

County Engineers Association of Maryland

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 26, 2007

MACO Office Building

Annapolis, Maryland

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

President: John Tustin

1st Vice President: Jim Wilson

2nd Vice President: John Redden

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers (Not in attendance)

Directors: Kevin Beachy (Attending NACE Convention), Gregg Africa, Holger Serrano, Bob Tenanty (not in attendance), Bob Cooper, Steve Zahn, and Stu Taub

Past Presidents: Ed Adams

Historian: Jim Wright (not in attendance)

Scholarship Committee:

Legislative Committee: Bob Martin

Visitors: Neil Pedersen – Administrator Maryland SHA

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the March 22, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Ed Adams, and was seconded by Holger Serrano for approval of the minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers was unable to attend the meeting, and his report was not available at the time of the Board meeting. President Tustin advised the Board that he would follow-up with the Treasurer to have a copy of the monthly report distributed to the Board Members.

Secretary's Announcement/New Members: (6) New "Members" – Harford County DPW :
Debbis J. Slitzer – Construction Inspector III; **John P. Brenton** – Construction Inspector III; **David M. Wallis** – Construction Inspector III; **Debra Kaubach English** – Chief, Environmental Enforcement; **Charles H. Isennock** – Chief, Capital Projects; **Thomas A. Pistel** – Chief, Bureau of Construction Management

(2) New Associate Members- Raymond Ebaugh – Director of Waste Water Planning/Development – Tidewater Utilities; and **George R. Robbins**, HNTB Corporation – Project Manager II

Motion to accept these applicants for membership in CEAM was made by Jim Wilson, and was seconded by John Redden. Discussion, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Spring and Fall '07 Conference Reports: (Chairman John Redden) –

John reported that we had almost 150 attendees for the Spring 2007 Conference in Salisbury. John says that he has been in close communications with the Clarion regarding room arrangements, and other details, but that he hadn't decided where the Thursday night meal should take place. The hotel would like us to stay there, and a discussion ensued about the limitations of other locations, along with some negative comments about the quality of food at last year's venue. John suggested that he was working closely with the Conference and

Committee Reports: (continued)

Program Committee members on solidifying the technical programs, and that he does expect to have a confirmation in the near future regarding the Secretary of Transportation appearance as our Keynote Speaker for the Fall Conference. He has prepared a draft budget, and it is being reviewed by the Committee.

Legislative Committee: (Chairman Bob Martin) – No Report

Membership Committee: (Chairman Todd Mohn – No Report)

Budget Committee: (No Report)

Associate Member Advisory Committee: (Stu Taub & Steve Zahn – Co-Chairman)

- No Report

Scholarship Committee: (Chairman John Norris – No Report) – However, Bob Martin did distribute a monthly report on the “cash position” of the Roger Willard Scholarship Fund to the Board members, which indicated a total investment amounts of \$78,511.90.

Awards Committee: (Chairman Jim Montgomery) - Stu Taub presented a memorandum from Chairman Montgomery to the Board regarding his committee's recommendations for various awards to deserving members, to include County Engineer of the Year, Associate Member of the Year, and “County Project of the Year”. Jim asked the Board to review these recommendations, so that he and his committee could begin to activate some of these awards, as well as considering his definitions for Life and Honorary Members.

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

SHA Liaison Committee: (Chairman Ed Adams) – Ed Adams introduced our guest speaker and visitor Neil Pedersen, SHA Administrator, and as part of his introduction, Ed distributed his email memo to Neil suggesting various topics that are of keen interest to our members throughout the State. Using Ed's memo as a guide, Neil expressed his delight with the recently organized SHA/CEAM Liaison concept, and was pleased to be at the meeting to discuss his, and SHA's perspective on the issues presented. Neil then began his discussions regarding:

- Mandatory width of Bridges when replaced using Federal monies. FHTA dictates a minimum width of 26' for roadways less than 400 ADT, but SHA has been successful in getting some relaxation of these requirements. Would like to hear more of the problems of the CEAM members, and try and work with his staff, and the FHTA to resolve issues. The issue of the cost of doing the right of way appraisal was sometimes greater than the cost of the needed land in some of the rural counties.
- Sidewalk and Streetlight Maintenance & ADA Compliant existing sidewalks.

