Article II, 1)
* Advance the professional and economic status of MGEC members and associates (Article II, 3)
* Encourage participation in engineering and related professional societies (Article II, 4)
* Assist engineering and other related professional organizations in activities which are in the best interests of the MGEC members and associates (Article II, 5)
* Attend and participate in Executive Board meetings
* Contact other Directors, President, and/or Executive Director when unable to make a meeting.
* Prepare for each meeting by reviewing minutes/notes to allow for an efficient meeting.
* Arrive at meetings on time.
* Plan on staying for the entire meeting.
* Leave organizational titles at the door, as each board Director represents 13 agencies not just the one they belong too.
* Focus on the discussion—avoid side conversations and distractions like email and cell phones as applicable.
* Follow up on commitments made at each meeting within set time period.
* Respect and adhere to final Board votes.
* Stick to the issues—avoid discussing personalities or individual situations.
* Be patient and avoid interrupting; provide space for everyone to have a voice.
* Sensitive topics will be discussed at board meetings. Board meetings are a safe place to share ideas and thoughts.
* Do your best to understand the pros and cons of every option, not just those you prefer.
* Seek first to understand, not to be understood. Ask questions to seek clarification when you don't understand the meaning of someone's comments.
* Note - While an active Driver’s License is not required, Directors are generally expected to have access to transportation in order to attend Board Meetings and to visit nearby Agency offices when called for.
* Consider issues from both management and labor perspectives.
* Be willing to try new, innovative approaches.
* It is generally expected (but not required) that each Director serve on a minimum of one Committee.
* When working on a Committee, Directors will view other members as equal partners and support the Committee process and decisions.

**Communication Practices**

Use of building facilities (including email, phone, conference call, and computer) is permitted under the MGEC Contract:

“MGEC Contract, Article 4, Section 2. Posting Space. The Agency shall provide the Council access to communicate with members of the bargaining unit via electronic communication and meeting space, as available.”

For any sensitive business pertaining to Board operations or discussions within the Board, restrict communication to the following methods:

* Personal email
* Personal cell phone
* Personal Microsoft Teams or Skype application
* Personal computer

The Membership is not expected to use personal cell phones and emails in order to communicate with MGEC Officers. Therefore, when communicating with Members, or in other situations where one email or phone number in the communication chain is a State of Minnesota phone number or address, restrict communication to the following methods:

* Work (State of Minnesota) email
* Work (State of Minnesota) phone
* Work (State of Minnesota) Microsoft Teams or Skype application
* Work (State of Minnesota) computer

**Shared Competencies and Behavior:**

* **Character:** Exhibits the traits of self-awareness, integrity, humility, accountability, dependability and trustworthiness. Leads by example and demonstrates respect for all.
* **Leadership:** Listens, appreciates, encourages, inspires, mentors, serves others, and builds community. Leads change effectively. Exercises foresight, acts strategically and aligns with the vision of MGEC. Promotes productivity and balance.
* **Responsibility:** Accepts personal responsibility for actions. Displays a high degree of professionalism. Contributes to a positive environment and is fair-minded.
* **Team Work:** Collaborates with internal and external partners. Works and communicates effectively with others. Openly discusses conflict and works toward a resolution.
* **Honesty:** Complete honesty—there will be no reprisals. Be honest with membership, transparency is key.
* **Respect:** Respect others’ feelings, rights, opinions and ideas. Respectfully hold each other accountable to behavior expectations. If held accountable for inappropriate behavior, respond with empathy, not defensiveness.

**Board Director**

**TERM: 2020**

Board Member SIGNATURE/DATE Executive Director SIGNATURE/DATE

(Individual board member accepts this position) (Position description reflects current duties/responsibilities)