

County Engineers Association of Maryland

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

May 22, 2008

Chesapeake Exploration Center
Kent Narrows, Grasonville, Maryland

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

President: Jim Wilson

1st Vice President: John Redden

2nd Vice President: Greg Africa

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers (not in attendance)

Directors: Darl Kolar, Ed Plank, Stu Taub, Holger Serrano, Tom Meunier. Mike Mertaugh, Bob Cooper and Holger Serrano could not attend.

Past Presidents: John Tustin, Joe Kroboth

Historian: Jim Montgomery (could not attend)

Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairmen Mike Errico, and Dale Coppage (not in attendance)

Legislative Committee: Co-Chairmen Bob Martin & Stu Taub

Visitors: Kevin Beachy – NACE Representative; and Jeff Rank . Web

Master/Administrator

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the March 27, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Motion by John Redden, and was seconded by Stu Taub for approval of the minutes without comments. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers was unable to attend the meeting, and his report dated 5/20/08 was distributed to the Board members. The checking account balance as of 4/27/08 was \$ 100,041.91, while the Money Market balance was \$ 8, 821.57. The receipts totaled \$ 2,485.00 while expenses were \$ 8,192.33. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 5/20/08 was \$ 103,156.25. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by Jim Wilson, seconded by Ed Plank. Discussion, motion carried. Note: There was a brief discussion about the timing of our annual contribution to the various scholarship programs at U of Md.?

Secretary's Announcement/New Members:

(2) New "Associate Members" – David Albert Huber, Vice President – Urban Engineers, Inc.; and Norm Speteh – Standard Supplies

Motion to accept these applicants for membership in CEAM was made by Greg Africa, and was seconded by Darl Kolar. Discussion, motion carried. (227 Associate Members-38 unpaid; 284 Members – 20 unpaid; 40 retired – 6 unpaid; and 13 Life & Honorary Members – Total Membership = 564)

Committee Reports:

Program & Conference Committee: (Co-Chairmen John Redden & Greg Africa) Spring Conference: Greg reported that we had 209 conference attendees including spouses and that he is awaiting Doug Myer's report of the final bills so that a conference summary report can be published by the Treasurer. He hopes to have those results at June meeting.

Fall Conference: The dates are set at September 18, 19, and 20 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Comments: Everyone heard nothing but positive comments from everyone about the new Spring Conference "typical" schedule starting with Wednesday and ending with the business meeting at Noon on Friday. Addressing that point, the President asked for a show of hands from the Board to be sure that the Board members were in complete agreement with the new format which now included 8 technical sessions plus a keynote Speaker and business meeting. Everyone present indicated their complete support for the new program format.

Spring Conference of 2009: Ed Plank reported that he had secured the Rocky Gap Conference Center for the following dates: May 13 thru May 15, 2009. Everyone on the Board was pleased with the location, and the time of the meeting, and Ed indicated that he would be continuing his planning discussions with both the Hotel as well as the P & C Committee.

Greg also reported that he had been in contact with Michelle Dinkel of MACO regarding her interest to provide "outsourcing" support services as a private individual during the "bulk" planning works for the semi-annual CEAM conferences, and that he hoped to have a proposal shortly.

Scholarship Committee: (Mike Errico and Dale Coppage – Co-Chairmen) No Report – However, discussion ensued about the difficulty of the Member Counties being able to compete with the private market employers to entice the scholarship recipients to begin the careers with a Member County of CEAM. Greg Africa suggested that we might consider offering scholarship assistance to existing County employees, who wish to further their education, and therefore enhance their job skills with member counties. He also suggested that members of SWANA could apply to their Board for \$1,000 scholarships. It was suggested that the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairmen should be told of this discussion to get their reaction to this approach.

Legislative Committee: (Chairman Bob Martin) – Bob reported that due to the repeal of the Computer Tax as well as a reduction in the share of the 6% sales tax, that highway construction spending for state only projects will be reduced by \$65M in '09, and will continue the decrease in spending to \$77 M by the year 2013.

Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn) – No report; – see Secretary's report of the membership count by category.

Budget Committee: Chairman Doug Myers – No Report

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

Associate Member Advisory Committee: (Stu Taub & Darl Kolar – Co-Chairmen)

Darl reported that Associate Members Matt Allen of WMA, and Bill Baker of WCB & M have joined the Associate Member Advisory Committee, and he is looking forward to having the additional support on future technical conference programs.

Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery) – In Jim's absence, Stu Taub stated that Jim had forwarded the nomination forms for the various annual awards that were approved by the Board at it's last meeting to Jeff Rank for posting on the web site. In addition, Jeff will mail these out to the voting members for their distribution to their employees. It is Jim's intention to distribute these awards at the Fall Conference.

SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams) Old Business: – No Report

- **NACE Updates – Kevin Beachy, State Representative** – Kevin presented his three page report of the NACE Conference that he attended in Portland Oregon. The Conference ran from 4/20 thru 4/25, and there were 394 delegates from 46 states across the country, and 92 guests in attendance. Number of vendors/displays was approximately 200. He distributed his overview and report of the conference to the Board.
- **Conference RFP for Outsourcing Registration Services – John Redden & Mike Warring** – Greg Africa reported that he was pursuing the potential engagement of Ms. Dinkel to serve in this outsourcing capacity through the P & C Committee.
- **MACO Conference Technical Program Summer 2008 – John Redden-Discussion with MACO, MDOT on Local Needs** – John Redden will follow-up with the MACO staff regarding putting a technical program together for the Summer Conference in August
- **VERIZON Coordination/Follow-up – Mike Warring** – Mike reported that he had met with Laura Knickman, an Assistant VP and Client Representative for the Eastern Shore Counties in order to develop a strategy for Ms. Knickman to obtain, and develop a list of Best Management practices from her side of the table. Mike stated that he had was about to send out a notice to the Voting Members in order to solicit their list of complaints/issues with dealing with Verizon, especially with utility relocations.

New Business:

- Tom Meunier said that he had not received a lot of responses to his questionnaire on the many operational facets of Snow Removal programs to date
 - John Redden asked if anyone had heard anything about carbon credits for methane gas collection, and re-use?
Bob Martin indicated that the SHA was going to enforcing the integration of ADA Compliance on all sidewalk programs within their ROW.
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Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Greg Africa, and seconded by John Redden to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 on June 26, 2008 at the MACO Headquarters Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michael Warring, P.E.
CEAM Secretary