

GEF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order & Attendance: John Boneberg
2. Secretary Report: Theresa Brunasso; minutes unanimously accepted
3. Treasurer's Report: Anita Atkinson;
 - a. 2017 membership dues letters went out in the middle of April.
 - b. Market is doing well and our current balance as of April 30th is ~\$892K.
 - c. Currently pay ~\$2400/year to ACEC for their support. This should be reduced after the new website is up. John will see if we want to use them for the banquet. They did it in the past, but it was very expensive (~\$10K), so we stopped using them. Roseana requested that we copy her on any correspondence with ACEC staff.
 - d. Report unanimously accepted
4. Board Policies; Roseana created draft policies on Conflict of Interest, Document Retention and Whistleblower. Jeff and the executive committee will review them by May 31st and Roseana & Jeff will submit updated versions to the board at the next meeting for a vote.
5. Scholarship Committee Report: Julie Secrist;
 - a. Web Rebuild/Online Application Progress; Jimmy Crowder; Board members need to send headshots, positions, organizations and 3-5 sentence bio to Jimmy by May 19th. Board members are asked to test the website and application when it's in beta test status. Send any updated logos for the website to Jimmy as soon as possible.
 - b. MacPherson Donation: John Boneberg; MacPherson would like the donation to be the beginning of an endowment for a perpetual scholarship.
 - c. Savannah Engineering Academy – Boneberg/Secrist; Want to offer two scholarships of \$1500 each to past participants in SEA.
 - d. AACE board decided to not renew their GEF membership and to remove their scholarship, because they didn't feel we were addressing cost engineering students.

AACE want to include Construction Management at KSU which is not ABET accredited. ABET accreditation is not required by the bylaws, and we want to support our member organizations and scholarship sponsors. John is meeting with AACE board to see if we can convince them to rejoin GEF.

6. Banquet Committee: Beth Harris; (via email) We are confirmed for Dunwoody CC on Nov. 16 and she is working to get pricing from Joan Borchardt to take on additional responsibilities. Roseana has a friend who is retiring and organizes events for VPs. She will see if she would be available to organize the banquet.
 - a. Subcommittee Review of Banquet Delivery: Beth Harris; no report
7. Membership Committee: Theresa Brunasso; No report
 - a. Organization Representatives – John Boneberg plans to meet with member organizations after the website is up and running.
 - b. Recruiting Additional Volunteers – John Boneberg requests that board members bring others to volunteer.
 - c. University Outreach – John Boneberg plans to meet with universities.
8. Ways & Means Committee: Steve Poole/Mike Ray; No report at this time, will have something for the July meeting
9. Publicity/Public Relations: Jack Siebert; The Mar-Apr issue of Engineering Georgia has profiles of our volunteers Board members. The May-Jun issue will recognize the GEF members who won awards at the GA Engineering Awards banquet in Feb. The Jul-Aug issue is on transportation, but Jack will write about the new GEF website with help from Jimmy.
10. Projects Committee: Steve Poole/Jim Remich; EEA has 75 people, including 14 girls. It is fully booked with a waiting list. They need volunteers.
11. Life Members Committee; David Lips; Not present, no report.
12. New Business; Roseana wants to consider supporting “Introduce a Girl Day” or similar events in the future. Roseana will draw up a plan to present at a future board meeting.
13. Next meeting is 11:30 AM on July 13th at Patterson & Dewar.
14. Adjourned at 7:54 PM