

# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023

Board Present: Mark Mathe (President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer),

Douglas Link (Vice President)

Board Absent: Mick Vargas (Past President), Kate Hennicken (President-Elect), Breanna

Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: Don Link, James Marshall, Chris Schaffer

Guests: Connor Ferguson (prospective member)

Call To Order: 12:05 P.M. by Mark Mathe, P.E., President

# Agenda Items:

 Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to accept the February 8, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report, current balance is \$3,745.88, and there were no changes since the last meeting. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file, and the motion carried 4-0.
- 3. State Report there were no state board members present, so Patrick Lewis provided some reminders to the group.
  - a. The 2023 Annual Conference will be held at Shanty Creek Resort May 4-5, registration information should be out shortly.
  - b. There is now a full slate of officers for the ballot and we even have a willing President-Elect for the following year (2024-25). It is likely we will amend the By-laws to replace the Northern Regional VP with another at-large due to a decline in active members from that region.
  - c. The deadline for awards appears to be April 10. Patrick proposed that the Chapter nominate Martha Thompson for Engineer of the Year, and he offered to prepare the application. The group present unanimously agreed.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report various individuals / general discussion
  - a. Kate Hennicken set the date for the bowling event at Sunday, March 26, and information will be sent out to everyone soon.
  - b. Other tours and events are in various stages of development for future months.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis provided the scholarship account report, and presented the scoring summary and tentative proposed awards, though some clarifying information is still pending from a few applicants. Nine (9) returning students all provided their information, though one student fell below a 3.0 GPA and Patrick is following up to see what flexibility we might have. There were ten (10) new applications submitted for entering freshmen, and there was extensive discussion about the appropriate sponsorship level for each points range. The group consensus was to sponsor all students scoring 60 points or better, with a sliding scale of \$1,000 for 70 points and up, and \$750 for 60-69 points. Patrick will provide final recommendation at the next meeting. Steve Bouws, Martha Thompson, and Mike Smith are the committee to review asset allocation options and will be meeting at some point.
- 6. Membership Patrick Lewis provided the February membership summary from the state, the current Chapter membership was at 56, but the report does include 2 members that are now deceased. Many of the Enterprise members are listed as delinquent, but that is typical this time of year.
- 7. MATHCOUNTS Patrick Lewis thanked everyone for helping out at the Chapter competition on February 2, and invited anyone to assist at the State competition on March 11 at the GM Tech Center.
- 8. Legislative Report Patrick Lewis reported that the virtual Legislative Day on March 3 was fairly well-attended by our members, though with a largely new legislature and different party control, there does not seem to be a whole lot of momentum for any of our items as of yet. Breanna Anderson also attended this year, and both of them met with our legislators and at least had the opportunity to make introductions.
- 9. Social Media no report, though it is believed the web page and social media are reasonably up to date.
- 10. Old Business none
- 11. New Business Patrick Lewis passed around cards for both Bill Fisher (longtime member) who lost his son recently and for Kari Assenmacher on Scott's passing. The chapter will be contributing to memorial tree / bench or similar in both of their honor in the future.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Mathe at 1:01 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, tentatively at either Michigan Bar or Green Meadows Golf Course in Monroe



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – April 12, 2023 – 11:45 A.M. Green Meadows Golf Course 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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#### Constitution / By-Laws Patrick M. Lewis, P.E.

# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report - Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 03/08/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Annual Conference
- Annual reports / Awards
- 4. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Winter / spring bowling event (Kate) March 26
  - b. ADS Pipe plant tour (Mick) Spring 2023
  - c. Chrysler Dundee Plant (Barry) TBD
  - d. Planewave (Mark) TBD
  - e. Other Ideas

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
- 2. New and Returning Student Scholarships final for approval
- 3. Scholarship winners luncheon
- 4. Asset Reallocation Committee Martha / Steve / Mike

# Other Committee Reports

- 1. Membership Update
- 2. MATHCOUNTS
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs
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- 7. Other relevant reports

# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Engineer of the Year Nomination
- 2. Officer slate for 2023-24 Administrative Year
- 3. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - May 10, 2023 - Green Meadows



# Southeastern Chapter **Regular Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023**

Board Present:

Mark Mathe (President), Mick Vargas (Past President), Kate Hennicken

(President-Elect) via phone, Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer),

Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Other Members:

Robert Bubenko, Jacob LaBo, Don Link, James Marshall via phone, Chris

Schaffer, Martha Thompson, Chris Zangara

Guests:

Cliff Elling, Connor Ferguson (prospective member)

Call To Order:

