



MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING GEOPROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

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Attendees comprised: President Steven D. Thorne, P.E., D.GE., F.ASCE; President-Elect Gordon M. Matheson, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.; Secretary/Treasurer Joel G. Carson; Directors: Kimberly Finke Morrison, P.E., R.G., Laura R. Reinbold, P.E., Alex Sy, Ph.D., P.Eng., and Woodward L. Vogt, P.E., D.GE, F.ACI, F.ASCE, F.ASTM; Terra Liaison James L. Withiam, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE; Guest Chuck A. Gregory, P.E. Executive Vice President John P. Bachner; Operations Director Sarah P. Lanning; Program Director Barbara A. Nappy; Program Manager Sara S. Menase; 97 individuals representing 66 GBA-Member Firms

1. **Convene**

President Thorne convened the meeting at 0745 hours.

2. **Minutes**

UPON MOTION BY PAT KLIMA, SECONDED BY GORDON MATHESON, AND PASSED, the membership approved as distributed minutes of its October 24 and 25, 2014 conference.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Carson summarized GBA's financial performance, May 1, 2014-March 31, 2015, and provided projections for year-end.

4. **Safety Moment and Meeting Overview**

Ms. Reinbold provided safety guidance and summarized the forthcoming conference.

5. **Business Practices Committee**

Matt Moler presented the Committee's business-conditions survey report, "Business Vision: April 2015-October 2015"

6. **Certificates of Appreciation**

President Thorne presented certificates of appreciation to:

- James M. Harless, Ph.D.,
- Charles L. Head, P.E., P.G.,
- Kevin B. Hoppe, P.E.,
- Randy A. Knott, P.E.,
- Randal G. Martin, P.E.,
- Chad C. Mayers, P.E.,
- Matthew Moler, P.E.,
- Victor Omelchenko, P.E.,
- Stephen P. Ormond, Esq.,
- Terence J. Scanlan, Esq.,
- Susan A. Quiroga,
- W. Jerrold Samford, P.G.,
- Daniel K. Schaefer, P.E.,
- Robert W. Thompson, P.E., D.GE,
- Woodward L. Vogt, P.E., D.GE, F.ACI, F.ASCE, F.ASTM,
- Mark B. Weiland, Esq., and
- Michael J. Yost, Esq.

7. **President's Annual Report**

Mr. Thorne delivered the President's Annual Report, highlighting some of the many advances made by GBA since April 2014.

8. **Election of Officers and Directors, 2015-16**

Mr. Thorne reported the following slate of officers and directors developed by the Nominating Committee:

For President, Gordon M. Matheson, Ph.D., P.E., P.G. (*Schnabel Engineering*),

For President-Elect, Joel G. Carson (*Kleinfelder*),

For Secretary/Treasurer, Laura R. Reinbold, P.E. (*Terracon*), and,

For Directors-at-Large,

Kimberly Finke Morrison, P.E., R.G. (*Morrison Geotechnical Solutions, Inc.*),

Charles L. Head, P.E. (*Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc.*),

Alex Sy, Ph.D., P. Eng. (*Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd.*), and

Woodward L. Vogt, P.E., D.GE, F.ACI, F.ASCE, F.ASTM (*Paradigm Consultants, Inc.*).

Mr. Thorne reported that GBA-Member Firms had submitted 87 mail ballots, with all but four being in favor of all candidates. Members submitted no write-in nominations. Mr. Thorne asked for nominations from the floor; none was offered. **UPON MOTION BY JAY MARTIN, SECONDED BY DAVID LOURIE, AND PASSED, the members closed nominations. UPON MOTION BY JAY MARTIN, SECONDED BY DAVID LOURIE, AND PASSED, the members instructed the Secretary to cast a single, unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.**

9. **Recess**

Dr. Matheson recessed the meeting at 1635 hours EDT.

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10. Reconvene

Dr. Matheson reconvened the conference on Saturday, April 18, at 0745 hours EDT.

11. Next Conference

Ms. Reinbold described plans for the 2015 October Conference in Orange County, California.

12. Closing Remarks

Dr. Matheson expressed GBA's thanks to the Conference Committee – Ms. Reinbold and Mr. Vogt – and BCI staff. He also announced that the Board of Directors had selected Kenneth R. "Ken" Johnston to fill the vacant directorship.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before it, and **UPON MOTION DULY SECONDED AND PASSED, the membership adjourned its meeting at 1215 hours EDT.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Bachner

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Executive Vice President