

ASPE DETROIT CHAPTER 17
MEETING MINUTES
10-08-2009

ATTENDING:

Gary Tamanini, Barton Malow; Kevin Michael, Barton Malow; Chris Toma, Barton Malow; Billy Hall, W.H. Hall Construction; Amy Johnston, Flooring Services; Tim Fradeneck, CCI; Glenn Frank, McCarthy Construction; Mel Oakley, Clayco; Patrick Todd, Barton Malow; Frank Carnovale, CAI; Rob Wagner, PEA; Matt Oreski, Matthew Edwards PSE; Sue Gollon, FTCH; Curtis Rowe, Maryland Electric; Paul Kelly;

Meeting Called to Order by President, Gary Tamanini, CPE at approx 6:00 PM

Meeting Agenda Approved

OLD BUSINESS

- Chapter Incorporation as required by National to now be a 501(c)6 (Trade Association). Frank C. to contact Grand Rapids chapter president (Mike Alsgaard) and ask what they are doing about this requirement.
- \$500 will be sent to NAWIC for scholarship fund.
- Fall Central Plains Regional Meeting / Cincinnati, OH / Oct 22-24th. Chapter Delegate will be Tim Fradeneck of CCI
- Looking for Meeting Topic presenters. Sue had a weak moment and volunteered to present on estimating LEED
- Members: Have 35, want 5 more. NEW ONES! Since last meeting minutes: Amy Johnston for sure and Billy Hall maybe... WELCOME ONE AND ALL! Visitors too!
- CPE – if anyone is interested... Glenn Frank is new CPE Chair: glenn.frank@ymail.com or 248-200-8316.

NEW BUSINESS

- President's Report...
 - o Note: Estimate Today will only be published in print every other month.
 - o Next month's meeting will be a combined meeting with Professor John Tocco's LTU Estimating and Planning class. John will lead the discussion so CH 17 members can enlighten and educate students. Thanks to Chris Toma who arranged this event. Possible catalyst for starting a student chapter?
 - o Raied Hindi asked if CH 17 will be interested in sponsoring a dinner for the Arab American Engineers & Architect's event. Discussion generated many questions so decision process tabled until Gary finds out more information. Re-visit at November meeting.
 - o Membership: Official membership is 34 with a goal of 5 additional. Currently have 2 of 5, need 3 more. Still looking for a membership chair. Still no takers.
- Vice President's Report...
 - o Frank Carnovale intends to expand e-mail blast group. Send generic meeting and "fish bowl" discussion invitation to members so they can forward to others in order to increase monthly participation, and possible new members.
- Secretary Report...
 - o Curtis Rowe is secretary, but Sue Gollon will continue to do the meeting minutes. Not much Secretary stuff to report this meeting.
- Treasurer Report...
 - o Don Hudgens, CPE is official Treasurer, with assistance from Jim Georges. Neither attended this meeting. Gary provided report on our bank account balance and cash on hand.
- Programs/Entertainment
 - o Holiday event is coming up. Need to decide on the usual pool at Snookers or Bocci Ball. Patrick will send another survey to try to discern member preference, if any.
- Communications/Website
 - o Patrick Todd, CPE continues to maintain CH 17 website. Tim Fradeneck offered kudos to Patrick for a job well done.
- Newsletter
 - o Articles/rants/op-eds, etc... due by October 31st to Sue Gollon. Sue may hold off newsletter until after November meeting which promises to be an extremely interesting event.
- **Round Table Discussion: Value Engineering on Projects and how it affects the estimator**
 - o See newsletter "Meeting Notes" for a report on what was discussed.
- Humor: You know you're an estimator when you can remember per s.f. cost, concrete quantity, general conditions and actual bid amount for a project you estimated 2 years ago, but you can't remember your wife's birthday.
- Next Meeting:
 - o Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 5:30 PM at Barton Malow.
- Meeting Adjourned by Gary Tamanini