12:01 P.M. by Mark Mathe, P.E., President

- 1. Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Mick Vargas to accept the March 8, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report, current balance is \$3,745.88, and there were no changes since the last meeting. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file, and the motion carried 7-0.
- 3. State Report Martha Thompson (Treasurer) and Mick Vargas (Secretary) provided updates to the Chapter.
  - a. Rob Wheeler presented a proposal to distribute a higher share of dues to active chapters, but it is not likely to be voted on by the Board in the immediate future, but further discussion will be held.
  - b. The Strategic Plan needs to be updated, this should be commencing shortly.
  - c. The Board is looking at options for our P.O. Box, which is currently maintained by Kurt LaFrance in Parma.
  - d. The 2023 Annual Conference will be held at Shanty Creek Resort May 3-5.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report various individuals / general discussion
  - a. Four (4) members and a total of ten (10) people attended the bowling event at Monroe Sport Center on March 26.
  - b. Mick Vargas is still working on the ADS Plant Tour for later in the spring.
  - Doug Link will work on narrowing down dates for a possible Tigers or Mud Hens outing in August
  - d. There was consideration to pursuing leads for Gordie Howe Bridge Tour.
  - e. Patrick Lewis will look into possible tours of the Monroe Water / Wastewater Plants.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis provided the scholarship account report, and presented the scoring summary and proposed awards totaling \$14,500 for eight (8) returning students and eight (8) new students. Steve Bouws, Martha Thompson, and Mike Smith are the committee to review asset allocation options and Steve will set up the meeting. Patrick also proposed that we repeat 2022 and invite the returning scholars to lunch on May 10 and the new winners to lunch on June 14. It was moved by Steve Bouws and supported by Mick Vargas to approve of the scholarship awards, and the motion carried 7-0.
- 6. Membership Patrick Lewis provided the March membership summary from the state, the current Chapter membership was at 56, but the report does include 2 members that are now deceased. Many of the Enterprise members are listed as delinquent, but that is typical this time of year.
- 7. Legislative Report Patrick Lewis reported that the virtual Legislative Day on March 3 was fairly well-attended by our members, though with a largely new legislature and different party control, there does not seem to be a whole lot of momentum for any of our items as of yet. Breanna Anderson also attended this year, and both of them met with our legislators and at least had the opportunity to make introductions.
- 8. Social Media Breanna Anderson and Kate Hennicken reported that social media is generally updated, they will populate with additional dates moving forward. Kate is looking at changing providers to one that can provide better access to upload content from phone.
- 9. Engineer of the Year Nomination Patrick Lewis reported that an application for Martha Thompson for Engineer of the Year had been transmitted on behalf of the Chapter.
- 10. 2023-24 Officers Kate Hennicken (President), and Mark Mathe (Past President) are automatic progression, and James Marshall has agreed to be President-Elect. Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Doug Link and Breanna Anderson (Vice Presidents) all agreed to serve another term. No election is necessary with no competing candidates.
- 11. New Business Patrick Lewis again (as with the March meeting) passed around cards for both Bill Fisher (longtime member) who lost his son recently and for Kari Assenmacher on Scott's passing. The chapter will be contributing to memorial tree / bench or similar in both of their honor in the future.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Mathe at 1:11 P.M.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Green Meadows Golf Course in Monroe



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – May 10, 2023 – 11:30 A.M. Green Meadows Golf Course 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 04/12/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Annual Conference / Awards / Engineer of the Year
- 4. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# Programs and Continuing Education - various

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. ADS Pipe plant tour (Mick) Spring
  - b. Summer ball game (Doug)
  - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
- 2. New Winners Luncheon June 14
- 3. Asset Reallocation Committee Martha / Steve / Mike

# **Other Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Update
- 2. Legislative & Governmental Affairs
- 3. Website http://www.mspesec.org/
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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Scholarship Returning Students Caleb Albright, Hunter Assenmacher, Ryan Atkinson, Marissa Boyless, Jackson Longfellow, Ella Miller
- . Open Discussion / Member Items

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Officer slate for 2023-24 Administrative Year
- 2. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - June 14, 2023 - Green Meadows



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023

Board Present: Mark Mathe (President), Mick Vargas (Past President), Kate Hennicken

(President-Elect), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas

Link (Vice President)

Board Absent: Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: James Marshall, Chris Schaffer, Martha Thompson, Chris Zangara

Guests: Caleb Albright, Ryan Atkinson, Marissa Boyless, Jackson Longfellow, Ella Miller,

Cliff Elling, David Smith

Call To Order: 11:50 A.M. by Mark Mathe, P.E., President

- Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Mick Vargas and supported by Doug Link to accept the April 12, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report, current balance is \$3,745.88, and there were no changes since the last meeting, but Kate Hennicken needs to be reimbursed \$199.85 for the annual web page cost. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file, to authorize reimbursement to Kate in the amount of \$199.85, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 3. State Report Martha Thompson (Treasurer), Mick Vargas (Secretary), and Patrick Lewis (Awards Chair) provided updates to the Chapter.
  - a. Approximately 65 members attended the Annual Conference May 3-5, there were a number of excellent sessions and a tour of the EJ foundry.
  - b. The Board continued to discuss the society's physical address, the direction is to seek a partner with an existing facility, like ACEC.
  - c. Rob Wheeler presented a proposal to distribute a higher share of dues to active chapters, and a motion was made to set aside \$5,000 in discretionary funds for use by chapters upon request for a specific purpose.
  - d. The Strategic Plan needs to be updated, a number of members volunteered to help.
  - Martha Thompson was honored as the Engineer of the Year for the state society, and the Chapter won 6 out of 7 possible awards for small chapters, including overall activity.

- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report various individuals / general discussion
  - a. Mick Vargas is still working on the ADS Plant Tour for the fall, has secured transportation to Findlay.
  - b. Doug Link will work with Kate Hennicken on polling for Fridays or Saturdays in August for a Mud Hens outing.
- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis did not provide an update to the scholarship fund, but it has grown by about \$500 in dividends since the last month. Steve Bouws, Martha Thompson, and Mike Smith are the committee to review asset allocation options and Martha will now take the lead. The new winners (graduating seniors) will be invited to the June 14 meeting.
- 6. Membership Patrick Lewis provided the March membership summary from the state, the current Chapter membership is now 57, we added one new member this month.
- 7. Legislative Report Patrick Lewis reported that the Design-Build bill for schools may again get a committee hearing, but still is unlikely to get traction. A bill has recently been proposed that would completely strip away local zoning control on mining operations, this will be one to watch, though is more of a governmental issue than a professional issue.
- 8. Social Media Kate Hennicken will be updating the web page with photos and events as appropriate.
- 9. 2023-24 Officers Kate Hennicken (President), and Mark Mathe (Past President) are automatic progression, and James Marshall has agreed to be President-Elect. Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Doug Link and Breanna Anderson (Vice Presidents) all agreed to serve another term. No election is necessary with no competing candidates.
- 10. New Business Patrick Lewis recommended that the meeting be adjourned, so that the five (5) returning scholarship students could talk about themselves and their activities with the group in a more informal setting. This occurred after adjournment.

