

**ENGINEERS' FOUNDATION OF KANSAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy
Salina, Kansas

- I. Call to Order. Chairman Weatherd called the meeting to order. Attending: Weatherd, Emig, Sick, Freund, Taylor and Austin. Absent: Bell, Ramos, English. Guest(s): None GBBA Staff: Driggs.
- II. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was modified to include a discussion on a mentoring program. The agenda was approved as modified.
- III. Approval of Minutes. LE-Wanted to the minutes to reflect that Steve Berland was "recommended" for submission to the not suggested. Stoltz was misspelled. Bratil was misspelled. Engineer's misspelled. Minutes were approved as modified.
- IV. Opening Remarks. GW-Welcomed the group.

Clarification is needed as to Wooten's status as a Board member. GW is to follow-up with Wooten. GW-An email was received from Stoltz resigning from the Board. Steve Berland is being appointed to the EFK Board by the KSPE Board this date. Clarification is needed to make sure that there is an understanding as to who is on the Board and who isn't. LE-Previous minutes reflect that Emig, Freund, Ramos, Weatherd and Bell are up for reappointment.

GW-We need to decide where EFK needs to focus, i.e., PLTW. Ken Lee will give an update later.

- V. Committee Reports.
 - a. Budget Committee-Financial Report. DT-"We have money." Still need to determine a strategy for sustaining funds. Discussion ensued on how organizations need to go about applying for funds. DT gave an overview of the financial reports. CD indicated that the financial reports are at the accounts to file the tax return.
 - b. Strategies & Goals Committee. GW would like to start a subcommittee to assist LE with the development of the strategies. Need to prioritize. LE felt like after the June meeting his work was done. Agrees that a committee would be helpful. Further discussion ensued. LE recommends that GW, JF, SB, and TA be on the committee. DT suggests a board meeting in April with a single agenda item (this item) to discuss. DT suggests GBBA be kept plugged in since part of their service agreement contemplates fundraising. Further discussion ensued. The subcommittee will do two

conference calls prior to the next Board meeting. The first call will be on April 3rd at 9 am. Other members are invited if they so desire. CD will send out call in information. Another call will be on May 22nd at 9 am.

VI. Discussion of Programs.

- a. MATHCOUNTS. DT stated that the state competition is today. Number of schools was static. National Mathcounts is in May. Amy Houghton with BWR is transitioning in as the state chair.
- b. Project Lead the Way. Ken Lee gave an overview of PLTW. Is on the advisory council for USD259 and for south central Kansas. Advisory council met recently to give out WIRED grants and Knight Foundation grants. Several high schools and middle schools received grants. \$425,000 in funding given out. A number of other schools would like to join PLTW if they can find funding. Currently there are 15 schools in KC, 3 in Wichita, Winfield, Hutch, Ark City, and Newton have PLTW programs. GW questioned why EFK should support PLTW. KL gave a broad overview of the benefits of the program. Generally \$25,000 in cost in the initial year and then \$10,000 per year thereafter. LE asked about the cost of training the teacher. KL thought it was around \$5,000. Further discussion ensued about weaknesses in the program. Need engineers to be mentors and advisors. LE asked whether the push for PLTW was a bottom up or top down effort. KL believes PLTW still needs to clarify what they want from EFK in terms of support. TA believes that EFK can only provide some limited funding but can provide some additional support through communication and mentoring. TA asked what incentives does PLTW provide to students to take PLTW? In Wichita “acadamies” are used to encourage students on a career track. Outside Wichita, PLTW is looking at doing some type of certification process, but that remains to be defined. The advisory council is looking at the relationship between the cost and the number of students that are enrolled. Larry Whitman can be contacted directly at Larry.Whitman@wichita.edu.
- c. Future Cities. CD led a brief discussion about Future Cities.
- d. Mentoring Request. CD received a mentoring request for the Blue Valley robotics club. Discussion ensued about developing a mentoring program and that it might best be done by KSPE.

VII. Golf Tournament. WS date has been set for October 2 at Alvamar. Cost is \$175 per person, \$700 per team, \$1000 for hole sponsorships. Need sponsors, prizes, etc. GBBA handles meal, drinks, registration. Important to contact companies to participate. TA asked if it would be a good thing to see if Flint Hills would be a possibility in 2010.

VIII. EFK Membership. GW led a discussion about getting some outside non-engineer member(s) on the Board. It has been suggested that someone from Garmin. GW and Chris Price will have lunch with that individual. Discussion ensued about Board size and make-up. GW will pursue getting prospective

candidates. Focus should be on individuals who are not token candidates but have interest in furthering the engineering profession. Suggested that a letter be sent to the Board members that are up with renewal. DT will look at governing documents to review makeup of Board and if advisory board members can be created.

IX. Old Business.

- a. EFK Communications Materials and Marketing Brochure. Was discussed previously. CD went over the changes. Additional comments and changes were discussed and suggested.
- b. Investment/Savings strategy. CD went over some proposed investment options. Option #2 was approved for this coming year.
- c. Website. CD will research available domain names. She will advise the Board by email. GBBA will be working with a web designer to redesign all its client's websites including the EFK website.

X. Next Board Meeting will be June 10 at 8 am in KC in conjunction with the KSPE annual conference. Reminder: Subcommittee on Goals and Strategies will be having conference call. See V.b above.

XI. Meeting Adjournment