

MASE Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2009

Augusta, ME

3:00 PM

Attending:

Dave Marceau, President
Gary Fullerton, Treasurer
Richard Green, Secretary
Dan Locke, Director

Bill O'Connor, Director
Earl Rafuse
Doug Coombs, State Site Evaluator
Clough Toppan, Legislative Committee

Judy Harvie's Legislative Reports

Judie Harvie has started sending weekly reports of legislative bills that are of possible interest to MASE. Clough distributed two reports which contained many items. Most seem unlikely to be of significant interest to MASE. Clough will look through them and let us know if any seem of particular importance. We will post the reports on the website along with a link to a listing of all pending legislation. Clough will also ask Russ Martin to keep us informed of any other issues that may not be included in the legislative reports.

Subsurface Rules

The comment period closed at the end of the year but it is likely that it will be reopened to allow additional comments from special interests.

Annual Meeting

Meeting agenda is set and registrations were sent out. The panel discussion group on the rules needs to be finalized. It will consist of five people. The price of food went up and we will offer two main courses again. The Millennium informed us that parking may again be an issue because our vehicles are too large for their parking lot.

New Slate of Officers

Ken Stratton has been working on this but couldn't attend the meeting because of a car accident on the way. Dave will not be seeking another term as president, so Ken will be nominated as president. Other positions will be determined.

Committee Reports

The bylaws require several committee reports at the annual meeting. We will have only the legislative and financial reports presented.

Budget and Finance

Gary presented the yearly financial report for 2008 and a budget for 2009. We will start charging for the fall seminar next year. We may also have a spring seminar of some type. We also need to decide how to implement training projects that may be funded by Eljen.

Letter to Wetland Scientists

We will present draft letter of support to MASE members at annual meeting for vote on whether to send it.

Other

Earl Rafuse may want to write a future LPI corner article for newsletter on stone size and site evaluator specifications that conflict with the rules.

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, February 24.