It was moved by Kate Hennicken and supported by Doug Link to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Mathe at 12:17 P.M.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Green Meadows Golf Course in Monroe



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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report - Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 05/10/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Mud Hens Game (Doug) August 18
  - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
- 2. Asset Reallocation Committee Martha / Steve / Mike
- 3. Change in University (out of state) Patrick (for concurrence)
- 4. Golf Outing Steve

# **Other Committee Reports**

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Scholarship New Students introductions / meet and greet
- 2. July 12 Meeting Dedication of Assenmacher Memorial Highway / Lunch
- 3. Open Discussion / Member Items

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. New Officers for 2023-24 Administrative Year
- 2. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date – July 12, 2023 – 11 A.M. – Whiteford Center / St. Anthony Road Luncheon to follow at 8750 Eggert Road, Ida, MI



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023

Board Present:

Mark Mathe (President), Mick Vargas (Past President), Kate Hennicken

(President-Elect), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas

Link (Vice President)

**Board Absent:** 

Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members:

Don Link, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Martha Thompson, Chris Zangara

Guests:

Cliff Elling, Chase Johnson, Sydney Jorgensen, Nick Hinks, Lance Sterbenz,

Matthew Sterbenz, Scott Sterbenz

Call To Order:

11:50 A.M. by Mark Mathe, P.E., President

- Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Steve Bouws and supported by Doug Link to accept the May 10, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report, current balance is \$3,446.03, and there were two (2) changes since the last meeting reimbursement of \$199.85 for the annual web page cost to Kate Hennicken and \$100 for the returning scholarship winner's lunch from May 10. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 3. State Report Martha Thompson (Treasurer) and Mick Vargas (Secretary) provided updates to the Chapter. There was not a large amount of activity, the present primary item is moving forward with the strategic plan, and the Board is looking for a consultant to assist with this process.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Doug Link, Mick Vargas, and Patrick Lewis
  - a. Doug Link has confirmed Mud Hens game for August 18, and he will be getting tickets to everyone at the next meeting.
  - b. Mick Vargas reported that ASCE has a tour of the Gordie Howe Bridge scheduled for July 27, he will send information and we can likely join that tour if desired.
  - c. Mick Vargas is still working on the ADS Plant Tour for the fall, has secured transportation to Findlay.
  - d. Patrick Lewis reported that the Monroe County Road Commission and Asphalt Materials, Inc. plan to dedicate a stretch of the old M-151 (Samaria and St. Anthony Road) in honor of Scott Assenmacher, and the reception is planned for noon on July 12 at Scott's house, so our July meeting will be held at 8750 Eggert Road in Ida.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis did not provide an update to the scholarship fund, but it has grown by about \$500 in dividends since the last month. Steve Bouws, Martha Thompson, and Mike Smith are the committee to review asset allocation options and Martha will be presenting a policy for board review in the near future. The new winners (graduating seniors) were invited to today's meeting to share their plans with the Chapter. Patrick reported that one of our new winners is attending the University of Alabama due to financial aid package, the Chapter agreed to honor his scholarship. Steve Bouws reported that the golf outing date is September 22, with a rain date of September 29 at Carrington Golf Club.
- 6. Membership Patrick Lewis provided the March membership summary from the state, the current Chapter membership is now 56, down one from last month, but also still working through some Enterprise members that are not yet showing up.
- 7. Legislative Report Patrick Lewis and Martha Thompson reported that the only major item right now that is of concern is that the Architects are looking to reopen Article 20 on licensure, which always needs to be watched because usually when this occurs, legislators take the opportunity to tinker with other provisions.
- 8. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.
- 9. New Business Patrick Lewis recommended that the meeting be adjourned, so that the five (5) new scholarship students could talk about themselves and their activities with the group in a more informal setting. This occurred after adjournment.

It was moved by Mick Vargas and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Mathe at 12:20 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at noon at 8750 Eggert Road, Ida, Michigan 48140.



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – July 12, 2023 – 12:00 P.M. Assenmacher Homestead 8750 Eggert Road, Ida, MI 48140

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#### Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 06/14/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

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# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Mud Hens Game (Doug) August 18
  - b. Gordie Howe Bridge July 27 (ASCE)
  - c. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
- 2. Asset Reallocation Committee Martha / Steve / Mike
- 3. Golf Outing September 22

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Scholarship New Students introductions / meet and greet
- 2. Open Discussion / Member Items

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - August 9, 2023 - Green Meadows Golf Course



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

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(President-Elect), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer)

Board Absent: Breanna Anderson (Vice President), Douglas Link (Vice President)

Other Members: Jeff Elliott, Jacob LaBo, Rick Novak, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Mick Vargas,

Chris Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling

Call To Order: 1:00 P.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at 8750 Eggert Road

(Assenmacher residence).

\*Note: The meeting was abbreviated as it was held in conjunction with the dedication of the Scott Assenmacher, P.E. highway.

- Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Mark Mathe and supported by Patrick Lewis to accept the June 14, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report No report.
- 3. State Report No report.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Mick Vargas and Patrick Lewis
  - a. Patrick passed out Mud Hens tickets for August 18 and collected money.
  - b. Mick is still working on the ADS Plant Tour for the fall, has secured transportation to Findlay, will shoot for September or October
- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis and Steve Bouws
  - a. Patrick provided the account balance report, and indicated that all scholarship checks have been mailed to students.
  - b. Steve will send out Save the Date email for last year's sponsors for golf outing, full flyer in the next few weeks. Outing is September 22 at Carrington again.
- 6. Membership No report.
- 7. Legislative Report No report.
- 8. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 1:09 P.M.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – August 9, 2023 – 11:45 A.M. Green Meadows Golf Course 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report - Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 07/12/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Mud Hens Game (Doug) August 18
  - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending September or October
  - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis / Steve Bouws

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
- 2. Asset Reallocation Committee Policy Statement Martha
- 3. Golf Outing September 22

#### Other Committee Reports

- 1. Membership Update
- 2. MATHCOUNTS
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs
- Website <a href="http://www.mspesec.org/">http://www.mspesec.org/</a>
- 5. MSPE Facebook Page (Public)
  - https://www.facebook.com/MSPESoutheasternChapter/
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- 7. Other relevant reports

# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Next meeting date - September 13, 2023 - Green Meadows Golf Course



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2023

**Board Present:** 

Kate Hennicken (President), Mark Mathe (Past President), James Marshall

(President-Elect), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas

Link (Vice President)

Board Absent:

Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members:

Jeff Elliott, Conner Ferguson, Jacob LaBo, Chris Schaffer, David Smith, Mike

Smith, Martha Thompson, Mick Vargas, Veronica Winkeljohn

Guests:

None

Call To Order:

11:56 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course.

