

MINUTES
INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF CITY ENGINEERS (IACE)
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2003
Road School, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

President Mike Fruth called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 AM.

There were approximately 20 members and guests in attendance at the meeting. Additional Executive Committee members in attendance were Glen Morrow, Opal Kuhl, Kate Weese and Dave Pilz.

Secretary/Treasurer Pilz read the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting held February 13. The minutes were approved as presented.

Secretary/Treasurer Pilz gave his report. He noted that membership in IACE stands at 28 Regular Members, 23 Associate Members and 8 Affiliate Members. These are members for only 2003.

The 2003 beginning balance was \$7,453.08 and the current balance, as of March 15th is \$10,156.73. All income is from dues and the main expense was \$216.35 for the set up of the web page.

Pilz passed a membership roster around and requested members present to place an "x" next to their name and to make any necessary corrections on the roster.

President Fruth then conducted the election of officers. Dave Pilz was re-elected Secretary Treasurer. In a contest between Opal Kuhl and Bob Miller, Opal was elected Vice President. Glen Morrow was elected President.

Past president Fruth then noted that he would automatically serve as past president and that the 3 directors positions would need to be filled. Kate Weese briefly explained the duties of a director. Bob Miller expressed an interest in the position for the South District. Kate Weese indicated she would serve from the Central District. (Note, after the meeting Mark O'Dell (Chesterton) indicated he would serve as director from the North District). The 3 Director's need to be officially approved by the Executive Board.

The gavel was then passed to new president Morrow.

President Morrow then asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves. President Morrow then gave a brief history of the association for the benefit of those who were new.

Opal Kuhl then reported on the Workshop Committee. They have met and are planning to do an all day workshop consisting of round table discussion of various topics. They will target the winter of 2003/2004 for the workshop.

Kate Weese then reported on the Scholarship Committee. They have met and are using the format of the ITE scholarship program as a guide for their work. They are thinking of providing 2 - \$1000 scholarships. They are still working on eligibility requirements and selection criteria. Discussion then followed about various facets of the possible program – who should be eligible, high school seniors or those already established in Civil, or related, college programs. It might be a good idea to award extra points for sons or daughters of City Engineers. They agreed to have the program developed by the time of the IACT meeting (fall, 2003) for approval by the membership.

President Morrow then discussed and previewed the new IACE website (www.cityengineer.org). His objective was to make it simple and easy to update. He would like to include a feature that would allow members to subscribe to an “alert” service which would provide updates on significant revisions or new information.

The website will have links to our committees , minutes, By laws, Articles of Association, etc. He also would like to provide an opportunity to update membership information, job postings, resumes, equipment for sale, etc. He also hopes to post a list of projects and contractors so members can call regarding references as to the work done. Glen requested other input and ideas. One suggestion was to provide links to member City’s web sites.

Mike Fruth then introduced Ms. Sue Scholar, a representative to the legislature who presented a brief discussion of the need for more highway funding. She is the Republican author of the proposed gas tax bill which has not yet moved out of committee. She requested that we continue to put pressure on our legislators to provide the necessary funding. Ohio, as an example, just passed a bill that would raise the gas tax by 6 cents to 28 cents a gallon. The legislation as proposed would provide half (2 cents) to local governments. She also noted that those counties that had adopted a wheel tax would benefit in greater proportion than those who had not.

A question was posed to provide an automatic indexing so that the funding/tax would automatically increase with inflation. Ms. Scholar indicated that such a proposal was included in the bill.

President Morrow then opened discussion on the possibility of a fund raiser such as golf outing for the scholarship committee. Perhaps it could involve a morning workshop with a lunch and afternoon golf outing. Several in attendance volunteered to work on a committee to put such an activity together. They will plan for late this summer.

President Morrow then discussed the possibility of preparing a brochure about the organization. It would have a brief history, objectives, and other information about the association. There was some discussion about this subject.

Glen then asked if there was any support for a Road School Monday evening dinner meeting. There was not much interest expressed by those in attendance.

Kate Weese then asked if any other communities were responding to complaints about standing water and the threat of West Nile Virus. A brief discussion followed.

After asking if there were any additional comments President Morrow adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:00.

Submitted by:

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