



**BCSEM QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
THE CHATEAU ON THE RIVER IN ELIZABETH PARK, CITY OF TRENTON
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, APPROVED**

1. Welcome and Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by John Darin at 12:30 pm. The members present were informed that the BCSEM Membership Meetings have been re-formatted as Executive Committee Reports to the membership.
2. Board of Directors Members Present: John Darin, Lois Adams, Kathie Brown, Pat Deck, Sandie Fischer, Michele Hayden, James Keehn, Kip Smith, Jerald Stone
3. Approval of Previous Minutes:
 - a. June 15, 2023 Quarterly Meeting: After review of the draft minutes, there was a motion from the floor to approve the draft minutes without change. The motion was seconded, and was approved by consensus voice vote.
4. President's Report:
 - a. 2023 Individual Service Award Presentation: The BCSEM 2023 Individual Service Award was presented by Jim Keehn to Mr. Joseph Claycomb of St. Clair Shores. Mr. Claycomb was a very deserving winner of this year's ISA award, being a notable long-time volunteer, and lead planner in the restoration and revitalization of the City Park at Blossom Health, which included the design and construction of the \$10 million dollar Blossom Health Activity Pier Project! Congratulations, Joseph Claycomb!
5. BCSEM Executive Committee Reports:
 - a. BCSEM Application for Federal 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status: John Darin reported that, after formal application, BCSEM has been approved and registered as a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation, effective March 1, 2023! BCSEM has previously been an Unincorporated Association since its inception in November, 1963. Formal application has now been made to the Internal Revenue Service for approval of BCSEM as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Kip Smith reported that, since June 9, 2023, there has been revenue of \$1,925.00, and expenses of \$4,541.22, resulting in a current balance of \$1,798.64.
 - c. Membership Report: Michele Hayden reported that, as of September 5, 2023, BCSEM has 27 paid municipal members, and 15 paid individual members, for a total of 42 paid members.
 - d. Quarterly Meetings Report: Pat Deck reported that the City of Fraser has agreed to host the December, 2023 Quarterly Meeting! Thank you, City of Fraser! There are plans to co-host the "Celebrate Spring!" meeting with KMB in April, 2024. Host communities are still needed for the 2024 Spring, Summer, and Fall Quarterly Meetings.
 - e. Newsletter Report: Sandie Fischer reported that the September newsletter is in publication and should be received soon. There was discussion regarding emailed newsletters.
 - f. Web Site & Social Media Report: James Keehn reported that efforts are ongoing on the BCSEM web site and our social media profiles.
6. KMB & KAB Reports: Pat reported that KMB will be hosting their Annual Awards Program on October 20th at the Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown Lansing.
7. KMB Foundation Report: Jerald Stone reported that the Shirley Richardson Grants have been concluded, and have been very successful.
8. Next Meeting: The next BCSEM Quarterly Membership Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023, to be hosted by the City of Fraser.
9. Travel Trophy Presentation: Lois presented the BCSEM Travel Trophy to representatives from Harrison Township!
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Darin, President, BCSEM