1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

- Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Mark Mathe and supported by Patrick Lewis to accept the July 12, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. There was one transaction since last month, a deposit of \$300 from the state for MATHCOUNTS reimbursement. Total balance was \$3,646.03. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3. State Report Martha Thompson provided a report on some major state board items of interest. The board is planning to bring in a facilitator for the strategic planning process and they are looking for people that would like to participate. They are talking to ACEC about potentially handling state mail, relieving us of having to maintain a PO box. The board is also still looking into the issue of either additional Chapter dues distribution or setting up a discretionary fund Chapters could apply for funding for specific projects or uses, which was approved in May.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Mick Vargas and Doug Link
  - a. All Mud Hens tickets have been distributed, Doug is looking forward to the event August 18.
  - b. Mick is still working on the ADS Plant Tour for the fall, has secured transportation to Findlay, will shoot for fall sometime.
- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis, Martha Thompson, and Steve Bouws
  - a. Patrick provided the account balance report, and indicated that all scholarship checks have cleared the account.
  - b. Steve sent out flyers to previous donors, and asked the members to encourage others they know to participate.

- c. Martha discussed the draft policy she had prepared with assistance from the committee, and asked that the members provide comments.
- 6. Membership the chapter has a total of 58 members, with 2 of them new and 3 delinquent.
- 7. Legislative Report No report.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS Patrick will look to set the date next month after school starts. Likely will do one competition at Woodhaven again.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:44 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



# Letter Ballot Summary Southeastern Chapter Question Submitted August 15, 2023

MSPE Southeastern Chapter Operating Procedure Number 5, Section 1, states that "The president may at any time direct the secretary to submit any question to the members of the Board by means of a letter or electronic ballot." As such, President Katherine Hennicken directed Secretary Patrick Lewis to submit the following question via email to the board membership:

"Shall the Chapter reimburse Martha Thompson the amount of \$267.00 for purchase of an Event Insurance Policy upon submission of the appropriate documentation to the Treasurer?"

Members were provided with a 15-day time period to cast their ballots, and the question was submitted at 7:58 A.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 by the Secretary. By Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 9:20 A.M., six (6) of the seven (7) voting members had cast their ballots and a majority was present along with the required two-thirds of Board members voting, so the Secretary declared the voting closed.

Vote on Question – 6 in favor, 0 opposed (Steve Bouws had not cast ballot)



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – September 13, 2023 – 11:45 A.M. Green Meadows Golf Course 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report - Patrick Lewis

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) 08/09/23
- 2. Offline vote Purchase of Event Insurance (action requested) 08/15/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

# State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# Programs and Continuing Education - various

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Mud Hens Game (Doug) report
  - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis / Steve Bouws

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - October 11, 2023 - Green Meadows Golf Course



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

**Board Present:** 

James Marshall (President-Elect), Mark Mathe (Past President), Patrick Lewis

(Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President)

**Board Absent:** 

Kate Hennicken (President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members:

Jeff Elliott, Conner Ferguson, Chris Schaffer, David Smith, Mike Smith, Mick

Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests:

Cliff Elling

Call To Order:

11:59 A.M. by James Marshall, P.E., President-Elect, at Green Meadows Golf

Course, 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

- 1. Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the August 9, 2023 meeting, and the summary of a letter ballot from August 15 authorizing Steve Bouws to issue a check to Martha Thompson for event insurance for the golf outing. It was moved by Mark Mathe and supported by Steve Bouws to approve the August 9, 2023 minutes and August 15, 2023 letter ballot. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. There were two (2) transactions since last month, a deposit of \$500 from golf outing payments, and a check issued for \$267 to cover event insurance. Total balance was \$3,879.03. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. State Report There was no update from the last meeting, as the state board is meeting later this afternoon. From last month, the board is planning to bring in a facilitator for the strategic planning process and they are looking for people that would like to participate. They are talking to ACEC about potentially handling state mail, relieving us of having to maintain a PO box, and this is looking favorable. The board is also still looking into the issue of either additional Chapter dues distribution or setting up a discretionary fund Chapters could apply for funding for specific projects or uses, which was approved in May.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Mick Vargas and Doug Link
  - a. Mud Hens game went well, even if Doug was unable to attend. Patrick provided photos for social media.
  - b. Mick is still working on the ADS Plant Tour, but there has been a change in upper management, so he will be delayed a bit.
  - c. There was discussion about organizing a tour of the Monroe Water Plant, but Patrick suggested we wait until November so we can meet at Green Meadows one more time for October before they close for the season.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis and Steve Bouws
  - a. Patrick provided the account balance report.
  - b. Steve reported we have 18 groups for the September 22 golf outing, still looking for a few more. We should be all set with food, hole sponsor signs, and course coordination. Martha is getting the hole in one car.
  - c. There was discussion of the draft investment policy statement that was presented to members as prepared by the committee, and the members were again asked to provide comments.
- 6. Membership No report since last meeting.
- 7. Legislative Report No report since last meeting.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS Patrick will be working with Woodhaven on setting a date for sometime the first week of February. Again we will look to host just one competition due to Monroe County school participation.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President-Elect Marshall at 12:45 P.M.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course



# Letter Ballot Summary Southeastern Chapter Question Submitted September 15, 2023

MSPE Southeastern Chapter Operating Procedure Number 5, Section 1, states that "The president may at any time direct the secretary to submit any question to the members of the Board by means of a letter or electronic ballot." As such, President Katherine Hennicken directed Secretary Patrick Lewis to submit the following question via email to the board membership:

"Shall the Chapter sponsor a foursome in the Jackson Chapter golf outing at a cost of \$500, paid out of the General Fund or Scholarship Fund at the discretion of the Treasurer?"

Members were provided with a 15-day time period to cast their ballots, and the question was submitted at 8:11 P.M. on Friday September 15, 2023 by the Secretary. By Monday, September 18, 2023 at 8:38 A.M., all seven (7) voting members had cast their ballots and a majority was present along with the required two-thirds of Board members voting, so the Secretary declared the voting closed.

