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MINUTES
Board Meeting
February 8, 2006

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Matt Rathsack, Connie Boris, Carl Woodruff, Anne Parker, Colette Luff, Scott Bell, Diane Peck, Joe Wanielista and Scott Parker.
2. **MINUTES:** Minutes from December 14, 2005 and January 11, 2006 meetings read and accepted.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The board reviewed the Treasurer's report for period 1-31 January 2006. The beginning balance was \$44,370.87 and the ending balance was \$44,478.91. Motion made and supported to accept the Treasurer's report.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **PROGRAMS:**

- February: US Coast Guard
- March: DOT regarding the International Bridge Crossing
- April: No technical presentation
- May: Potential speaker from the Green Building Council
- June: Undetermined
- July: No presentation – golf outing
- August: No presentation – Planning Meeting

Potential future programs: Astronaut (professor at U of M?); build topic around theme that presents business opportunities such as energy, green buildings, etc.

b. **MEMBERSHIP:** one new member. Ann Parker to develop statistics relative to the Detroit Post membership status for regular and sustaining membership recruitment purposes.

c. **SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP:** No report

d. **AFFILIATE SOCIETY:** No report.

e. **YOUNG MEMBER:** No report

Discussion: Connie will check National for availability of a package presentation for schools; post should affiliate with College Days at High Schools and Colleges; since sustaining members have five free spaces, they could make an effort to involve young members in one or more of the spaces.

f. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Bell reported that we now have system to track credits. This information should be added to the next newsletter. If need professional development credit certificates, email Scott Bell.

g. READINESS: Kathy Musko is new chairperson. Discussion: Connie Boris recently attended the SAME Leadership Conference in Tampa. The Leadership Committee discussed problems with post readiness plans. National is planning to review the Readiness Streamer due to past problems and importance of having a readiness plan.

h. SCHOLARSHIP:

- The Mary LeFevre Scholarship \$1500 scholarship will be awarded today. Scott Thieme will present the award to Charisse Lasiter of USACE. We expect four members of the LeFevre family to be present at the presentation.
- High School Grant: No applications received. Colette will email/fax the high school grant applications to downriver schools.

i. NOMINATING: No report.

J. SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE:

- 8-4:30, April 12, 2006 at Selfridge ANGB
- Gloria Jeff, Director MDOT is the invited speaker.
- 12 Sponsors are confirmed
- Opportunities for small business in BRAC process is a new agenda item

The Board discussed program advertisement ideas at the request of the Chairperson:

- Post on Detroit District Web site
- Wanda to put on USACE contracting website
- Press releases
- SBA already sends advertisement to 8A firms; ask them to send to all small firms
- Purchase an Ad in the Detroit News
- Ask State small business organization to get the word out
- Board of directors discuss directly with small business they currently deal with

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Streamer Awards:

- Joe Wanielista reported that all streamer award applications were sent prior to deadlines except for the Readiness Streamer.
- Kathy Munro has prepared a Streamer Matrix for program development use.
- Programs and the Readiness Committee should work together to plan next years programs, using streamer submittal material as a guide.
- There is a Streamer Tracking spreadsheet on National website

b. Leadership: Connie summarized Leadership Conference discussions:

- Joint post readiness cooperation
- Largest post: New York; smallest post: Yuma, AZ; micropost is less than 10 people.
- Young Member: have informal get togethers with young people only; develop ambassador program; team up with Explorer groups for such events as Mechanical Day; Industry Day, trip (with DJ) on River, etc.
- Membership: There is big emphasis on increasing membership since it is down: some ideas for encouraging membership: give new members a free lunch; have membership appreciation day for sustaining members and give awards; develop ambassador program within existing members to help young and new members feel welcome.

- Post support for troops in IRAQ: Some posts have programs to support such as collecting school supplies, sending flowers to family of those killed. Some posts use past presidents and fellows to set goals in this area for the upcoming year
- Raising Funds: some posts raffle donated items at meetings instead of 50-50 drawings.
- Miscellaneous

c. Detroit Boat Show: Motion made and accepted to spend approximately \$100 to provide candy and support the Detroit District USACE booth.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Altech Environmental Services
 Bayshore Contractors, LLC
 Duro-Last Roofing, Inc.
 GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
 Limno-Tech, Inc.
 Materials Testing Consultants
 Rowe Incorporated
 SOMAT Engineering, Inc.
 Trace Analytical Laboratory
 Woolpert

AMEC
 Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc.
 Earth Tech, Inc.
 HarleyEllis
 Luedtke Engineering Co.
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 RTI Laboratories, Inc.
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 Capitol Consultants, Inc
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 Inter-Fluve. Inc.
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