

County Engineers Association of Maryland

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 27, 2005

MACO Headquarters- Conference Room
Annapolis, Maryland

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

President : Joe Kroboth

1st Vice President: John Tustin

2nd Vice President: Jim Wilson

Secretary: Mike Warring

Treasurer: Doug Myers

Directors: Kevin Beachy, John Redden, Ron Bowen, Charles Nolan, Bob Tenanty,
Steve Zahn (Holger Serrano was not in attendance),

Past Presidents: Ed Adams (Rai Sharma, Todd Mohn, & Chuck Beall could not attend)

Historian: Jim Wright

Scholarship Committee: (No Committee Members were in attendance)

Legislative Committee: Bob Martin

Visitors:

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the July 28, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jim Wilson, seconded by John Redden, for approval of the minutes. Motion approved. Comments: Add discussion about the '05-'06 CEAM Initiative subject that was presented by President Kroboth..

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Myers distributed the Treasurer's Report dated 7 September, 2005. The checking account balance as of 7 September, 2005 was \$ 74,178.96, while the Money Market balance was \$ 7,859.57. The receipts and dividends totaled \$ 602.95, while expenses were \$ 17,322.19. The total balance of both the checking and money market accounts as of 10/26/05 was \$ 65,319.29. Motion to adopt the Treasure's report was made by Charles Nolan, and seconded by John Redden. Discussion, motion carried.

Secretary's Announcement/New Members:

(1) New "Retired Member" Application @ \$5.00 each: WAYNE LEWIS, Chief, Bureau of Utilities-Carroll County department of Public Works. Motion by Charles Nolan, and seconded by Jim Wilson, to approve the new category of membership after being an active member of CEAM for over 24-years. Motion approved.

Fall '05 Conference Report: (Chairman: John Tustin) John reported that we had 214 members and 74 guests in attendance at this year's conference at the Clarion Hotel. Based on his preliminary estimates, he projects that the revenues from the registration, Hooper's and Hotel bills will equate to approximately \$13,000 - \$14,000, and when combined with the contributions/exhibit fees from the Associate members, the total revenues may equal close to \$27,000. John said that he met all of the meal guarantees with the Hotel almost to a person. There were many congratulatory comments given by many of the Board members regarding John's success as the Conference Chairman for both the Spring and Fall Conferences of 2005, and the hope that he will be able to contribute to the 2006 Spring Conference Committee's planning efforts, especially in the technical program area.

Spring '06 Conference Report: (Chairman Jim Wilson) Jim confirmed that he had a contract offering from the Wisp Resort in the Deep Creek/McHenry area of Garrett County for the Spring Conference for May 11 and May 12, 2006. The room rate will be \$79.00 per night plus applicable taxes, and he stated that he will need a \$500.00 deposit check from the Treasurer so that he can execute the proposed contract. Jim went out to the facility in August, and stated that there had been many millions of dollars being spent on renovations to the hotel, and the various amenities. The current golf rate is at \$60.00, however, Jim felt that there was room to negotiate a "group" rate downwards, and suggested that maybe golf chairman Warring could get a more reasonable rate in the near future. Jim announced that the Spring Conference Committee consisted of the following: John Tustin, Charles Nolan, Steve Zahn, Kevin Beachy, Dwight Emory, and Mike Warring. The committee hopes to make a trip out to Wisp before the next Board meeting in December so that they can confirm the suitability of the facility, and confirm the rates and arrangements with the hotel's staff. John Tustin offered several speakers and subjects that could not be included in the past two conferences, as well as some other technical programs ideas were offered by various board members to include: statewide reduction of health benefits for state/county employees; economic impact of development around the Deep Creek area, as well as infrastructure impacts in Garrett County; large planned development proposed on the eastern boundary of Allegany County and adjacent to State Park; the subject "Engineers without Borders"; and possible speakers from MDE dealing with proposed rules for TMDL..

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: No report

By Laws Committee: No report

Legislative Committee: Bob Martin -Bob reported that he was in the process of contacting all Public Works Directors from each of the 23 Counties and the City of Baltimore to determine if they had any particular legislative initiatives that the CEAM organization may be able to offer some assistance, or support. In addition, he has asked the Directors to list any other major issues that they may be facing, where the CEAM may be of some technical assistance, especially, if the particular problem affects additional counties throughout the State.

Legislative Committee: (continued)

One issue that did come up was the FHWA requirements for including appraisals for needed ROW as part of bridge replacements, or improvements where the appraisal costs more than the land needed, which in some cases is donated to the County by the landowner. At present, Bob was not aware of any pending legislation in the upcoming session, that would have direct impacts on CEAM members, however, he did bring up the fact that there was a potential battle between the MACO and MML organizations over the current "Annexation" process, and the interaction between the two governing bodies, especially regarding needed infrastructure for proposed developments in the rural counties. Another issue that will need to be followed will be the formula that MDE has developed for the distribution, and prioritization of monies collected through the recently passed Flush Tax bill.

Utility Relocation Committee: Ed Adams - Ed reported that he had sent out inquiries to all of the voting members asking them if they were having any problems working with Verizon regarding utility pole relocations. As of this meeting, he had only 6 replies, and most of them indicated that they weren't experiencing any issues with Verizon with these matters. However, in Charles County where the County has embarked on a \$66M highway construction program, Chuck Beall has run into many problems with both responsiveness, as well as unlimited bills to the county from Verizon for the pole relocations. They argue that they have "prior rights" in the ROW given to them by ancient legislation (~1800). There are several alternatives being proposed by Charles County, and Ed suggested that the BOD invite the local Verizon representative to meet with the BOD in the near future to discuss their policies, and how we can amicably resolve everyone's needs for all counties?