Vote on Question – 7 in favor, 0 opposed



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – October 11, 2023 – 11:45 A.M. Green Meadows Golf Course 1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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### Constitution / By-Laws

Patrick M. Lewis, P.E.

# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

# Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) 09/13/23
- Offline vote Jackson Chapter Golf Outing Sponsorship (action requested) 09/15/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Monroe Water Plant (Patrick) November?
  - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - c. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis / Steve Bouws

- 1. Account Balance Report Patrick
- 2. Golf Outing Report Steve
- 3. Asset Reallocation Committee Policy Statement (action requested) Martha

# **Other Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Update Kate
- 2. MATHCOUNTS Patrick
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Patrick / Jeff
- 4. Website <a href="http://www.mspesec.org/">http://www.mspesec.org/</a> Kate
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

Open Discussion / Member Items

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - November 8, 2023 - Location TBD



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), James Marshall (President-Elect), Mark Mathe

(Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President – attended virtually)

Board Absent: None

Other Members: Jacob LaBo, Mike Smith, Martha Thompson, Mick Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling

Call To Order: 11:59 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Green Meadows Golf Course,

1555 Strasburg Road, Monroe, MI 48161

# Agenda Items:

Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting, and the summary of a letter ballot from September 15 authorizing the Chapter to sponsor a foursome in the Jackson Chapter Golf Outing. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Mark Mathe to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 7-0. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to approve the September 15, 2023 letter ballot. Motion carried 7-0.

- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. There were several transactions this month, largely due to golf outing monies. Total balance was \$14,327.08, though this includes monies that will eventually be transferred over to the scholarship fund. We made approximately \$7,000 from the golf outing, though we are having some issues with our PayPal account related to taxes being withheld. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3. State Report Martha Thompson provided the state report, and the state board is meeting later this afternoon as well. The strategic planning process is being developed with a facilitator, it is being held at Kelley Cawthorne's office in Lansing on October 20, and they are looking for people that would like to participate. We are firming up the agreement with ACEC to handle state mail, relieving us of having to maintain a PO box. Martha is working through the 990 forms for the six (6) inactive chapters, and there is some discussion about the length of time these subaccounts can / should be kept active. The board is also still working on setting up a discretionary fund Chapters could apply for funding for specific projects or uses, which was approved in May in the amount of \$5,000.

- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Mick Vargas, Doug Link, Patrick Lewis
  - a. Patrick will look into a tour of the Monroe Water Plant for sometime in November, but it was determined that this should be later in the day than our normal lunch meeting, so it will be a different date.
  - b. Mick is still working on the ADS Plant Tour, but there has been a change in upper management, so he will be delayed a bit.
  - c. Doug will check with the Salvation Army about bell-ringing on the second Wednesday in December again.
- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis and Steve Bouws
  - a. Patrick provided the account balance report. He will contact Vanguard to see what options we have relative to various accounts (savings, checking, etc.)
  - b. Steve reported we raised about \$7,000 from the outing, we are still waiting for a few checks to come in though.
  - c. There was discussion of the draft investment policy statement that was presented to members as prepared by the committee, and the members were again asked to provide comments, and we will look to approve at a future meeting.
- 6. Membership Chapter membership stands at 56, with 1 delinquent.
- 7. Legislative Report Jeff Elliott submitted a brief report through Patrick. Some members testified at the committee level against the bill to allow design-build firms to perform school project work by employing an architect or engineer on their teams. One of the bill sponsors has worked with us on other initiatives.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS Patrick will be working with Woodhaven on setting a date for sometime the first week of February. Again we will look to host just one competition due to Monroe County school participation. We are waiting to hear back from Woodhaven at this point.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Patrick will forward golf outing photos.

It was moved by Mark Mathe and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:51 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – November 8, 2023 – 11:45 A.M. Michigan Bar & Grill 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 10/11/23

#### Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Monroe Water Plant (Patrick)
  - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - Salvation Army Bell-Ringing (Doug) December 13?
  - d. Possible Winter programs
  - e. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis / Steve Bouws

- 1. Account Balance Report & Account Options Patrick
- Golf Outing Report Steve (PayPal update and final accounting)
- 3. Asset Reallocation Committee Policy Statement Martha

# **Other Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Update Kate
- 2. MATHCOUNTS February 7 Patrick
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Patrick / Jeff
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - December 13, 2023 - Location TBD



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), Mark Mathe (Past President), Patrick Lewis

(Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas Link (Vice President)

Board Absent: James Marshall (President-Elect), Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

Other Members: Connor Ferguson, Jacob LaBo, Don Link, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Mick

Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests: David Smith

Call To Order: 11:52 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140

South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

# Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Steve Bouws to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. Total balance was \$13,508.73, though this includes monies that will eventually be transferred over to the scholarship fund in the amount of \$6,900, which is the approximate net profit from the golf outing. The PayPal account has now been switched out of Mick Vargas' name. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. State Report Kate Hennicken provided the state report, and the state board is meeting later this afternoon as well. The strategic planning process occurred on October 20. We are firming up the agreement with ACEC to handle state mail, relieving us of having to maintain a PO box, this will cost \$20 per month. Martha is still working through the 990 forms for the six (6) inactive chapters, and there is some discussion about the length of time these subaccounts can / should be kept active. The board is also still working on setting up a discretionary fund Chapters could apply for funding for specific projects or uses, which was approved in May in the amount of \$5,000. Martha also developed an operational calendar with key dates for future state boards, which is very much needed.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Mick Vargas, Doug Link, Patrick Lewis
  - a. Patrick will look into a tour of the Monroe Water Plant for sometime in December now, there were too many date conflicts for November.
  - b. Mick is still working on the ADS Plant Tour, targeting January.
  - c. Doug passed around the sign-up sheet for the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing at Kroger and Wal-Mart for Wednesday, December 13 from 4-6 and 6-8 PM.
  - d. There was discussion about a possible bowling date again this winter.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis and Steve Bouws
  - a. Patrick provided the account balance report. He will contact Vanguard to see what options we have relative to various accounts (savings, checking, etc.). Steve offered to look into it as well.
  - b. Steve reported we raised about \$6,900 from the outing, recommended that we transfer \$6,900, it was suggested also that we leave this open-ended in case we would prefer to transfer into a higher-yield savings account or something similar that we might wish to set up. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to authorize Steve to transfer up to \$6,900 into an appropriate account that is suitable for scholarship usage. Motion carried 5-0.
  - c. There was discussion of the draft investment policy statement. Patrick had provided an older draft, but will re-send the current draft to board members. Kate authorized Patrick to forward a ballot question to the officers for approval of this policy.
- 6. Membership Chapter membership stands at 56, with 1 delinquent.
- 7. Legislative Report Kate Hennicken, Patrick Lewis, and David Smith all provided some reporting of pending items. Kate indicated the L & GA committee is still soliciting members to supply legislative contact information. The design-build bill for schools is being re-worked to some degree, it is not clear if it is going to pass this year. Patrick indicated legislative activity is likely to be furious this week, as 2 House members were elected to Mayor positions, leaving the House in a 54-54 deadlock after next week. David brought up that there was a significant erosion of local control through passage of a bill placing solar and wind energy projects under state control. Legislative Day is scheduled in person this year for March 13, 2024.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS The Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition is set for Wednesday, February 7 at the Woodhaven Community Center from 9 to 2, and we already have 10 registered schools. The date and location for the State competition has not been set yet.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:33 P.M.

