

GEF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order & Attendance: John Boneberg
2. Secretary Report: Theresa Brunasso; Julie's meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report: Anita Atkinson; Balance is ~\$881K as of February, Math Counts has created their own nonprofit, we plan to sell the \$1000 of Coca cola stock. Ray Wilke has the action to review selling the stock with the MacPherson family.
 - a. We last increased our dues in 2004, and we should consider increasing them for next year. 2017 dues are due now.
 - b. Tax Form 990 Issues: Taxes were filed on time, and the new accounting firm was easy to work with.
 - c. Report unanimously accepted.
4. Scholarship Committee Report: John Boneberg
 - a. Web Rebuild/Online Application Process; Jimmy Crowder: Received three bids, NRE costs range from \$4K to \$19K, with the higher cost having a significantly lower monthly cost. (\$300/month vs. \$35/month) We selected Classic City who lowered their price to \$15K with \$35/month recurring. Unanimously approved. Beth and Jimmy negotiated the contract. John will contact ACEC about updating the current website to show that applications will be accepted in June.
 - b. Savannah Engineering Academy (SEA) – Boneberg/Secrist; SEA wants to offer two \$1500 scholarships (for students who participate in their program), and want us to handle the scholarships. They are willing to interview students in the Savannah area.

- c. Technology Alliance of Georgia – Siebert/Boneberg; Focus is an internship program, and there doesn't seem a way for us to work together at this time. Jack & John will follow up to see if we can work together on scholarships.
5. Banquet Committee: Beth Harris; date of November 16th is reserved at the Dunwoody Country Club. She and Steve will meet to discuss getting support for organizing the banquet.
6. Membership Committee: Theresa Brunasso
 - a. Organization Representatives – John Boneberg, Anita will send out a request to the member organizations to verify their GEF representative.
 - b. Recruiting Additional Volunteers – John Boneberg; John requests that each member finds another person to volunteer for GEF.
 - c. University Outreach – John Boneberg; John will contact our university partners and work to refresh our relationships.
7. Ways & Means Committee: Steve Poole/Mike Ray; the committee is starting work again.
8. Publicity/Public Relations: Jack Siebert; Next issue of Engineering Georgia will feature volunteering and quotes from GEF Board Members. The following issues will recognize the Engineers' Week award winners.
9. Projects Committee: Steve Poole/Jim Remich; not present, no update.
10. Life Members Committee – David Lips; not hearing back from other life members. Will try again.
11. Next meeting is 6:00 PM on May 11th at O'Brien & Gere
12. Adjourned at 1:00PM