



Engineering Minnesota's Future

MGEC Board Meeting

September 28nd, 2020

President Forrest Hasty	Present	Director Corey Mathisen	Present
Vice President Blake Nelson	X-Skype	Director Steven Oswald	X-Skype
Past Pres. Mohammad Dehdashti	X-Skype	Director Alex Barley	X - Skype
Secretary Jerry Kotzenmacher	X-Skype	Director Heather Gardner	X - Skype
Treasurer Gene Hicks	X-Skype	Director Jason Hedeon	X - Skype
Director Bridget Miller	X-Skype	Director Laura Lyons	X - Skype
Director Mike Kronzer		Executive Director Dana Wheeler	X - Skype
Director Victor Vasas	X-Skype	Robert Haag, Labor Relations	X - Skype
		Kari Torkelson AA/ Membership Manager	X - Skype

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m. by President Forrest Hasty.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to accept the agenda by Director Bridget Miller. 2nd by Director Victor Vasas. Motion approved by voice vote.

Secretary's report – Jerry Kotzenmacher

The board reviewed the August 24th, 2020 meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes by Director Blake Nelson. 2nd by Director Bridget Miller. Motion passed by voice vote.

Presidents Report – Forrest Hasty

- Set 2021 ballot

President – Forrest Hasty

Vice President - Cory Mathisen

Secretary – Alex Bartley

Director 1- Laura Lyons

Director 2 - Dan Sullivan
Kevin Joyce

Director 3 Jason Radde
Keith Jellinger

Director 4 Steven Oswald
Michel Sonn

Director 5 Mark Trogstad-Isaacson
Scott Thompson

Election Date – End on Election Day (November 3rd). Two weeks for the election.

With director Alex Bartley on the secretary ballot, if elected secretary, his director position will be open for one year. The board can fill that opening by appointment.

Committees –

Education – PE class, still trying to offer something for class. One time \$250 reimbursement discussed. Partner with MAPD. State will not pay for any PE classes. Can get paid by the employer up to 100 hours for students (tuition reimbursement) to attend a class on work time. Current class at 26 students. MDH and PCA have expressed interest in offering something.

Motion made by director Heather Garner to “Discontinue the current PE review class after this fall session. Effective November 1, 2020, one-time reimbursement of \$250 for class if you have been a member for a year.” 2nd by director Victor Vasas. Motion passed by voice vote.

Negotiations – Had lots of discussions. Reviewed discussions pertaining to articles 6 – 10. Will make a proposal that Parental Leave can be utilized by hour rather than by day as some offices require. Next meeting in two weeks.

Executive Directors report – Dana Wheeler

- TTAA – Going on since 2012. Do we want to do anything with the report? AFSME may not want to do anything with the report. Created to get the State to get the best price for projects. MnDOT is almost always lower cost. Will discuss at next meeting.
- Building update – MGEC will continue to provide mask and tenants have said they would share in the cost. No issues with room use. No water issues with wet basement in recent months. Reconsider if water problems show up again. May replace some hinges that are broken. Hand sanitizer at the door entries.
- Grievance update – Selected arbitrators for class action on back pay. Mediation was then proposed. Have not heard back yet from MMB. Hopefully in October. Deferred comp –still waiting on MMB. Grievance at Maplewood Lab – nothing new, Human Rights waiting for MnDOT decision about appeal to mediation.

Administrative Assistant/Membership Manager – Kari Torkelson

- Golf event – Many players, 40 – 50 players. Went well.
- Motion – director Heather Gardner “to not follow MGEC policy XI. 4. and to close nominations today (ignore 45 day period). 2nd by Jason Hedeem. Motion passes by voice vote.
- Send something out on when voting is open. (October 16th, close on Election Day Nov. 3rd)
- Membership - 996 members, 128 nonpaying. Total 1163

- Trying to work on new members to sign up. Will present at next grad meeting.
 - Member message – Send out election ballot by October 16th (15 days prior to election) List names of persons retiring each month because of teleworking no one hears who is retiring. How COVID is affecting labor concerns.
 - Ethics – Lots of good compliments on last training. A couple members asking when next class is.
- Motion** – “to do one or two courses for \$900 within the next year” by director Laure Lyons, 2nd director Alex Barley. Motion passes by voice vote.

Past Presidents report – Mohammad Dehdashti

- Wants Jason to run. Jason open to Board appointment.

Treasurer’s Report – Gene Hicks

- Income looking good. Dues going up. Vanguard investment is gaining 7.6%.
- Start sending the monthly board financial as an Excel document.

Vice Presidents Report – Blake Nelson

- Get your points done for insurance.

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn by Director Laura Lyons. 2nd by Director Alex Bartley. Passed by voice vote at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jerry Kotzenmacher
 Secretary

Dana Wheeler
 Executive Director