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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

23June2009

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., Manchester, CT

Directors Attending:

Kristen Solloway, President
Joseph Balskus, IPP (Phone)
John Bertoli, Director (Phone)
Najib Habesch, Director (Phone)
Robert Ramirez, Training Committee Chair
(Phone)
Carl-Henry Piel, Director (Phone)
Jay Koolis, Past President
Karen Olson, Vice President
Nick Lownes, Director (Phone)

Directors Absent:

Gene Hunt, Director
Mike LaLone, Director
Ewa Zofka, Director
Matt Edelman, Director
Kevin Burnham, Director
Morteza Hayatghey, Director
Koreen Bjorklund, Secretary
Sharat Kalluri, Treasurer
Arthur Handman, Director

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- 1. Opening:** Kristen called the meeting of the "committee of the whole" to order at 4:40 p.m. .
 - 2. Approval of Minutes for April 2009 Board Meeting & May 2009 Meeting of the Whole:** Najib Habesch made a motion to approve the April 21, 2009; Jay Koolis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Jay Koolis made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21 "meeting of the whole"; Karen Olson seconded the motion and it was approved with an abstention by Joe Balskus.
 - 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report:** The written Treasurer's report submitted by Sharat Kalluri indicated that there was a balance of \$20,607.29 in the savings account and \$12,211.24 in the checking account. Karen Olson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Najib Habesch, it was approved unanimously.

There followed a discussion of the bill from Company Corporation. On a motion by Karen Olson; seconded by Jay Bertoli, it was approved unanimously to:

- Pay the Company Corporation bill for last year; **Sharat made payment - COMPLETE**
- Pay the Company Corporation for this year, since it appears that an invoice will be sent in August, and that is insufficient time to investigate exactly what benefit we are receiving from

them, and if it is something we can do ourselves; **Sharat did not pay for this year and we will be waiting for the invoice in August.**

- Investigate exactly what benefit we are receiving from them, and if it is something we can do ourselves before August 2010 (duty has not been assigned.)
- 4. Nominating Committee:** Najib Habsech reported that he had a proposed slate almost completed, and will distribute it as soon as he has full agreement of the nominees.
 - 5. Membership:** Jay Bertoli reported that there were no new members since last month's report. Twenty companies have paid: 10 less than last year at this time.
 - 6. Communications (Newsletter):** Carl-Henry Piel reported that Linda Papaargjir from his office will be helping with the newsletter this time. He will be contacting various entities to solicit articles. A winter newsletter is planned.
 - 7. Communications (Website):** No report.
 - 8. Program Committee:** No report.
 - 9. Awards Committee:** No report.
 - 10. Bylaws Committee:** Karen Olson reviewed a handout on the Bylaws. The proposed changes will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - 11. Student Grant Committee:** Joe Balskus reported that he had heard that the report from Neftali Torres was excellent (confirmed by other Board members who had been present at the presentation.) Joe will try to get an electronic version for posting on the ITS-CT website. On a motion made by Joe Balskus and seconded by Jay Bertoli, we authorized payment to Neftali Torres the amount of \$2,000 to be paid as soon as possible. An announcement about the award will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Nick Lownes then reviewed a proposal from one of his students to study ITS in public transit applications. On a motion by Joe Balskus, seconded by Karen Olson, we accepted the proposal, authorizing Garrett Bolella to proceed with his research topic in anticipation of a \$2,000 student grant to be awarded in the fall (if the final presentation is acceptable to the Board.)

We then tabled a response to Dr. Fang's proposal to sponsor a student participating in her research on the development of a Controller Interface Device (CID) which provides a link between traffic simulation software such as CORSIM and actual traffic signal controllers.
 - 12. State Chapter's Report:** Jay K. reported that he thought Morteza Hayatghey had listened to the State Chapters Strengthening Workshop Webinar on May 31 as part of the ITS-America Annual Meeting. Kristen Solloway reported that she had listened to part of it. It appears that many State chapters are experiencing the same difficulty retaining members. A transcript of the webinar has been forwarded to Board members by Jay Koolis.
 - 13. Training Committee:** Bob reported that he had talked to Hal Decker about a systems engineering training to ConnDOT, but with the reorganization and retirements at ConnDOT, it will not be possible to do this training in September.
 - 14. Next Meeting:** July 21st – 4:30 at Fuss & O'Neill.
 - 15. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Karen Olson/Koreen Bjorklund