

County Engineers Association of Maryland

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 27, 2009
Conference Room of
The Chesapeake Exploration Center Building
Kent Narrows
Grasonville, Maryland

Immediate Past President John Redden called the meeting to order @ 11:00 a.m. with the following in attendance:

President: Greg Africa (on vacation)

1st Vice President: Ed Plank (on vacation)

2nd Vice President: Hudson Myers

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers (can't attend)

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

Past Presidents: John Redden; Jim Wilson; NOTE: John Tustin & Joe Kroboth (can't attend)

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

NACE Representative: Kevin Beachy

Visitors: Mike Moulds-County Engineer of Dorchester County's DPW; Rhody Holt Haus - AA County Roads; Michael Sanderson and Andrea Mansfield – MACO; Mike King-Charge of U of Md. Endowment Fund; and Pam Seimer-Liaison from U of Md. for scholarship funds/endowments; Victor Weissburg-P.G. County DPW; Jeff Rank and Shane Moore-QA County DPW.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the July 23, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by to approve the minutes as presented by Hudson Myers, and was seconded by Steve Walsh. Motion approved. Comments: Steve Walsh noted that he was not present for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers was unable to attend the meeting, and his report dated 8/20/09 was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of 7/20/09 was \$ 60,363.10, while the Money Market balance was \$ 8,937.81. The receipts totaled \$ 25,870.00, while expenses were \$ 19,453.64. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 8/20/09 was \$ 75,717.27. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by Hudson Myers, and was seconded by Mike Hinchy. Discussion, motion carried.

Secretary's Announcement/New Members:

(3) New Associate Members – Leon Kriebel – President of Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC; **Theon Grojean** – Department Head of Transportation Services – Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.; and **Fauzi Faraj** – Senior Vice President – HAKS Engineering

Motion to accept these applicants for membership in CEAM was made by Hudson Myers, and was seconded by Mike Hinchy. Discussion, motion carried. (284 Members – 33 are unpaid; (231 Associate Members – 46 are unpaid; 34 retired – 7 unpaid; and 16 Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = 565.

Committee Reports:

Program & Conference Committee: (Co-Chairmen Ed Plank & Hudson Myers) John Redden reported that Conference Chair Ed Plank had given him the following numbers for the Fall Conference: 95 of the 145 rooms reserved are already booked, and 55 golfers have registered, and the registrations are still starting to come in bundles. The site of the Spring 2010 Conference hasn't been booked yet, but Greg Africa has taken the lead in determining availability at the Solomon's Island Holiday Inn that has been such a well attended facility in the past. Though we have the Clarion reserved for our Fall meeting in 2010, John Tustin and Mike Warring have been asked by the P & C Committee to take the lead in negotiating a proposal for multi-year contract with either the Clarion, or the Princess Royale starting in 2011. Due to Chuck Beall's experience with past negotiations with the Hotels in Ocean City, he will be consulted by John and Mike prior to bringing their recommendations back to the P & C Committee.

Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico (can't attend) and Dale Copping – Co-Chairmen) – Dale reported that CEAM had sent the Scholarship Committee the Board-approved contribution of \$15,000, and that in combination with monies from the Committee's resources, they were able to send a check in the amount of \$16,400 for the four scholarships at the U of Md., while there was also the first check delivered to Morgan State University in the amount of \$4,000.00 which equates to approximately ½ of the annual tuition for an engineering student. Dale then went on to introduce Ms. Pam Seimer, who has replaced Radka Nebesky as our Liaison with the U. of Md. with regards to our CEAM-sponsored engineering scholarships. Following that introduction, Dale introduced Mike King, who is in charge of the endowment fund for the U of Md. College Park Foundation (UMCPF) investment portfolio at the University of Maryland. Mike discussed and handed out a summary of the various fund amounts that generally showed about 25% +/- reduction in value in 2008 due to the depressed financial markets. Finally, Pam made a short power point presentation, as well as distributing copies of the presentation for the Board member's files.

Legislative Committee: (Chairman Bob Martin) – Bob introduced Michael Sanderson who is Executive Director of MACO, and in turn, Michael introduced Andrea Mansfield, who serves the organization as Associate Director. He then handed out several lists illustrating the Board of Public Works most recent reduction in the redistribution of HUR funds to the 23 Counties and the City of Baltimore. Utilizing a prescribed maximum reduction to the Counties for redistribution of HUR funds, the net effect was a 90% reduction to each of the Counties, and a 52% reduction in HUR Funds received for the City of Baltimore. In addition, Michael distributed the Governor's latest handout for Budget Reductions across the entire State Budget. The latest list of reductions to previously allocated funds was distributed for each county and the municipalities within the local jurisdiction. The forecast was for even deeper cuts again in the next legislative session, with the distinct possibility that the State may pass the fiscal responsibility of maintaining the retirement funds for teachers to each County in 2010. Michael then suggested that MACO needs to develop a questionnaire for each County to complete that will effectively measure all of the physical and fiscal impacts that the continued reduction in the redistribution of HUR Funds is having on each County. It was agreed that MACO would take the lead, and would develop the form along with assistance from Bob Martin and other Officers of the Board. The questionnaire/survey would be distributed to each of the Voting members for completion within a compressed time frame so that MACO can develop testimony against this latest, and continued reductions to the HUR Funds.

Committee Reports: (continued)

Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn) – Todd reminded the Board to review the latest headcount of our active membership, and also stated that in response to the Board's comments and recommendations at a recent meeting to make inquiries to Baltimore City in an effort to have greater participation by the Director and key staff, that he had sent correspondence offering a reduction in registration fees, but that to date, they had not responded to his inquiry.

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) – Bob Sebastian reported that he and John Nolan were very busy trying to garner support from all Associate Members thru their participation in supporting the various functions of the Fall Conference, and that he and John were pleasantly surprised at the positive replies that they were receiving even in this distressed economy. They project that Associate support will meet, or exceed last Fall Conference's benchmarks.

Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery) – Since Jim wasn't available for the meeting, Todd Mohn said that the Committee had met last month, and had nominated both Tom Hamer (Retired Baltimore County), and Eugene Harvey (retired Anne Arundel County) to be granted "Life Membership" based on their service, and support to CEAM. Based on a motion by Mike Warring, and seconded by Hudson Myers, the Board approved the motion unanimously.

SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams) – (no report)

Old Business:

- Mike Hinchy handed out copies of his CEAM PDH Certificate that the Board had asked him to develop. The Board members accepted the latest version that Mike developed, and it was agreed that this would be the certificate that would be mailed to those in attendance at the various technical programs at the 2009 Fall Conference.

New Business: There were no items brought before the Board.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Hudson Myers, and seconded by Mike Hinchy. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 on October 22, 2009 at the Chesapeake Exploration Center, Queen Anne's County.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michael Warring, P.E.
CEAM Secretary