

Mid-Atlantic Chapter International Erosion Control Association (MAC/IECA) EC 12 Chapter Meeting Minutes



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Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
Date: February 27, 2012
Scheduled Time: 5:45 p.m.

Meeting called to order by John Peterson at 5:45 p.m.

Attendance / Role Call:	Present:	John Peterson (President) Charles Riling (2 nd Vice President) Tom Master (Maryland Representative) Don Knezick (New Jersey Representative) Brooke Leonard (Pennsylvania Representative) Dave Snyder (Pennsylvania Representative)
	Guest:	Andy Spear (Pennsylvania) Keith Merl (New Jersey) Mike Fisher (WVU University Partner Student attending EC12, Pennsylvania) Matthew Ridgeway (WVU University Partner Student attending EC12, West Virginia)

John Peterson opened the meeting by asking those in attendance to introduce themselves.

The two WVU students who are part of the IECA University Partners were introduced.

- Each student told a bit about their majors (both civil engineering) and described their experience in moderating sessions at EC12

John Peterson apologized for MAC not having any refreshments at the meeting. He stated that with only an hour and IECA having a cash bar set up in the hallway, it did not seem cost effective for MAC to have its own catered items.

Charles Riling, MAC 2nd Vice President and IECA BOD member and Technical Vice president, talked about recent IECA BOD activities. He discussed the regionalization activity and the two new IECA regions. He also discussed incorporating the 8 current IECA technical tracks into 4 more broad issue areas as proposed by the Professional Development Committee.

Other IECA or MAC accomplishments or activities for the past year were then discussed. These include:

- Working to get the CA Gov. to veto CA Assembly Bill 1210. We succeeded.
- Our MAC SOIL \$1000 Chapter Challenge to other chapters. No chapter has responded.
- The 2012 Farm Bill status. Many IECA members get work through conservation and watershed programs.
- The Surface Transportation Reauthorization, H.R. 7.
- Fracking and the Marcellus Shale, and what work could mean for IECA members. Also talked a bit about the Keystone pipeline and the work that could be provided by IECA members should it be built.
- EPA and TMDL's.

The next MAC in-person BOD was announced for March 24 at the Sheraton in Dover, DE. The conference was discussed and people encouraged to attend. The conference will address shoreline erosion among other topics.

Don Knezick talked about a unique bidding procedure he was being asked to use on a large NY planting contract.

After some general discussion among the attendees, the meeting was adjourned by President John Peterson at 6:45 p.m.