Old Business:

MOU - CEAM Administrator - A draft MOU has been developed by Todd Mohn, and has been distributed to various board members who have volunteered to assist with the formalization of the job description for this needed service to support our organization. It was agreed that the committee members under the direction of President Kroboth would get together and develop a MOU for BOD review at the December 8, meeting in Annapolis.

2005-2006 CEAM Initiatives - President Kroboth stated that our initiatives should include the following goals for '05-'06: (1) MACO Affiliation/Participation with the Semi Annual Conferences - We should be more active with the staff of MACO, with regards to our involvement with our organization developing the subject matter for the CEAM portion of the MACO technical sessions, rather than being supplied with subjects that are offered by the MACO staff. The subject matter should be very relevant to a majority of our County members, and we should put forth a considerable effort to insure that our program is noteworthy, as well as beneficial for all of the elected member present at the conference;

Old Business: (continued)

2005-2006 CEAM Initiatives: (continued) (2) Young Member Participation in our CEAM Programs - develop various means, programs, and incentives to insure that we have more participation by our younger staff members from both the public and private factions of the CEAM; and (3) Utility Committee Initiatives with VERIZON - relative to utility relocations; responsiveness; and reasonable costs controls, if they are in fact warranted as part of the cost of construction for the project.

Clarion Hotel Contract Negotiations - We have an contract with the Clarion Hotel for the Fall Conferences of '06 and '07. Mike Warring noted that we currently have signed contracts with the Beach Club for the foresaid Fall conferences, but that he would like to discuss another less expensive alternative location for the gold tournaments under New Business.

One Day Conferences - As part of the Board's initiatives to encourage more participation by our younger members, Jim Wilson had offered that we ought to offer at least one-day technical sessions in a central location. Jim said that he would be pursuing this matter, and having discussion with T2 regarding possible subjects, and locations etc.

New Business:

MACO Winter Conference - 1/4 - 1/6/06 at Hyatt Regency in Cambridge - Many topics were discussed by the Board as possible subject matter for the CEAM technical program of the MACO Conference. These subjects included, but were not limited to the following: Green Buildings; Automatic Speed Control Devices/programs; Disaster Relief/Emergency Programs here in Maryland; Growth Impact Issues on Infrastructure;, and several speakers were also discussed, who were considered experts in the subject matter.

AISI Bridge Survey - Tony Giancola of NACE had distributed a bridge and culvert survey to Ed Adams, and Ed has distributed to all of the voting members of CEAM. It's goal is to obtain needed information on a National basis of the condition, and needed repairs of bridges and culverts.

Open Discussion:

Course Location for '06 & '07 Fall Tournaments - Tournament Chairman Mike Warring stated that though he had a reservation/contract at the Beach Club for the '06 & '07 tournaments, that he had a counter offer from the Bay Club to hold their price of \$45/player for these two years, in comparison to the stated \$50 and \$55 rates that are specified in our contracts with the Beach Club. When Mike notified the Beach Club that their per player prices were much higher than the rates being offered by the Bay Club for these two years, the Beach Club came back with an offer even lower than the Bay Club. Ed Adams suggested that both facilities are excellent, and we have had great success with both of them, to include the Bay Club where we have held our tournaments for '04 and '05. It was suggested that Mike negotiate the best deal for CEAM.

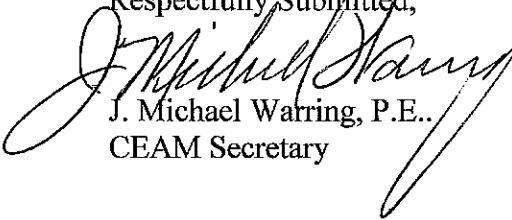
Open Discussion: (continued)

Appointment of New DPW Director in Cecil County - After some discussion by the Board, it was recommended that President Joe Kroboth would send a congratulatory letter to Scott Flanigan, and to also welcome and invite him to become an active participant in the CEAM organization.

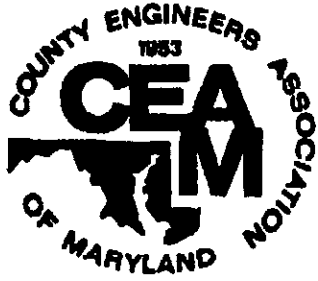
Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. Motion by Ed Adams, and seconded by John Redden to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board will be held on @, 11:00 am, December 8, 2005 at the MACO Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland

Respectfully Submitted,

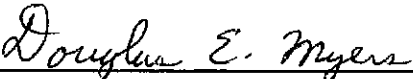


J. Michael Warring, P.E..
CEAM Secretary



**COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
OF MARYLAND**

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>MONEY MARKET</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BALANCE AS OF 9/7/05	\$ 74,178.96	\$ 7,859.57	\$ 82,038.53
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Memberships	555.00		555.00
Dividends		47.95	47.95
	\$ 555.00	\$ 47.95	\$ 602.95
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Bank Fees	14.43		14.43
Fall Conference '05	15,792.65		15,792.65
Directories	1,085.11		1,085.11
Postage	179.68		179.68
Mailing Services	0.32		0.32
Secretarial Services	250.00		250.00
	\$ 17,322.19	\$ -	\$ 17,322.19
BALANCE AS OF 10/26/05	\$ 57,411.77	\$ 7,907.52	\$ 65,319.29



 Douglas E. Myers, Treasurer