Next Meeting;

Wed∩esday, December 13, 2023, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar

Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

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# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – December 13, 2023 – 11:45 A.M. Michigan Bar & Grill 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report - Patrick Lewis

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) 11/08/23
- 2. Offline vote did not receive majority votes needed

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

# State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# Programs and Continuing Education - various

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Salvation Army Bell-Ringing (Doug) December 13
  - b. Monroe Water Plant (Patrick) probably January
  - c. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - d. Possible Winter programs
  - e. DYPAC Phantom of the Opera April 12-21
  - f. Other Pending / Possibilities

#### Scholarship - Martha Thompson / Patrick Lewis / Steve Bouws

- 1. Account Balance Report & Account Options Patrick / Steve
- 2. Asset Reallocation Committee Policy Statement (approval requested)
- 3. Appointment of Asset Reallocation Committee (approval requested)

# Other Committee Reports

- 1. Membership Update Kate
- 2. MATHCOUNTS February 7 Patrick
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Patrick / Jeff Leg. Day March 13
- 4. Website http://www.mspesec.org/ Kate
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - January 10, 2024 - Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes December 13, 2023

**Board Present:** 

Kate Hennicken (President), James Marshall (President-Elect) via phone, Mark Mathe (Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer),

Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent:

None

Other Members:

Jacob LaBo, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith

Guests:

David Smith

Call To Order:

11:58 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140

South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

- 1. Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the November 8, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Mark Mathe to approve the November 8, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3. State Report Kate Hennicken provided the state report, with supplemental discussion provided by Patrick Lewis, and the state board is meeting later this afternoon as well. Martha is leading the discussion regarding the five (5) inactive chapters that have not kept current on the IRS filing, and it appears likely that most or all of these will be dissolved due to lack of activity. The board is also still working on setting up a discretionary fund Chapters could apply for funding for specific projects or uses, which was approved in May in the amount of \$5,000. The report on the strategic planning process has not yet been provided.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report -Doug Link, Patrick Lewis
  - a. Patrick will look into a tour of the Monroe Water Plant for sometime in January, there were date conflicts again in December.
  - b. Doug reminded everyone about the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing at Kroger and Wal-Mart from 4-6 and 6-8 PM that night.
  - c. Patrick offered to organize another theater outing in April for DYPAC's Phantom of the Opera shows, dates should be ready at the next meeting.
- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis and Steve Bouws
  - a. Patrick provided the account balance report, which had no changes since November.
  - b. Patrick presented the Chapter Scholarship Fund Investment Policy Statement for adoption. After discussion, it was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to adopt this document. Motion carried 7-0.

- c. Having adopted the Investment Policy Statement, three (3) committee members need to be appointed. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to appoint Mike Smith to a 3-year term, Steve Bouws to a 2-year term, and Martha Thompson to a 1-year term, all beginning January 1, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. Patrick suggested that at this point, it no longer makes sense from him to remain as a signer on the Vanguard account, and recommended that this be moved to the Committee members. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to authorize Steve Bouws, Martha Thompson, and Mike Smith all as signatories on the Vanguard documents, and to prepare any necessary resolutions or other documents as they may need to this effect. Motion carried 7-0.
- 6. Membership Chapter membership stands at 57.
- 7. Legislative Report there is no current report, as there was little activity in November / December. Legislative Day is scheduled in person this year for March 13, 2024.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS The Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition is set for Wednesday, February 7 at the Woodhaven Community Center from 9 to 2, and we have 11 registered schools. The date and location for the State competition has not been set yet.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:45 P.M.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – January 10, 2024 – 11:45 A.M. Michigan Bar & Grill 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report - Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 12/13/23

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Inactive Chapters
- 4. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# Programs and Continuing Education - various

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Monroe Water Plant (Patrick) possible dates
  - b. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) pending
  - c. Possible other Winter programs
  - d. DYPAC Phantom of the Opera April 12-21
  - e. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Various

- 1. Account Balance Report & Account Options Steve
- 2. Asset Reallocation Committee update Mike / Steve / Martha
- 3. Applications open and deadline February 17 Patrick

# **Other Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Update Kate
- 2. MATHCOUNTS February 7 Patrick (reimbursement requested)
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Patrick / Jeff Leg. Day March 13
- 4. Website http://www.mspesec.org/ Kate
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Next meeting date – February 14, 2024 – Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), James Marshall (President-Elect), Mark Mathe

(Past President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Steve Bouws (Treasurer), Douglas

Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: None

Other Members: Jeff Elliott, Jacob LaBo, Don Link, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Mick Vargas

Guests: Jessica Long, David Smith

Call To Order: 11:52 A.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140

South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

# Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Steve Bouws and supported by Doug Link to approve the December 13, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

