

Professional Engineers of Colorado Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2008

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:35pm by President Rick Coldsnow

II. Roll Call

Attendees: Erin Erickson (Executive Staff), Rick Coldsnow (President), Brian Smith (Secretary); Nate Dowden (President Elect); Bill Hyatt (House of Delegates); Mark Hamouz (ACEC), Noelle Cochran (vice-president).

III. Approval of Minutes from May 2008

Motioned by Hyatt; Seconded by Dowden. Minutes approved by a vote of 4-0.

IV. Financials

Erin provided end of July financials. New letterhead purchase was required which will be reflected in the next financial update. Roberta will provide the updated statements by the week of September 10th. The education foundation and the sustaining funds were invoiced previously for Kaplan costs.

Moved by Hyatt, seconded by Dowden to accept financials. Motion approved 4-0.

V. Old Business

Reviewed action items.

Erin has not heard from Dave Hughes regarding legislative issues (action item 17). Dave has been informed of this item via phone call messages and e mails from Erin. Rick mentioned the need for someone from the executive committee to head up the legislative committee. Nate volunteered to be liaison to the legislative committee. The following “outstanding” action items were discussed:

Item 18 – Completed.

Item 19 – Erin will verify if this item was completed with Roberta.

Item 20 – On-going list. The log will be used to track new PE’s to see if they want to join at the end of 6 month trial period.

Item 21 – Erin will be creating name badges for E-week Dinner.

Item 22 – Forensic Engineering Bill – Nate created the report in accordance with his action item responsibility. The forensic bill was killed by the AG office.

Item 23 – Bylaw corrections – Paige has bylaws and has been working. Erin will follow up with Paige.

Item 24 – Erin will follow up with Paige on status. Rick will be willing to take over this item if Paige has not completed this task.

Item 25 – On today's EC agenda under new business.

Item 26 – Completed by Nate.

VI. New Business

- A. **Committee for Engineers Week Planning** – Erin provided information about last year's meeting to the EC and has already booked the Doubletree hotel for the event this year. She indicated that PEC needs to develop a theme. Last year's theme was education based. Nate has discussed the idea about an Energy theme.

The vice-president typically heads this committee and the goal is to assign people to work with Noelle in accomplishing this task. Sustainability was mentioned as a possible topic. Rick, Nate, and Erin will help with Noelle in putting this together. Erin also provided a draft schedule for Engineers Week (Feb. 19-21, 2009). Initial topic was related to energy / sustainability.

Engineers Dinner is on Friday night. Last year PEC took all responsibility for dinner, however when the event occurred, CEC was concerned that they were not the lead or involved in the planning. Dave Kroenick has volunteered to help coordinate that interaction between PEC and CEC. The EC discussed the idea of PEC getting more exposure at this event.

Action Items: Milestones: Finalize topic and have all speakers on board and committed to speak by October 28. Erin will put together plan to market the event. Speaker ideas: Talk with DIA, CSU, CU, XCEL Energy, Clear Skies, Vestas.

Action Item: Erin will contact Dave Kroenick about coordination efforts with CEC before September 20 board meeting.

- B. **Changes to Bylaws** – Paige was in charge of this effort, but was not in attendance. Erin will contact Paige for status update and to get the information forwarded to the EC.
- C. **Kaplan Program and Marketing Plan** – Only 3 people signed up for the program and the decision was made to cancel for the fall exam. Erin has put together a marketing plan ahead of the spring exam. Erin has

contacted some people who were interested in this program and received input for the marketing plan. She suggested based on this input that we consolidate the sessions into day long time frames (5-6 review sessions). Erin also provided a summary of ideas for improving the Kaplan program.

CU-Denver has a PE study exam comparable to Kaplan. Kaplan has an advantage in that it is being taught by PE's and Kaplan is more structured. PEC has expended approximately \$2,500 to date to implement this program. All the materials have been created. Bill recommended that we continue with this program and have Erin proceed to implement the changes. Erin expressed the need to build a marketing database outside of our membership. We will need to reach out to the major engineering firms within the region.

Motion: Hyatt – The executive board direct PEC staff to proceed in putting the Kaplan program into effect for the next 6 months within the original budget criteria and in accordance with Erin's marketing plan. Seconded by Nate: Approved by a vote: 5-0.

- D. Legislative Issues** – Rick wants to activate the legislative committee again. Rick will contact Dave Hughes and inform him that Nate is the new liaison who will work with Dave in getting the committee more active.

Mark Hamouz with ACEC discussed legislative issues. The bill this year was to set up a process to make continuing education mandatory for architects. The law went into effect July 1, 2008. The rules need to be enacted by December 31, 2008. There is also a need for a process to demonstrate that the continuing education is retained by the architects. The engineers / land surveyors requirement for continuing education will likely follow in Colorado. The rules for this process will be available for public review until mid October. The concern is related to the competency part of the bill and how that can be verified at a state level.

Mark recommended that the engineers do nothing at this point and observe what happens with the architects until roughly 2011.

Mark also passed out 4 ballot initiatives that he is working with ACEC to oppose - initiatives 74, 76, 92, 93. Copies of these initiatives are included with these minutes.

Transportation is a number 1 priority for legislative issues. Important to look for new funding sources. CDOT is looking to see if eliminating consultants is more efficient for future roadway designs. Look for ballot initiatives in 2009 related to transportation funding alternatives.

- E. Education Foundation** – Bill Hyatt has been appointed by Rick to attend the Education Foundation Committee Meetings.
 - F. Annual Meeting Education Program** – This item was discussed under New Business Item A. PEC will work with APWA for a presentation at CSU on November 7, 2008.
- VII. New P.E. Reception** – Reminder: Event is Wednesday, September 24, 2008.
- VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.