

MINUTES

INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF CITY ENGINEERS (IACE)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 27, 2002

Road School, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

In the absence of President Kate Weese, the meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mike Fruth at approximately 8:30 AM.

There were approximately 25 members and guests in attendance at the meeting.

Vice President Fruth passed out meeting agenda sheets and welcomed those in attendance. He expressed his concerns that President Weese was not able to attend because of medical reasons. He noted that copies of the membership roster, By Laws, Articles of Association, and the General Ledger were available to the members. He requested that all in attendance sign off on the attendance sheet and make any necessary corrections to the roster.

Secretary/Treasurer Pilz gave his report. He noted that membership in IACE stands at 32 Regular Members, 40 Associate Members and 17 Affiliate Members. This include members for both 2001 and/or 2002. Dues reminders will be sent out to those who have not yet paid 2002 dues.

The 2002 beginning balance was \$3659.85 and the current balance is \$6779.35. The Executive Committee has given him permission to look into placing some of the funds into a savings account so as to draw some interest income.

Vice President Fruth then conducted the election of officers. The slate presented to the membership was: Michael Fruth (Greenfield) for President, Glen Morrow (Greencastle) for Vice President and Dave Pilz (Valparaiso) for Secretary Treasurer. Fruth called for any additional nominations for any of the offices. A motion from the floor called for the nominations to be closed and a unanimous ballot to be cast for the slated officers. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President Fruth noted that Kate Weese would automatically serve as past president and that the directors would be John Beery (Kokomo), Opal Kuhl (Lafayette), and Dave Hayward (Columbus).

The proposed revisions to the By-Laws and Articles of Association were then discussed. Pilz indicated that there were 2 proposals, the first would allow Associate Members to serve on committees. The advantages to this revision are that it would allow more participation in the organization and the opportunity to make use of the talents and knowledge of the Associate Members.

The second proposal would allow the Secretary Treasurer to serve more than 2 consecutive terms. It was felt that the demands of maintaining bank accounts, filing the necessary papers re: tax exempt status, etc., are such that it is not reasonable to arbitrarily force the changes in the office every two years.

The two proposals were considered individually. Since they were presented by the Executive Committee the proposals/motions were already on the floor for discussion.

Specifically the first proposal required the following revisions:

Proposed Revisions to IACE By-Laws:

It is proposed to revise ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBER as follows:

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Vendors, contractor, consultants or any other friend of the Association shall be eligible for Associate membership. Associate members may participate in meetings, but may not vote, serve on committees or hold office.

Proposed Revisions to IACE Articles of Association:

It is proposed to revise ARTICLE SIX, GOVERNMENT, SECTION (d) as follows:

(d) Standing Committees. The association, acting through the Executive Committee, may elect to establish standing committees at any time in the future.

Any regular, *associate*, or affiliate member shall be eligible for appointment to any committee.

It is proposed to revise ARTICLE SEVEN, MEMBERSHIP, SECTION (c) as follows:

(c) Associate Membership. Vendors, contractor, consultants or any other friend of the Association shall be eligible for Associate membership. Associate members may participate in meetings, but may not vote, serve on committees or hold office.

The proposal was passed on a voice vote. There were no voiced objections to the proposal.

The second proposal required the following specific revisions:

Proposed Revisions to IACE By-Laws:

It is proposed to revise ARTICLE IV OFFICERS, SECTION 4 as follows:

SECTION 4. The terms of all officers of the Association shall be for approximately 1 year, said term to run from the close of the business meeting at the Spring Meeting to the close of the next annual business meeting the following year or until a successor is duly elected. No office *except Secretary Treasurer* shall be held by the same member for longer than two (2) consecutive terms. District Directors may serve for more than 1 year.

The proposal was passed on a voice vote. There were no voiced objections to the proposal.

President Fruth explained the desire to establish various committees. The 4 primary committees discussed were: scholarship, workshop, membership roster (inventory), and website. After discussion Jerry Ott, Dave Hayward and Glen Morrow volunteered to work on scholarship and Scott Dompke, Opal Kuhl, Pat Goodwin and Glen Morrow volunteered to work on the workshop committee. It was noted that John Beery, who was not able to be present, had also expressed an interest in the workshop committee.

There was discussion regarding possible topics and formats for workshops. The idea of having multiple presentations was suggested along with the opportunity for round table discussions on various subjects. Specific subjects suggested were: communications, how to get along (working together) with other departments, etc., how to structure the City Engineer's Department, what are the responsibilities of the

City Engineer.

Carl Littrell indicated that the Indiana APWA was having a workshop in Bloomington (in May?). That workshop would have several subjects. Perhaps this was an opportunity for IACE to get involved with them and get some hands on experience re: workshops?

Pat Goodwin volunteered to set up a type of spreadsheet listing the various duties or responsibilities of City Engineers. Once completed the listing or inventory would serve as a resource for other City Engineers looking for input on specific subjects.

Glen Morrow suggested that possible items for a web site could include a discussion group for questions and answers between City Engineers, and a data base listing what consultants were working in what communities. The latter could be used as a reference tool.

Pat McCarty indicated he would assist with working on a web site.

Pilz indicated that he belonged to the IACT email general discussion group. IACT had told him some time ago that our group could be set up with our own separate discussion group if we had enough interest. He thought we needed at least 10 members to start the sub group. Opal Kuhl volunteered to check out this possibility with IACT.

There was a suggestion for conducting additional meetings through the year – two meetings were not enough to accomplish anything or to get to know people. The meetings could be combined with workshops.

President Fruth then suggested that we introduce ourselves so all could see who was in attendance and who was from what community. He noted the wide variety of communities and the spread from all over

the state.

A question was raised about possibly moving the meetings around to the various areas of the state. After a brief discussion it appeared to be the consensus that meetings in the central area would be best received.

President Fruth then introduced Glen Morrow who discussed the basic requirements of Rule 13 (Phase 2 Discharge Requirements) and explained how he was planning to implement the requirements in Greencastle. He indicated that IDEM had apparently received many comments on the draft rule and were reviewing the requirements. Glen thanked all the members for their input during the draft process and said that all comments were considered. It was noted that IACT was preparing a CD that would format the basic outline for a plan. The CD would be available to communities for \$1000.

President Fruth requested input for the newsletter. John Beery would accept articles, etc.

President Fruth then indicated his, and the association's, thanks and gratitude to Kate Weese for all her efforts in getting the organization started and on its feet. He again expressed his concern that Kate could not participate in what would have been her last meeting as president. He presented a plaque noting and thanking her for her contributions to the association.

The next scheduled meeting will be at IACT in September (?) in Indianapolis (?).

Pat McCarty announced that he is looking for an assistant and that Shelbyville was looking for a city engineer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 AM.

Submitted by:

David L. Pilz, Secy/Treas