



## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**Koenig's, Floral Park, NY**

**March 19, 2009**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

<i>President</i>	<i>Gordon Meth</i>
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### **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<i>Awards</i>	<i>Edward Bolden</i>
<i>Industry</i>	<i>Rich Marsanico</i>
<i>Legislative</i>	<i>Leon Goodman</i>

### **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

<i>Local Arrangements, Northern NJ</i>	<i>Jeff Smithline</i>
<i>Local Arrangements, Southern NJ</i>	<i>Kevin Conover</i>
<i>Local Arrangements, New York</i>	<i>John Miller</i>
<i>Local Arrangements – L. I.</i>	<i>Lynn Weyant</i>
<i>Local Arrangements – Westchester</i>	<i>Michael O'Rourke / Brian Dempsey</i>

### **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

*Lynn LaMunyon*

### **NON-STANDING COMMITTEES**

<i>New Jersey Membership</i>	<i>Haseeb Ahson</i>
<i>New York Membership</i>	<i>Albert Dawson</i>
<i>Newsletter &amp; Public Information</i>	<i>Mayer Horn &amp; Jennifer Bates</i>
<i>Professional Development</i>	<i>Thomas Arlo &amp; Sarah Weissman</i>
<i>Student Outreach</i>	<i>Thomas Pagano &amp; Tommy Kwong</i>
<i>Young Members</i>	<i>Adam Allen &amp; Danielle Joyce</i>
<i>Technical Projects</i>	<i>Luigi Casinelli &amp; Ben Szeto</i>
<i>Web Site</i>	<i>Mark Kulewicz / Christopher McBride</i>
<i>Action Calendar</i>	<i>Andy Saracena</i>



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### Attendees:

Adam Allen  
Andy Saracena  
Ray DiBiase  
Gordon Meth  
Bill McMenamin  
Armando Lepore  
Al Dawson  
Grace Van Kirk  
Chris McBride  
Mike Salatti

John Cresson  
Tommy Kwong  
Larry Lennon  
Tom Arlo  
Tom Soyk  
Leon Goodman  
Gus DaSilva  
Ed Bolden

Gordon Meth called the meeting to order at 2:40PM.

Ed Bolden called a motion to approve the minutes from the February board meeting. Ray DiBiase seconded this, and the minutes were unanimously approved

The president had just a few items on the agenda to discuss:

- Follow up on NJ Bill A2731 – Gordon mentioned that there's been no progress on the letter, but requested that Larry Lennon forward his electronic signature for inclusion.
- Resume Posting – Gordon confirmed the task of resume posting has not yet been assigned, but stated that he and Al Dawson would be speaking at some point after the meeting.
- Student Chapter Meetings – Gordon discussed that he made the Speaker's Bureau available at Polytechnic Institute of NYU and two speakers had been selected. Gordon is currently in contact with Cooper Union, Hunter, and the College of New Jersey, but has not yet made contact with either Rutgers or NJIT.

On behalf of Paul Eng-Wong, Gordon handed out the notice for the upcoming ICTPA conference. Paul is encouraging attendance at the conference and soliciting speakers.

Ed Bolden requested that consideration begin for this year's award recipients, even though it's early. Ed also mentioned that the Met Section's annual report was submitted to headquarters.

Ray DiBiase reviewed the details from the February meeting, which was very well attended. He went on to state that 70 people had signed up for the afternoon session of today's meeting, with a total of 120 signed up for the evening. Ray then handed out revised



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schedules for the remainder of the year and discussed any changes that had been made regarding speakers and topics since the last meeting. He stated that Kevin Conover was having difficulties with arrangements at Princeton despite the afternoon sessions having already been coordinated. A discussion was raised by a number of attendees at this point requesting the Section consider alternatives to Princeton, as these issues have been a reoccurring theme over the years. Ray concluded his discussion by mentioning that the Pignataro award winner will be named at the Princeton meeting and that the Section is looking into obtaining AICP credits for April's program.

Gordon opened a discussion regarding New Jersey's continuing education bill. Considering New York already has such legislation, the Section will support the bill. Furthermore, there could be an upswing in attendance at the New Jersey meetings resulting from the bill's requirements.

Bill McMenamain reported that the minutes from February's board meeting were sent out and approved. Bill further stated that the business meeting minutes were placed on the tables for today's attendees to review and approve.

Ray DiBiase then spoke on behalf of Mayer Horn regarding the letters prepared by Lee Goodman. The letter regarding East River tolls has been signed and submitted. However, Gordon stated that Mayer had solicited assistance to maintain records of public officials; John Cresson has volunteered.

Gordon Meth then went around the room to hear reports from those committee chairs present. The following is what was discussed:

- Arrangements – not present
- Web Site – Chris McBride stated AAA has chosen not to use a new program for its website. He would investigate other alternatives.
- Newsletter – Andy Saracena mentioned the next edition of Transtalk would be released in May, and the deadline for content is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Legislative – Lee Goodman questioned whether the stimulus letters had even been sent. Gordon responded that they hadn't. Lee questioned why the Section wouldn't send out hard copies of future letters considering the delays that seemed to be incurred by sending via email. He further requested that he receive a copy of the final letter that was sent for his records.
- Professional Development – Tom Arlo stated that the new logos had been incorporated into PDH certificates. He also mentioned that he is working with others to get PDH credits for the upcoming district meeting in Saratoga.
- Industry – not present



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- Student Outreach – Tommy Kwong discussed that he and Tom Pagano had reached out to the student chapters to encourage them to attend a consortium being held at the University of Massachusetts on March 26<sup>th</sup>, which will include a number of programs and courses. Tommy stated that he was attending as well.
- Young Members – Adam Allen spoke about the results from the on-line survey that was issued to the Section's young members. Lastly, Adam stated that the next event was being planned for after next month's meeting. He handed out fliers that he had prepared for the event.
- Membership – Al Dawson mentioned that nine new members signed up in the past two months.
- Technical Projects – not present.
- Action Calendar – the Speaker's Bureau would no longer be tracked by the action calendar.

Mike Salatti questioned that status of the tax filing for the year, as well as the update to the by-laws. Gordon responded that the tax preparation was ready to go, but he would have to contact Mike O'Rourke to verify the status of the by-law update.

Gordon requested that Tommy Kwong check to see if any technical papers had been submitted. Gordon also mentioned that he had pushed the contest when he spoke to the Polytechnic Institute of NYU student chapter.

Mike Salatti briefly discussed the district meeting in Saratoga and encouraged everyone to attend. Ed Bolden was concerned regarding involvement from New Jersey engineers/planners due to another technical conference scheduled for the same week.

Both Andy Saracena and Ray DiBiase expressed their thanks for the flower arrangements that were sent on behalf of the Section for the passing of their loved ones.

Gordon Meth concluded the meeting at 3:30PM. There was a motion by Bill McMEnamin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ray DiBiase, and the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes constitute my understanding of the discussions and conclusions reached. Please advise me within five (5) days, in writing, of any exceptions or corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill McMEnamin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill McMEnamin, P.E.