- 2. Treasurer's Report Steve Bouws presented the Treasurer's report. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Mark Mathe to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 7-0
- 3. State Report Mick Vargas provided the state report on a variety of topics. The letter to inactive chapters is going out shortly, the QBS bill is still being discussed, and Legislative Day is scheduled in person for March 13. The state society also recently received a \$90,000 gift from a deceased member of the Muskegon Chapter, and will be working on setting up a scholarship for that chapter. The board is also still working on setting up a discretionary fund Chapters could apply for funding for specific projects or uses, which was approved in May in the amount of \$5,000, and guidelines are being determined for its use. The report on the strategic planning process has not yet been provided. The Political Action Committee (PAC) is looking for a new chairman. Patrick provided an update on the annual conference planning committee, we are looking at the first weekend in May, either in Lansing, Grand Rapids, or Muskegon, and looking for speakers. Mick volunteered to speak on storm water quality, and Patrick mentioned that if in Lansing, we are trying for a tour of the cyclotron, or if in Muskegon that pumped storage facility in Ludington.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Doug Link, Patrick Lewis, Mick Vargas
  - a. Patrick had arranged for a tour of the Monroe Water Plant for February 14, but more than half the membership is unable to make it. We will try for the following Wednesday, February 21 (this was subsequently found to be unavailable).
  - b. Mick has scheduled the ADS plant tour in Findlay for January 30, bus is picking people up in Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Dundee, tour will take most of the day, probably 4 PDHs. He will provide details for everyone shortly.

- c. Patrick offered to organize another theater outing in April for DYPAC's Phantom of the Opera shows, dates should be ready at the next meeting.
- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis, Steve Bouws, Mike Smith
  - a. Patrick did not provide the account balance, as he did not realize he still had access to pull the current balance. There was no activity other than dividends.
  - b. Steve and Mike discussed changeover of the account, and will be making changes to the allocation shortly.
  - c. Patrick reported that the new scholarship application is on the web site, and is due February 17.
- 6. Membership Chapter membership stands at 56, with some delinquent members mostly related to enterprise renewals, which often happens.
- 7. Legislative Report Jeff Elliott reported that the last committee meeting was in November, we are tracking about 10 pieces of legislation, and the PAC fund has about \$7,000 in it. There were some proposed changes to the Land Division Act, but those seem to have died. Patrick discussed some possible changes to local control of green energy. Legislative Day is scheduled in person this year for March 13, 2024, and the next L & GA meeting is January 30 at 2 P.M.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS The Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition is set for Wednesday, February 7 at the Woodhaven Community Center from 9 to 2, and we have 12 registered schools and 87 students. The date and location for the State competition has still not been set yet. Oakland Chapter competition is February 10, if anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let him know.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Breanna asked if it was helpful to post both the individual events and overall calendar to both Facebook and Instagram, the group consensus is that it is helpful.
- 10. MATHCOUNTS Reimbursement Patrick requested that reimbursement be authorized for trophies for MATHCOUNTS. It was moved by Mark Mathe and supported by Steve Bouws to authorize reimbursement to Patrick Lewis for up to \$400. Motion carried 7-0.
- 11. David Smith raised an issue of roundabout directional signage, suggested maybe we could discuss at a future meeting.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Steve Bouws to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:35 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar

Patrick M. Lewis, P.E., Secretary

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# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – February 21, 2024 – 11:45 A.M. Michigan Bar & Grill 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

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# Constitution / By-Laws

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Report

# **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 01/10/24

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Inactive Chapters
- 4. Annual conference May 1-3, Kellogg Center at MSU
- 5. Award nominations Due April 1
- 6. Chapter reports due date?
- 7. Other items of interest

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Monroe Water Plant (Patrick) March 20 after meeting
  - b. DYPAC Phantom of the Opera April 14 or April 20
  - c. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) rescheduled
  - d. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Various

- 1. Account Balance Report Steve
- 2. Account Personnel Transfer Steve
- 3. Asset Reallocation Committee update Mike / Steve / Martha
- 4. Applications received Patrick

#### **Other Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Update Kate
- 2. MATHCOUNTS State competition March 23 at MSU
- Legislative & Governmental Affairs Patrick / Jeff Leg. Day March 13, also watching SB 480 (Land Division)
- 4. Website <a href="http://www.mspesec.org/">http://www.mspesec.org/</a> Kate
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - March 20, 2024 - Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), James Marshall (President-Elect), Patrick Lewis

(Secretary), Douglas Link (Vice President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President)

via phone

Board Absent: Mark Mathe (Past President), Steve Bouws (Treasurer)

Other Members: Jacob LaBo, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Mick Vargas, Chris Zangara

Guests: David Smith

Call To Order: 12:00 P.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140

South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

# Agenda Items:

1. Secretary's Report — Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the January 10, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Patrick Lewis to approve the January 10, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2. Treasurer's Report Patrick Lewis presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Steve Bouws. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Doug Link to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. State Report Mick Vargas and Kate Hennicken provided the state report on a variety of topics. The 2024 budget was approved, and a draft of the strategic plan should be presented to the board shortly. The inactive chapter conversations are still ongoing, though Great Lakes Bay has indicated that they no longer want to be a chapter. Patrick provided an update on the annual conference planning committee, the conference is set for May 1-3 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Individual awards deadline is April 1, annual reports will likely be due between April 1 and April 15.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report Doug Link, Patrick Lewis, Mick Vargas
  - a. Patrick presented options for the Phantom of the Opera show at DYPAC in Trenton, the group selected Sunday, April 14 at 2 P.M., so Patrick will send out an email seeking RSVPs to order tickets.
  - b. Patrick has scheduled the Monroe Water Plant tour for Wednesday, March 20 at 1:30 P.M., after our lunch meeting next month. He will send out an email seeking RSVPs for this as well.
  - c. Mick is working on a reschedule date for the ADS plant tour in Findlay, looking now at April sometime.
  - d. Doug suggested a Mud Hens game again, the group asked him to review dates and report back.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis, Mike Smith
  - a. Steve Bouws is working through setting up the automatic investments and balancing of our assets within the Vanguard account, having some difficulties making all the changes they require.
  - b. Patrick reported that we received three (3) applications from new students by the February 17 deadline, and he will present the new students and renewals for approval at the next meeting.
- 6. Membership Chapter membership stands at 60, with three (3) new members and one (1) rejoining.
- 7. Legislative Report Patrick Lewis reported that Legislative Day is scheduled for March 13, and the Chapter subsequently decided to move our monthly lunch meeting to the following Wednesday (March 20) to avoid conflict. There are some proposed changes to the Land Division Act through Senate Bill 480, and these seem to have new life again and are somewhat problematic.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS Patrick thanked everyone who participated in the Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition on February 7. The state competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at Michigan State University, and volunteers are welcome.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Kate said that our renewal is coming up shortly for the web page, and she will present the invoice for reimbursement when ready. Breanna asked for additional photos, especially from MATHCOUNTS.

