

Memphis-Area Joint Engineer's Council  
Monthly Meeting  
September 7, 2011  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order/Introductions**

Chairman Cindy Fowinkle called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm with 12 other members present: Pong Malasri, Renee Stoll, Alan Otts, Tony Pinson, Ben Ledsinger, Harvey Matheny, Heidi Hubbard, John Ventura, Lisa Jones, Debbie Zingale, Tom Lawrence and John Buxton. Invited guest Daniel Kohn was also present.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Stoll presented a report that showed total assets of \$1,961.67. Renee's report then had to be considered in conjunction with the 4/1/11 audit report that indicated budgeted expenses were exceeding budgeted income. *"The Committee also recommends that the Board discuss the renewal of the \$1,000 CD at its September meeting. The Committee also recommends that a dues increase be considered, if not 2011 – 2012, not later than 2012 – 2013."* Given the vote below to increase the dues, only the expense portion of the budget could be approved. Renee will have to re-work the income portion.

**Old Business**

Installation of Officers: All officers were present and were installed.

Chair - Cindy Fowinkle  
Vice-Chair – Alan Otts  
Secretary - John Buxton  
Treasurer – Renee Stoll  
Past Chair - John Ventura

CD Renewal: A motion was made, seconded and approved to cash out the CD if it could be done without penalty.

Dues: A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the annual dues from \$75.00 to \$100.00.

**New Business**

Dr. Daniel Kohn, University of Memphis, made a presentation on US First, a program in encourage young people to become engineers. He emphasized FIRST Lego League (FLL) for ages 9 – 16 and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) for high school students. There were many ways that the MJEC and its member organizations could help. Brochures and contacts were provided.

2011- 2012 Planning Calendar: The Secretary said that he would have a draft planning calendar for review at the October meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM. The next meeting will be on 10/5/11 in the Nolan Engineering Building Room N-241 at 4 pm.

**These minutes were approved as presented at the 10/5/11 meeting.**



John L. Buxton, P.E. (R)  
Secretary