

# County Engineers Association of Maryland

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 26, 2009  
Conference Room of  
The Chesapeake Exploration Center Building  
Kent Narrows  
Grasonville, Maryland

President John Redden called the meeting to order @ 11:00 a.m. with the following attending:

President: John Redden  
1st Vice President: Greg Africa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ed Plank  
Secretary: Mike Warring  
Treasurer: Doug Myers (couldn't attend)  
Directors: Mike Mertaugh, Darl Kolar (couldn't attend), John Nolan, Mike Hinchy, Steve Walsh, Tom Meunier and Bob Tenanty (couldn't attend)  
Past Presidents: Jim Wilson; John Tustin & Joe Kroboth (couldn't attend); Ed Adams, and Todd Mohn  
Historian: Jim Montgomery (couldn't attend)  
Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairmen Mike Errico and Dale Coppage (couldn't attend)  
Legislative Committee: Co-Chairmen Bob Martin; Stu Taub (couldn't attend)  
NACE Representative: Kevin Beachy  
Promotion Committee: Chairman Bill Baker  
Visitors: Bruce Johnston – Board Member Nominee

### Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the February 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by to approve the minutes as presented by Ed Plank, and was seconded by John Nolan. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers was unable to attend the meeting, and his report dated 3/23/09 was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of 2/22/09 was \$ 59,131.24, while the Money Market balance was \$ 8,934.07. The receipts totaled \$ 1,975.00, while expenses were \$ 2,217.97. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 3/23/09 was \$ 67,822.34. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by Mike Mertaugh, and was seconded by Greg Africa. Discussion, motion carried.

### Secretary's Announcement/New Members:

**(2) New "Members" – Joseph Wayne Arthur – Civil Engineer II – Wicomico County DPW; Roger Victor Buckler – Site Engineer Technician – Calvert County DPW**

**(1) New Associate Member – Michael J. Salese Construction Consultant – O'Connell & Lawrence.** Motion to accept these applicants for membership in CEAM was made by John Nolan, and was seconded by Greg Africa. Discussion, motion carried. **(280 Members – 33 are unpaid; 228 Associate Members – 46 are unpaid; 34 retired – 7 unpaid; and 16 Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = 558 of which 86 are unpaid , or 15%**

**Committee Reports:**

**Program & Conference Committee: (Co-Chairmen Ed Plank & Greg Africa)** – Ed Plank reported that he still hadn't received a confirmation that the President of the Allegany Commissioners is going to attend our opening meeting on Friday morning, but did confirm that the President of his Washington County Board of Commissioners had agreed to offer his welcoming remarks to the Western Maryland region. Ed reported that all of the speakers for the technical sessions had confirmed their appearance, and the registration forms for the conference are steadily coming in to his office. There was some discussion among the Board that due to several call backs from President Redden's letter encouraging "voting members" to support CEAM thru attendance at this Spring's conference, that maybe we needed to send out an email to the voting members encouraging them to at least send their staff to attend the technical program on Thursday, as well as possibly the dinner that evening for a \$99.00 total cost? This was suggested, since many Counties have budgetary restrictions for travel and conferences, and maybe we can maximize attendance at the 8 technical sessions thru this offer. Further, Ed reported that there were only 32 Conference registrations received to date, and given this economy, and the pace of registrations, his goal is to have 100 attendees for this conference, and to obtain \$6,000 in sponsorships from the Associate Member firms. Based on concern for minimum charges, and guarantees for food example, Ed stated that we had to have enough registrations for food to cover a \$17,000 guarantee, or the organization would be responsible for the difference.

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**Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico and Dale Coppage – Co-Chairmen)** - Couldn't attend  
– No Report

**Legislative Committee: (Chairman Bob Martin)** – Bob Martin handed out his overview of pending bills before the legislatures that may, if passed, have an impact on County operations, or funding and implementation. The pending House Bills are: 130; 140; 423; 746; 943; 992; 998; 1053; 1054; 1078; 1182; 1316; 1362; 1368; 1457; and 1569. Bob said that he would report on the status of these bills at the next Board meeting in April.

**SHA Liaison Committee: Ed Adams – Chairman - Since** Ed has already met with the SHA District Engineer for his District, he made copies of the MDOT's "Distribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" (ARRA) and passed out the guidelines that MDOT will be using in the distribution of these Stimulus Moneys to the 23 Counties of Maryland. Ed suggested that only those projects that were qualified for Federal monies would be eligible, and if the project met that criteria, then you had to have "shovel ready" plans and construction specifications approved by mid August of this year. The bottom line is that using these guidelines and deadlines for completed design plans, that most of the moneys will probably be directed towards resurfacing programs.

**Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn)** – Todd pointed out that the Secretary's report of the memberships by category represented his committee's headcount, and that they would continue to call those members who have not paid this year's dues, or to verify that they longer wish to belong to CEAM.

**Budget Committee: Chairman Doug Myers** – (Couldn't attend) – No Report

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

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**Associate Member Advisory Committee: (Darl Kolar & John Nolan – Co-Chairmen)** –John Nolan reported that he and Darl had received \$2,200 in sponsorships to date, and that they would now begin the phone call inquiries in an effort to meet the goal that the Conference Chairman has set to break even with the minimum number of conference registrations (100). He also reported that he and Darl would develop a specific agenda for the Associate Member business meeting that will take place concurrently with the CEAM Business meeting.

**Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery)** – (couldn't attend) – No Report

**Promotion Committee: - (Chairman Bill Baker)** – Bill showed the Board the “stress relievers”, which are small soft rubber CAT dozer models with CEAM logo on their blades that the Board authorized to purchase at the last Board meeting. Bill also showed the Board the new vinyl panel with the CEAM logo that will be displayed at all of the Conferences, and the fact that it is made of vinyl material will make it more durable to be used in outside environments, and with this purchase, we now have an additional banner to be displayed at our semi annual conferences.

#### **Old Business**

- **NACE Updates – Kevin Beachy, State Representative** – No Report
- **Conference RFP for Outsourcing Registration Services – John Redden & Mike Warring** – (On Hold)
- **MACO Conference Technical Program Summer 2009 – John Redden-Theme – Subject Matter?**
- **VERIZON Coordination/Follow-up – Mike Warring – No Report**

#### **New Business:**

- John Redden reported that MACO had advised him that due to building renovations, that Affiliate Associations to MACOI will not be able to use their facilities in June, and therefore, the CEAM June 25<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting will be held in the Kent Narrows Exploration Center.
- John Redden further reported that he had received a letter from Doug Rose on behalf of Maryland's “Highway Safety Association” asking CEASM to provide some financial support to the program, since we are a “sponsor”? There was some discussion but no actions taken by the Board.
- Mike Hinchy reported that Charles County had gone to a 4 day, 36 hour work week to help relieve their budget.
- New SWM regulations being developed by MDE – Shouldn't CEAM be presenting a “position” on these “regs”?

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ed Plank, and was seconded by Greg Africa to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 on April 23, 2009 at the Chesapeake Exploration Center, Queen Anne's County.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michael Warring, P.E.  
CEAM Secretary