

# County Engineers Association of Maryland

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**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**December 9, 2010**  
**Conference Room of**  
**The Chesapeake Exploration Center**  
**Kent Narrows**  
**Grasonville, Maryland**

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

1st Vice President: Hudson Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Paul Kahl

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers (can't attend)

Directors: Mike Moulds, Bob Sebastian, Matt Allen, Doug Taylor,  
Ed Adams (can't attend), Scott Flanigan, and Bruce Johnston

Immediate Past President: Greg Africa

Past Presidents: John Tustin, Joe Kroboth, Chuck Weber, & John Redden (can't attend)

Historian: Jim Montgomery

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

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

Membership Committee: Todd Mohn

NACE Representative: Jim Wilson

Visitors: Neil Pederson-Administrator, State Highway Administration; Andrea Mansfield (MACO); and Steve Walsh (for Ed Adams).

## **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the 10/28/10 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the Board meeting by the Secretary. Motion was made by to approve the minutes as presented by Mike Moulds, and was seconded by Hudson Myers. Motion approved. Comments: None

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Doug Myers was unable to attend the meeting and his report dated 12/6/10 was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of 10/25/10 was \$ 72,942.73, while the Money Market balance was \$ 8,939.95. The receipts totaled \$ 5,500.00, while expenses were \$ 1,664.81. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 12/6/10 was \$ 85,718.13. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by Scott Flanigan, and was seconded by Doug Taylor. Discussion, motion carried.

## **Secretary's Announcement/New Members:**

**4 – New “Member” applications ( from Harford County's DPW): Kenny J. Gimmil –Chief of Highways; Kenny D. Sexton – Superintendent of Highways; Dan C. Svrjeck- Civil Engineer II; James D. Swank – Assistant Chief of Highways; Motion to approve Scott Flanigan; seconded by Doug Taylor. Approved. Including these four new members, the membership headcount as of this meeting is as follows: 287 Members; 231 Associate Members; 35 retired; and 18 Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = 571**

**Neil Pedersen's Remarks/Replies to CEAM Inquiries:** Since Ed Adams is the Chairperson for the SHA Liaison Committee of the CEAM Board, he always canvasses the "voting member", and the membership to see what questions that they may have for the SHA with regards to HUR funding outlook, the progress of the newly created state "Blue Ribbon" committee, as well as other construction type questions to include any forecasts of state construction projects in this budget year. Neil provided a rather dismal forecast for any new SHA construction projects because of the proposed budget deficit that has been caused by the slower economy to include the taxes gained through car sales, which have been substantially lower due to the depressed statewide and national economy. He did indicate that the SHA was streamlining the "Access Permit Review" process, and that in the near future, not only will the permit section make review completion dates available to the permit applicant, but in the future, you will also be able to go to a web site to determine if the milestone review completion dates are being met. Neil was also fairly pessimistic about any positive change, or increase of any sort to the HUR funds to the Counties. In fact with the structural deficit in the Governor's budget, he felt confident that there would be no increase to the Counties' share, and expressed concern that with the decrease in revenue projections at the State level, he felt that the outlook for new capital projects was rather dismal. Following the questions posed by various Board members, as well as an expression of appreciation from the President for taking the time from his busy schedule to make this annual update to the CEAM Board of Directors, Neil joined the Board for lunch after the various committee reports were given.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Program & Conference Committee: (Co-Chairmen Hudson Myers and Paul Kahl)** – Paul Kahl advise the Board that the 2011 CEAM Spring '11 one-day conference has been set for a registration start at 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 10, and will be held at Baltimore County's Oregon Ridge lodge and meeting facility, which is centrally located just west of I-83, and in the vicinity of the Hunt Valley Inn facilities. The technical program is being finalized, and Ed Adams will be assisting Paul with making the food and catering arrangements for this one-day session, which will cost each registrant \$30.00 to attend this one-day conference. Lunch will be served like last year's Spring Conference, and the cost of the lunch, and the coffee and donuts during the morning registration will be included in the \$30.00 per person cost. Mike Warring reported that he feels confident that "Baltimore County Golf" will make every effort to offer our organization the lowest possible greens/cart fees to play the "Greystone" golf course, which is definitely one of their best upscale public courses in the County, if not in the State. Though we investigated other courses operated by the County for possibly less fees per player, the Monday schedule, and scheduled tournaments only provided this unique opportunity to still hold our tournament and charge our normal \$65 per player registration fee, even though the course fees are normally greater than the \$65 benchmark that we have held over the years. Mike has the course reserved, and will secure , and execute the contracts with the County in January after the County begins the booking of the 2011 outings.

**Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico and Dale Coppage – Co-Chairmen)** – As a member of the Committee, Jim reported that the committee will be meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss recent suggestions that the Board offered, to include the possible creation of scholarship funding for continuing education for those CEAM members, who are already engaged and working for one of the Counties, or an Associate member firm, which would offer the needed financial assistance, while specifically helping an engineer to progress with his career in either the public, or private sectors here in Maryland.

**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; Greg Africa; and Todd Mohn. Bob also noted that Stu Taub had agreed to serve again on this committee.

**Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn)** – No report

**Budget Committee: (Chairman Doug Myers)** – No Report

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

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

**Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery)** – Jim expressed his concerns as to why our CEAM nominated projects for recognition were not being considered, or given equal recognition by the MDQI committee.

**SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams )** – No report

#### **Old Business**

- **NACE Updates** – Jim Wilson, State Representative – Jim advised the Board that he would be attend the NACE meeting in Minneapolis from April 17-21, and wondered whether he needed Board approval to attend. It was discussed that this annual Conference was approved by the Board several years ago, and is included as a line item in the CEAM annual budget.

#### **New Business**

- **MACO Winter Conference** – is scheduled for January 5-7, 2011, and will be held at the Hyatt Conference Center in Cambridge. CEAM will be making one presentation as part of the “affiliate” program. The TMDL subject will be included in the technical program at the Winter Conference.

#### **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Greg Africa, and was seconded by Scott Flanigan to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 a.m. on January 27, 2011 at the Chesapeake Exploration Center in Queen Anne's County.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michael Warring, P.E.  
CEAM Secretary