- **Education Committee: (Co Chairs: Gary Rohrer & Bob Cooper)** – (proposed members?) Bob reported that he intended to use the results of the member inquiry at the Spring Conference to help he and Gary develop topics for potential one day seminars in the future, and that due to his role as a member of the Conference and Program Committee, he feels that all of the members will benefit from future technical programs.

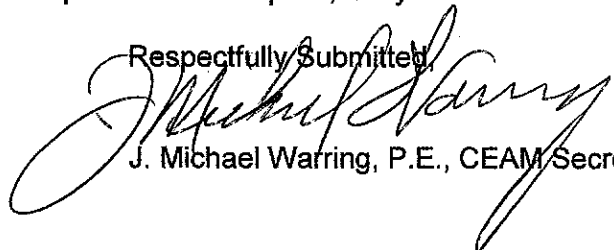
New Business:

- The Board received a memorandum from Michael Sanderson of MACO regarding "2008 Legislative Initiative Ideas", and he requested that all input from CEAM members should be delivered to MACO by 6/29/07.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. Motion by John Redden, and was seconded by Stu Taub to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 on May 24, 2007, at the MACO Headquarters in Annapolis, Maryland

Respectfully Submitted,



J. Michael Warring, P.E., CEAM Secretary



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE IDEAS REQUESTED

TO: County Elected Officials
Affiliate Presidents
Legislative Staffers
County Administrators
County Attorneys

FROM: Michael Sanderson
Legislative Director

DATE: April 26, 2007

RE: **2008 Legislative Initiative Ideas Requested by June 29**

I am writing to solicit proposals for MACo's 2008 General Assembly Session legislative initiatives. Each year, MACo brings issues to the attention of the General Assembly as a way of advancing the county government agenda. The proposals, which will be sponsored by sympathetic legislators at our request, may deal with preserving or expanding local authority, creating or enhancing state assistance, or any other issues of importance to county governments and operations. We have often worked collaboratively with MACo affiliate groups, as well as other organizations, to build coalitions to best support our legislative initiatives.

The process by which MACo's Legislative Committee adopts the Association's legislative initiatives will begin shortly. The Committee's procedures provide that without the specific approval of the Association's officers, there may be no more than four initiatives for a given year. This limitation reflects a strategy to guarantee effective advocacy.

In order to ensure that proposals receive full consideration, please mail, fax or email (msanderson@mdcounties.org) them to me by **June 29**. Please describe the problem or situation that the proposed legislation would address and any previous attempt, either through legislation or administrative action, to resolve the problem or situation. Proposals should not be directed to purely local problems or situations.

Your input in crafting MACo's legislative initiatives is a critical factor to insuring that the Association is responsive to the needs of its constituents. If you have any questions about the initiative selection process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your help.

COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION **OF MARYLAND**

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2007
To: All Board Members & Past Presidents
From: Mike Warring, P.E., Secretary
Subject: Board Meeting - Thursday, April 26, 2007

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the MACo Office, 169 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

The Program and Conference Committee will meet at 10:00 AM.

As in the past, lunch will be served. If you do not plan to attend, please contact *Tina Rupert* at 240-313-2254 or via e-mail at trupert@washco-md.net as soon as possible.

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COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

OF MARYLAND

Regular Monthly Board of Director's Meeting:

DATE: April 26, 2007 @ 11:00 a.m. – MACo Office
169 Conduit Street, Annapolis, MD

AGENDA:

- Meeting Call to Order John H. Tustin, P.E.
- Review/Approval of Minutes Mike Warring
- Treasurer's Report Doug Myers
- Secretary's Report J. Michael Warring

Committee Reports

Conference Committee Update -
John B. Redden, JR., P.E. 2nd Vice President
Chairman – Spring/Fall Conference Programs – Update

Legislative Committee - Robert W Martin – Chairman

Membership Committee
Budget Committee
Associate Member Advisory Committee
Scholarship Committee
Awards Committee
By-Laws Committee
State Highway Liaison Committee

Old Business

Program and Conference Committee:
Chair J. Michael Warring – MACo Summer Conference
Technical Program Subjects/Speakers Update

New Business

SHA Liaison Committee – Edward Adams
DPW Baltimore County
Neil Pedersen, Administrator
Maryland State Highway Administration

- Adjournment