

County Engineers Association of Maryland

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
June 24, 2010
Conference Room of
The Chesapeake Exploration Center Building
Kent Narrows
Grasonville, Maryland

President Africa called the meeting to order @ 11:00 a.m. with the following in attendance:

President: Greg Africa

1st Vice President: Ed Plank (can't attend)

2nd Vice President: Hudson Myers (can't attend)

Secretary: Mike Warring (can't attend – Jeff Rank sitting in)

Treasurer: Doug Myers

Directors: Bob Sebastian, Mike Hinchy, Steve Walsh, Mike Moulds

Past Presidents: John Redden; Jim Wilson; Ed Adams

Historian: Jim Montgomery (can't attend)

Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairmen Mike Errico (can't attend), and Dale Coppage

Legislative Committee: Co-Chairmen Bob Martin & Stu Taub (can't attend)

Membership Committee: Todd Mohn (can't attend)

Visitors: Doug Taylor

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the April 22, 2010 meeting were not available for approval. The April minutes can be approved at the July meeting.

Opening Remarks:

Greg distributed "2009-2010 CEAM Highlights" (attached) which detailed the many tasks and initiatives completed during the past year.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers' Treasurer Report, dated June 21, 2010, was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of May 17, 2010 was \$79,223.80, while the Money Market balance was \$8,939.73. The receipts totaled \$3,750.00, while expenses were \$7,018.20. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of June 21, 2010 was \$84,895.33. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by John Redden, and was seconded by Mike Moulds. No discussion, motion carried.

Secretary's Announcement/New Members:

1 -New Associate applications: **Stephen F. Drumm** – Vice-President of Transportation – KCI Engineering, Sparks, MD. Office.

6 – New Regular applications: **Bimal C. Devkota** – Division Chief at City of Baltimore Dept of Transportation; **Brian Scott Lewandowski** – SWM Engineer for National Capital Park & Planning Commission; **Andy Frank** – Section Supervisor for National Capital Park & Planning Commission; **Rai Sharma** – Project Engineer for Calvert County DPW; **Allen Brunson** – Project Engineer for Calvert County DPW; and **Hamendra Mathur** – Codes and Permits Manager for Charles County. Motion by Steve Walsh to accept these individuals as members and seconded by Mike Moulds. Motion carried.

Currently the membership headcount as of this meeting is as follows: 279 Members; 225 Associate Members; 34 retired; and 18 Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = 556 – Up from 547 this time last year..

Committee Reports:

SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams): – Ed had not arrived yet but Greg mentioned that the governor had convened a SHA Access Permit Review Stakeholders Group meeting which Ed and Greg are members. The group is to compile a report to present to the governor by September 15th.

Program & Conference Committee: (Co-Chairmen Ed Plank & Hudson Myers)

Greg reported for Ed and Hudson; the fall conference will be held September 16-18 at the Clarion OC, same format as usual with the T2 bridge seminar held on the first afternoon. A tentative speaker list was distributed (attached). Awards will be presented at this conference as well for our second year. Plenty of vendor booths are available and we will again promote our one-day attendee option. A suggestion was made to renegotiate and review the food prices, which will be followed up by committee staff. The question was raised as to whether to continue sponsoring the past president's luncheon. John Redden offered that it might be better to wait and see how registrations are going and then decide. A decision was made to table this issue until a later meeting with the new board.

Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico and Dale Coppage – Co-Chairmen)

Dale Coppage distributed the scholarship committee report (attached). Dale recommended that we transfer \$21,000 to the scholarship committee which includes \$16,832 for University of Maryland at College Park and \$4,000 for Morgan State University within the next month. Doug noted that the past few years' transfers took place in August or December. A recommendation was made by Greg to table this request so the next board can act on it. Bob Martin brought up the fact that we pay the endowment fund manager 4% of fund value each year and that this sounded unreasonable since the fund manager got paid more than the scholarship recipients this year. After much discussion, Dale said that the scholarship committee will review fund manager payments and corpus rules regarding principal fund dollars being utilized.

Legislative Committee: (Chairman Bob Martin) - No report

Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn) – No report

Budget Committee: Chairman Doug Myers – No report

By Laws Committee: (Chairman Mike Warring) – No report

Associate Member Advisory Committee: (John Nolan & Bob Sebastian – Co-Chairmen)
No report

Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery)

Greg mentioned that we need to promote the program and reminded all that entries are due by July 3rd.

Old Business

- Reminder of our 2010 MACO Summer Conference Technical Affiliate Presentation

New Business:

- MACO 2011 Legislative initiatives – Michael Sanderson is requesting a list of questions/issues to put into their legislative packages for next year (see attached email).
- John Redden suggested a county gas tax and Ed Adams said that Harford County had a line item for highway taxes on the property tax bill.
- We have a seat on the PE requirements workgroup
- John Redden reminded everyone that TMDL requirements are on their way
- Greg thanked the directors whose terms were expiring for their service over the past two years.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn by John Redden, seconded by Ed Adams to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 am on July 22, 2010 at the Queen Anne's County Exploration Center in Chester, Maryland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Rank
Acting CEAM Secretary