



**Energy Services Coalition  
Minnesota Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Como Grill  
1341 Pascal  
St. Paul, MN 55108  
June 25, 2014  
1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**Introductions**

**Presenter**

Public Co-Chair: Peter Berger

Private Co-Chair: Trish Curtis

- Called to order by Pete Berger at 1:10 PM
- Eric Rehm made a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes. Seconded by Trish Curtis.
- 9 members attended

**Old Business**

- Market Transformation Conference Update Peter Berger
- Current National Sponsorships
  - (1@\$7,500) Platinum-0 remaining
  - (4@\$5,000) Gold-1 remaining
  - (12@\$2,500) Silver-6 remaining
  - (13@1,250) Bronze-8 remaining

Siemens, ESG, JCI, McKinstry, Ameresco, Con Edison Solutions, Xcel Energy, Centerpoint Energy, NORESKO and Trane, Lutron, Simuwatt, MaxLite and Osram Sylvania are current sponsors.

Our MN chapter will get 25% of the net proceeds from the sponsorships.

- Registration fees for the ESC Conference per ESC website:
  - Private Non-members: \$685
  - Private members: \$395
  - Public Non-members \$400
  - Public members \$250

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**New Business**

**Committee Updates**

- Membership Committee Pete Berger for Jeff Jackson
  - 25 current members
  - \$8,054.39 fund balance.
- Outreach Committee Lindsay Wimmer
  - Scholarships-7 awarded.
  - Jim Arwood, National ESC, would like 3 scholarships for Silver level end user speakers. Approved by the membership.
  - There are 15 scholarships left. Lindsay will send out an email right away to her contacts who are reaching out to cities, counties and other associations to let them know that there are 15 scholarships left that will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

- There are several association meetings coming up in the next 6-7 months. Do we want to have a booth at any of the events listed below:

- Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild
- Midwest Association of Physical Plant Administrators
- Minnesota Recreation and Park Association
- Minnesota Association of School Administrators
- Minnesota Association of School Maintenance Supervisors
- Central Association of Colleges and University Business Officials
- Minnesota Association of School Business Officials
- Minnesota Association for Facilities Engineering
- Association of Minnesota Counties
- Minnesota School Board Association

- MNCEG is in September. If we want to do the early bird registration, we need to make a decision in the near future to get the \$400 rate. It was decided that this decision can be made at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

○ Workshop Committee

Trish Curtis

- 2-\$2,500 Sponsorships are still available for the heavy hors'duevres and beer/wine/soda at the MN Host event on Monday night. (Jonathan Paddleford riverboat cruise) Sponsors will have exclusive signage or napkins with their logos.
  - John Kearney will reach out to the labor unions to request sponsorship for the event. The chapter is willing to have 2 sponsors or split it up among 4 sponsors, if necessary. In the event that we do not get enough sponsors, the chapter will discuss having a cash bar and paying for the food out of chapter funds. We don't need to make a final decision until 1 week before the event.
  - Trish will send John Kearney a one page event/sponsor info document to use with potential sponsors by Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. (MNSEIA meeting is next week.)
- Eric Rehm will attend the MNSEIA meeting on 7/2 at Werner Electric in Cottage Grove to announce the ESC Market Transformation Conference on July 29-30.
- The hotel doesn't have transportation available for transit to the Paddleford from the hotel. In our info for the event, basic cab fares can be listed, we can assist with transportation needs or they can walk to the boat. Trish has a couple of names of transportation companies that could be called on.
- Currently, National is short on sponsors. They need 4 more in the next few weeks.
  - Consider asking 10K Solar and other MNSEIA members and Stoel Rives—John Kearney to reach out to them.
  - John Neville will contact Bob Long
- Attendance last year in Denver was 161. At this time last year, 71 were registered. Currently, there are 81 registered and it is expected that attendance this year will be larger than last year.
- Any of the scholarship recipients can attend the Paddleford event as a part of their registration.

○ .GESP Updates

- RFPs in the selection process:
  - Riverland Community College
  - Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- There are currently 7 sites preparing to issue an RFP.

- The next RFPs to come out are Wabasha County, City of Tracy and Camp Ripley  
Camp Ripley would like to do CHP/bio-mass/ or some kind of plant system. They've had a consultant do a study on it and are planning to issue an RFP. They have worked out an arrangement for MN Power to put a large array on their site which will be outside of the RFP. MN Power will allow Camp Ripley to use the power generated in the event of an emergency power outage as a perk of using the land provided by Camp Ripley.
- There are 7 sites in development:
  - SCSU
  - State of MN Administration Transportation
  - MNDOT District 1
  - DNR
  - City of Bemidji
  - City of Prior Lake
  - MNSU
- Joint Powers Agreements are in effect for the following:
  - Wabasha County
  - City of Tracy
  - Three Rivers Park District
  - National Sports Center (Working on a loan program to obtain the IGA fee so they can proceed)

### **Discussion**

- Update from John Kearney
  - City of Minneapolis has a new energy manager. Possibly Erica Prosser?
- -Bob Long has been talking with Mayor Hodges to encourage doing an Executive Order for the City of Minneapolis to use performance contracting.
  - Focus on City of Minneapolis, City of St. Paul, Ramsey and Hennepin Counties

Motion by Trish Curtis to adjourn. Seconded by Eric Rehm. Adjourned.