

# County Engineers Association of Maryland

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**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**January 28, 2010**  
**Conference Room of**  
**The Chesapeake Exploration Center Building**  
**Kent Narrows**  
**Grasonville, Maryland**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ed Plank

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Hudson Myers

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers (can't attend)

Directors: Mike Moulds (representing Bob Tenanty), Bob Sebastian & John Nolan (can't attend-MdQI), Mike Hinchy, Steve Walsh, Scott Flanigan, and Bruce Johnston (can't attend)

Past Presidents: John Redden; John Tustin; and Joe Kroboth

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

Membership Committee: Todd Mohn

NACE Representative: Jim Wilson

Visitors:

## **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the December 3, 2009 meeting were distributed to the Board members by electronic email on 1/27/10. Motion was made by to approve the minutes as presented by Ed Plank, and was seconded by John Redden. Motion approved. Comments: None

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Doug Myers was unable to attend the meeting, and his report dated 1/24/10 was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of 12/1/09 was \$64,183.32, while the Money Market balance was \$ 8,939.11. The receipts totaled \$ \$6,350.37, while expenses were \$2,004.64. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 1/24/10 was \$ 77,468.16. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by Scott Flanigan, and was seconded by Ed Plank. Discussion, motion carried.

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

There was **one** new Associate Membership application submitted since the last Board meeting. (1) **Theodore B. Parker, IV (Ted)** – Project Manager for Pavement Program in AA County for Century Engineering, Inc.; and (2) there were **six** New Member applications submitted for the following: **Ralph D. Hutchins** – Supervisor of Road Maintenance for Calvert County's DPW; **Joseph H. Farinholt** – Facilities Manager Buildings and facilities for the Carroll County Commissioners; **Theodore Sirko** – Civil Engineer Manager – Carroll County's Bureau of Engineering Design; **Daniel DeWitt** - Engineer I and **Brian McCormick** – Engineer III – both are with the Allegany County DPW; and **Michael John Gibbons** – Director of Berlin's DPW. Motion to approve the new Member applications was made by Scott Flanigan, and was seconded by John Redden. Motion Carried. Currently the membership headcount as of this meeting is as follows: **278** Members; **223** Associate Members; **35** retired; and **18** Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = **554**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams)** – Not present - No Report.

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

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- (1) Details of the 2010 Spring Conference in Harford County – Hudson Meyers – the one-day Spring 2010 CEAM Conference will take place on Tuesday, May 18, and will be held at the **Richlin Ballroom** located just off I-95 exit for Bel Air (Route #24) at 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, Maryland. Registration will start at 8:00 am, and coffee and danish will be served. The technical sessions will start at 9:00, and for the registration cost of \$30.00 per registrant, they will also receive a cold luncheon buffet. The lunch will include a business meeting, that will include the announcement of the voting results for the new Board of Directors who will take office on July 1<sup>st</sup>. President Africa will swear in the newly elected officers. Following lunch, the afternoon technical sessions will begin, and the abbreviated 2010 Spring Conference will officially end with the last two sessions at 4:00 pm. Hudson reported that he had received a headcount of about 75 conference “Member” registrants that will attend based on his survey/inquiry of the “voting” members in the past month. There was a brief discussion about additional incentives to be offered to encourage maximum participation of this one-day technical conference, but after some discussion, it was felt that we would not only meet the 100 person minimum that was guaranteed to the Richlin Ballroom, but hopefully the minimized registration cost should be acceptable and affordable to all participants.
- (2) There will also be a CEAM Spring golf tournament scheduled for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wetlands Golf Club, which is located in close proximity to the Ripkin Stadium and Marriott hotel just off of I-95 in Aberdeen. Because there is not a direct connection to the one-day conference on Tuesday, a rain date has been established with the club for Wednesday, May 19. The registration for the tournament will start at 9:00 am, and a shotgun start has been set for 10:00 am. Ideally, this starting time will permit sufficient time for travel from the far limits of the state. The registration cost will be set at \$65.00, which will include the coffee and Danish, golf and greens fees, driving range balls, and team & individual prize certificates. Since there won't be any conference planned activities after the tournament, a cold luncheon buffet is also being planned to not only be able to provide lunch to the golfers, but to also permit some time for the needed scoring computations to take place so that the team, and individual winners can be determined, as well as distributing golf prize certificates that can be redeemed in the Wetlands pro shop before leaving the premises.
- (3) 2010 Fall CEAM Conference is scheduled at the Clarion Hotel from Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico and Dale Coppage – Co-Chairmen)** – Dale Coppage presented his annual report that he shared with the Scholarship Committee back on 12/23/09. According to the Treasurer's report, there was \$8,844 in the Bank of America account, while the T Rowe Price Investment fund was valued at \$29,723.00 for a total amount of \$38, 567.00. The report also reflected the contributions that were made by CEAM since August of 2008, to include the recent establishment of a \$4,000 partial scholarship at Morgan State University.