It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by James Marshall to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Hennicken at 12:55 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Meeting – March 20, 2024 – 11:45 A.M. Michigan Bar & Grill 1140 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

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#### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report – Patrick Lewis

Approval of Meeting Minutes (action requested) – 02/21/24

# Treasurer's Report - Steven Bouws

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (action requested)

#### State Report - Mick Vargas / Martha Thompson / Kate Hennicken

- 1. Board meeting items
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Inactive Chapters
- 4. Annual conference May 1-3, Kellogg Center at MSU
- 5. Award nominations Due April 1
- 6. Chapter reports Due April 15
- 7. Other items of interest

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **Programs and Continuing Education - various**

- 1. Social / Professional Programs / Ideas
  - a. Monroe Water Plant (Patrick) today after meeting
  - b. DYPAC Phantom of the Opera April 14
  - c. ADS Plant Tour (Mick) rescheduled
  - d. Mud Hens (Doug) summer
  - e. Other Pending / Possibilities

# Scholarship - Various

- 1. Account Balance Report Steve / Mike
- 2. Account Personnel Transfer Steve / Mike
- 3. Asset Reallocation Committee update Mike / Steve / Martha
- 4. Approval of 2024-25 Scholarships Patrick

# **Other Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Update Kate
- 2. MATHCOUNTS State competition March 23 at MSU
- 3. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Patrick / Jeff Leg. Day Report
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. 2024-25 Administrative Year Officer Nominations
- 2. 2023-24 Annual Report Review
- 3. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open Discussion / Member Items

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date - April 10, 2024 - Green Meadows or Michigan Bar



# Southeastern Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024

Board Present: Kate Hennicken (President), Patrick Lewis (Secretary), Douglas Link (Vice

President), Breanna Anderson (Vice President) via phone

Board Absent: James Marshall (President), Mark Mathe (Past President), Steve Bouws

(Treasurer)

Other Members: Mark Kowalewski, Don Link, Rick Novak, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Chris

Zangara

Guests: Cliff Elling, David Smith

Call To Order: 12:03 P.M. by Kate Hennicken, P.E., President, at Michigan Bar & Grill, 1140

South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

- 1. Secretary's Report Patrick Lewis presented the minutes from the February 21, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Patrick Lewis to approve the February 21, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
- 2. Treasurer's Report Patrick Lewis presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Steve Bouws. It was moved by Patrick Lewis and supported by Breanna Anderson to accept the Treasurer's report and place on file. Motion carried 4-0.
- 3. State Report Kate Hennicken provided the state report on a variety of topics. The board is still waiting for a draft of the strategic plan, and work continues on the inactive chapters issue. She believes that chapters can now make application for distribution of the discretionary fund for special purposes as authorized by the state board. Patrick provided an update on the annual conference, the conference is set for May 1-3 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing and registration is open. Individual awards deadline is April 1, annual reports will likely be due between April 1 and April 15.
- 4. Social/Professional Programs Report –Doug Link, Patrick Lewis
  - a. Patrick reported that tickets were purchased for the Phantom of the Opera show at DYPAC in Trenton on Sunday, April 14 at 2 P.M., and someone else would need to organize a group dinner if desired due to his family commitments that day.
  - b. Patrick has scheduled the Monroe Water Plant tour for today following the meeting, and all in-person meeting attendees were participating in the tour.
  - c. Mick is believed to still be working on a reschedule date for the ADS plant tour in Findlay, still looking now at April or May sometime.
  - d. Per the consensus of the group, Doug will look at August dates for the Toledo Mud Hens game. There appeared to be significant interest.

- 5. Scholarship Report Patrick Lewis, Mike Smith
  - a. Steve Bouws is still working through setting up the automatic investments and balancing of our assets within the Vanguard account, Mike has presented several possible options, and it is hoped this can be completed in the next month or so.
  - b. Patrick presented the Vanguard account balance on behalf of Steve.
  - c. Patrick presented the proposed scholarship candidates, both eleven (11) returning and three (3) new scholars, for a total of \$12,000. It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Breanna Anderson to approve of the scholarship awards. Motion carried 4-0.
  - d. Patrick intends to invite the returning scholars to lunch in May to coincide with the end of their year, and invite the new winners to lunch in June to coincide with the end of school for them.
- 6. Membership Chapter membership stands at 61, with one (1) new member and two (2) delinguencies.
- 7. Legislative Report Patrick Lewis reported that Legislative Day was held March 13, and he and Jeff Elliott attended on behalf of the Chapter. There was significant discussion / opposition regarding Senate Bill 480, changes to the Land Division Act, which was already passed by the Senate but is being considered by the House. It is believed that the rather aggressive nature and the logic of our opposition stated may have facilitated possible revisions to the bill to make it more palatable, but we need to continue to be vigilant on this bill.
- 8. MATHCOUNTS Patrick reported that the state competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at Michigan State University, and volunteers are welcome. He, Martha, Jacob, and Mike are all attending.
- 9. Social Media Kate Hennicken and Breanna Anderson will be continuously updating the web page and social media with photos and events as appropriate. Breanna is working on posting our events, but asked Patrick to provide photos from the Water Plant tour as well.

Adjournment: It was moved by Doug Link and supported by Breanna Anderson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President

Hennicken at 12:45 P.M.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., Green Meadows Golf Course Next Meeting: