

County Engineers Association of Maryland

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
October 28, 2010
Conference Room of
The Maryland Association of County Officials
169 Conduit Street
Annapolis, Maryland

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

1st Vice President: Hudson Myers

2nd Vice President: Paul Kahl

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers

Directors: Mike Moulds, Bob Sebastian, Matt Allen, Doug Taylor, Ed Adams, Scott Flanigan, and Bruce Johnston

Immediate Past President: Greg Africa

Past Presidents: John Redden; and John Tustin

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)

NACE Representative: Jim Wilson

Visitors: -

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the 8/26/10 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the Board meeting by the Secretary. Motion was made by to approve the minutes as presented by Scott Flanigan, and was seconded by Bob Sebastian. Motion approved. Comments: None

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers was able to attend the meeting, and his report dated 10/25/10 was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of 9/13/10 was \$ 91,248.46, while the Money Market balance was \$ 8,939.95. The receipts totaled \$ 19,755.00, while expenses were \$38,060.73. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 10/25/10 was \$ 81,882.68. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by Ed Plank, and was seconded by Greg Africa. Discussion, motion carried.

Secretary's Announcement/New Members:

3 -New Associate applications: Sunny Kim – President of Kim Engineering, Inc. (geotechnical engineering, S.S., Md.)- rep for Filterra; **Ronald Pyles** – Principal of Kim Engineering ; and **Thomas F. Fitzpatrick** – Principal of Storm Services, Inc.

2-New "Member" applications: Wesley E. Wagner – Chief Engineer of Cecil County's DPW; and **Merle L. Saville** – Transportation Engineer with Washington County's DPW.

Motion to approve Hudson Myers; seconded by Greg Africa. Approved. Including these five new members, the membership headcount as of this meeting is as follows: 283 Members; 231 Associate Members; 35 retired; and 18 Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = 567

Committee Reports:

Program & Conference Committee: (Co-Chairmen Hudson Myers and Paul Kahl) – Hudson reported that he and Paul, along with the P & C Committee have recommended that the **Spring 2011 Conference** should be another one-day technical conference like was done for the Spring Conference last year. The site of the meeting will be at the Oregon Ridge Lodge and Conference Center, which is located just off the Hunt Valley exit on I-83. Ed Adams has reserved the facility for **Tuesday, May 10, 2011**, and it is hoped that maybe the County can offer a substantial reduction in costs to rent the facility for the one day conference. Further, the Committee has recommended that Mike Warring select a nearby course to the lodge, so that those registrants who play in the tournament, can have easy access to the nearby lodging facilities in the Hunt valley area. The plan is to hold the tournament on **Monday, May 9th** at one of the nearby “public” courses so that our normal tournament fee of \$65 per player can cover the costs of the golf, and the lunch that is needed to be offered, since there is no conference function on Monday evening, and it takes some time to compute the team and individual winners after the end of play. Mike has asked Ed Adams to interface with the County’s Golf Director in an effort to secure a reduce fee at one of the nearby course like the Woodlands, or Greystone courses. In case these nearby upscale public courses are too expensive, or not available for an outing on May 9th, the Committee also felt that a revisit to the “Wetland’s Course” that we used last Spring would be a possible alternative.

Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico and Dale Coppage – Co-Chairmen) – Dale suggested that there was nothing new to report, and expressed the Committee’s gratitude for the CEAM Board’s contribution of **\$20,850.00** to the Committee, which covers the cost for a semester of the four scholarships at U of Md., as well as the newest single engineering scholarship at Morgan State University.

Legislative Committee: (Chairman Bob Martin) - Bob announced the members of this year’s legislative committee for this year as follows: Paul Kahl; Bob Cooper; Mike Mould; Haitham Hijazi; John Groeger; Bill Korpman; and Todd Mohn. Bob also noted that Stu Taub had agreed to serve again on this committee.

Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn) – Todd could not attend, and there was no report except for the numbers presented by the Secretary.

Budget Committee: Chairman Doug Myers – Doug Myers distributed a CEAM Profit/Loss report of the semi-annual conferences starting with Spring and Fall conferences of 2007 through the Fall Conference of 2010.

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

Associate Member Advisory Committee: (Bob Sebastian & Matt Allen – Co-Chairmen) - No report.

Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery) – Jim Montgomery was out of town, but Jim Wilson reported that the various project nominees that were brought forward for recognition by CEAM this year, have been submitted to the MdQI Conference that will take place on February 2nd and the 3rd of 2011.

SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams) – Ed Adams reported that Neil Pederson has in fact confirmed his attendance at the Board's December 9th meeting at the Exploration Center in the Kent narrows of Queen Anne's County. The Board is pleased that Neil has made this sort of a "tradition" to meet with the CEAM Board at the December meeting each year.. He will be attending a conference in Washington, and will have to depart the Board meeting promptly after giving his report since he has to return to the meeting in D.C

Old Business

- **NACE Updates** – Jim Wilson, State Representative – No report

New Business

- Bob Taylor's daughter has a very serious brain tumor, and for those who know Bob through his many years with CEAM, , he suggested that you might want to contact him, or send a note/card to reflect your concerns for her health, and recovery.
- Greg Africa – suggested that maybe we need to examine a new type of "continuing education" for our scholarship programs for our members of CEAM. The fact that there is already a "continuing ed" requirement for registered Land Surveyors, several members expressed their opinion that it would only be a matter of time before there will be the similar regulations for registered engineers. This could also be particularly applicable to middle management professionals. During the ensuing discussions on this suggestion, the concept was seemingly embraced by many Board members, but guidelines will need to be developed, perhaps by the "Long Range Planning" committee which was established by President Plank, and will be "chaired" by Todd Mohn.
- MACO's Andrea Mansfield – reminded the Board that MACO was going to need additional input to the "Blue Ribbon" Committee from the Counties regarding the continuing and ever expanding effects of the diminished HUR funds being distributed by the State to all of the Counties of Maryland

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Greg Africa, and was seconded by Paul Kahl to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 a.m. on December 9, 2010 at the Chesapeake Exploration Center in Queen Anne's County.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michael Warring, P.E.
CEAM Secretary