

Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota
Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Friday, December 11, 2020

The 2020 CPAM annual membership meeting commenced at 11:35 AM with a welcome from CPAM Executive Director Matt Zeller. The meeting handouts were emailed prior to the meeting due to the meeting being virtual. He stated that the meeting would be a very short, abbreviated meeting compared to past years and was sorry that there could be no social or lunch as usual (due to COVID-19). He read the antitrust statement aloud for the benefit of all attendees.

Zeller spoke on wrapping up 20 years at CPAM and the good work being done. He next offered a recap of the year, noting that 2020 was an “okay year” for concrete pavements at both the state and county levels, with lots of carryover work from last year. New lettings in 2020 were down. Looking forward to next year, things do not look good. The 2021 MnDOT program is way down. In the past MnDOT has made a commitment to make sure we had a reasonable program. That is not happening now. Attempts are being made to work with MnDOT to turn this around. Zeller stressed the need to continue with political affairs efforts. CPAM is going to get a public relations person on staff to take arguments to the public as to why we need to see more concrete. There was an uptick in county work due to the work of Bob McPartlin and Greg Bauer in the past. However, Greg moved on to a new opportunity in February 2020, and a replacement has been difficult to find. Without Bob and Greg, Matt does not have a complete handle on the county work.

At 11:48 AM Zeller turned the meeting over to Terry Kraemer of Diamond Surface, Inc., President of CPAM's Board of Directors, who called the official meeting to order. Kraemer welcomed attendees and thanked the board for their support of him during the year. He also thanked all members for their support of the association during a difficult year. Kraemer next noted that last year's membership meeting minutes were approved by Dave Rettner (American Engineering Testing), Beau Steinmetz (Doyle Conner) and Darren Johnson (D.S. Brown). This year's meeting minutes will be reviewed by Jake Gave (Cemstone), Matt Ross (CTS Cement) and Jeff Buersken (Rock on Trucks). Once approved, they will be available on the CPAM website.

At 11:50 AM Kraemer invited Mark Brinkman to provide a summary of the Treasurer's report. Brinkman reported that the association was in good shape. The initial forecast predicted a loss for this year, but he was happy to report that net income will be in the black, “which helps with the uncertain times going forward into next year.” He then thanked Deb LaValle, CPAM's Executive Assistant, for her excellent work over the years and wished her well in retirement.

President Kraemer continued with the next agenda item of Old Business, of which there was none. The Nominating Committee Report, of which Terry Kraemer was the Chair, was reviewed and Kraemer opened the floor for additional nominees. No additional nominees were voiced, and a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the slate of nominations on the Ballot. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote and a Zoom poll created by Zeller.

At 11:56 AM Kraemer transferred the presidency of CPAM to President-Elect Troy Vrieze by the traditional passing of the gavel and thanked Deb LaValle for over 16 years of service, wishing her well on her retirement. Zeller also thanked Deb and Carol Kratz for their work and introduced JoAnna Bichner, CPAM's new Executive Assistant.

Next President-Elect Vrieze stated it was an honor to serve on the board as President and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting as his first order of business. Motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon.

After adjournment, Zeller mentioned that a decision was made at the board meeting held earlier in the day to cancel the annual workshop in March since MnDOT employees cannot attend in-person events for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. He suggested that perhaps an event of some type could be held in the summer of 2021.