

Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota

**Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting**

Jimmy's Conference Center, Vadnais Heights, MN  
Friday, December 9, 2016

The 2016 CPAM annual membership meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome from Executive Director Matt Zeller. After he announced new members since last year's meeting, meeting attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Zeller then spoke on "The State of the Association," including "fun with politics" and the challenges of the past year. He noted that 2016 was a pretty good year with TH 610 and I-494 wrapped up. MnDOT has some big projects coming up in 2017. They ran into budget issues in 2016 and did not let many projects. They have money in the bank but can't spend it without legislative approval. In the near future, Zeller said we need to look at legislative authority and how it affects MnDOT and recommended that members contact their legislators to ensure work in 2017. He also spoke about how the MnDOT Cost Index reflects concrete and asphalt prices as they relate to prices in 1987. He would like to see MnDOT separate out work in the Metro District to avoid artificially inflating costs throughout the state.

Zeller stated that, "We need to change the way we spend our dollars and look at long-term fixes." MnDOT's chief engineer is working on making the STIP for 2018, 2019 and 2020 more balanced. Zeller would like to see policy set where both the asphalt and concrete industries go up and down together. May require going the political route.

County work has been the brightest spot in the last few years. The goal for the county market in 2017 is one million square yards.

Zeller concluded his presentation by noting that Maria Masten, MnDOT Concrete Engineer, believes Minnesota has the best concrete in the country. He stated, "We can be proud of the concrete work in Minnesota. Minnesota is the gold standard."

Zeller then turned the meeting over to Troy Vrieze, President of CPAM's Board of Directors, who called the official meeting to order at 2:19 p.m. Vrieze noted that last year's membership meeting minutes were approved by Ben Jacobus (D.S. Brown Company), Frank Weiss (Shafer Contracting Co., Inc.), and Jenne Imholte (Simplex Construction Supplies), and posted on the CPAM website. This year's meeting minutes will be reviewed by Gary Oster (Cemstone Products Company), Dave Meyer (Continental Cement Company), and Bill Carlson (GRT). Once approved, they will be available on the CPAM website.

Vrieze then presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Sarah Bazey, CPAM Treasurer. Troy noted that CPAM was in good standing.

Vrieze continued the business meeting, noting there was no old business. He then began new business with the Nominating Committee Report. A ballot with nominations for the CPAM Board of Directors for 2017 was reviewed by attendees, and the floor was opened for any additional nominations or changes for the open board positions. No changes or additional nominations were offered. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the entire slate of nominations. The ballot was approved with nominations as is.

President Vrieze then transferred the presidency of CPAM to President-Elect Sam Gramling by the traditional passing of the gavel. President-Elect Gramling entertained a motion to adjourn the business meeting as his first order of business. Motion made, seconded and approved. The business meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

A drawing for door prizes followed, ending at 2:45 p.m.