**Scholarship Committee:** (continued)

Dale also included the Endowment Fund report from the University of Maryland, which reflected a substantial loss in value from \$440,000 in FY 2008, to its current value of \$380,000. Dale indicated that the committee will be monitoring the U of Md Endowment Fund's performance, and if it continues a downward trend, the Committee is considering funding the needed \$16,400 annual cost to support the four CEAM scholarships from the current funds in their two accounts.

**Legislative Committee: (Co-Chairmen Bob Martin & Stu Taub –can't attend)** – because Bob and Stu were not able to attend this meeting, Greg distributed two filed House Bills #53 dealing with "Septage", and HB 80 that addresses proposed continuing education requirements and certifications for Professional Engineers that he received from MACO for discussion amongst the Board. There was some discussion about developing technical sessions at future conferences that would qualify for CE credits. HB #216 was discussed by both Joe Kroboth and Jim Wilson, and the consensus was that CEAM should support this bill. SB #229 – it was felt that a blue ribbon panel to discuss the long range effects of the HUR funding dilemma should be formed to include Joe Kroboth, Greg Africa, and Todd Mohn so that they will be able to offer testimony before the Senate in the near future.

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**Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn)** – (See: membership breakdown in the Secretary's report on page one of this document)

**Budget Committee: Chairman Doug Myers – (can't attend)** – No report

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

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**Associate Member Advisory Committee: (John Nolan & Bob Sebastian – Co-Chairmen)**  
(neither can attend due to MDQI conference. – No report)

**Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery)** Can't attend – No report

**Old Business**

- **NACE Updates – Jim Wilson, State Representative** – Jim announced that the Annual NACE Conference was scheduled from 4/25 thru 4/29/10, and will be located in Ft. Worth, Texas. Jim noted that he had to prepare a report for our State, and the suggestion was made that the impact of the HUR Fund reductions should be the focus of his report.
- **MACO Conference Technical Program Winter 2010 – Greg Africa -Theme – Update-**  
Greg reported that a panel consisting of Greg, Tony Giancola (Ex. Director of NACE), and Todd Mohn gave a panel presentation to the recent MACO Winter Conference on impact of HUR funding cuts.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (continued)

- **VERIZON Coordination/Follow-up – Mike Warring** – Mike reported that he had dropped his initial contact efforts with Verizon when he unveiled that Baltimore County was pursuing legal action against Verizon over the Prior Rights issue, and Mike was told from his contact, that until the suit was settled, there probably wouldn't be any further communications with CEAM representatives. Jim Wilson reminded that Board that Prince George's County was in the final stages of negotiations with Verizon on a proposed "cost splitting" agreement regarding Verizon pole/utility relocations for proposed roadway projects.

**New Business:**

- **Resignation of Bob Tenanty from the CEAM Board of Directors** – Based on a letter of Resignation from Bob dated December 3, 2009, President Africa stated that both the Director of Dorchester County's DPW, and Past President of CEAM '97, Chuck Weber, as well as Bob had strongly recommended that Mike Moulds, who serves as the "County Engineer", would be able to dedicate the required time and effort to serve the balance of Bob's tenure as a Board Member thru this July 1<sup>st</sup>. Based on prior practices for replacements during the active term of a Board member, there was a unanimous vote to accept Mike Moulds as a Board of Directors Member thru Bob's term of 6/30/10. Mike was in attendance for this Board meeting, and after a formal welcoming by President Africa, Mike expressed his pleasure to be appointed to serve the balance of Bob's term on the Board.
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**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ed Plank, and was seconded by John Redden to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the University of Maryland's J.H. Kim Engineering Building, Room 1107 & 1111, Clark School of Engineering.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michael Warring, P.E.  
CEAM Secretary