

## ***EPDACI Business Meeting***

### **MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2020

5:30 pm

Conshohocken Brewing Company, 3 DeKalb Street, Bridgeport, PA

**Attendees:** Shawn Casey, Steve Cole, Quinton Davis, Mike Padula, Gary Horninger, Mohamed Idrissi Hassani, Barney Heller, Steve Penzone and Patty Barr Russo

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. Steve C. congratulated Shawn Casey and Steve Penzone for being elected to the Board of Directors. Mike will double check and validate the election results. Participation was low – only 13 people voted.
- 2) Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
- 3) Board business cards were briefly discussed, and the board decided they were not necessary.
- 4) Steve C. reported that the chapter donated \$250 to Concrete Cares and \$250 to Engineers Week. Barney noted that he is attending the World of Concrete Conference. ACI has requested a donation to the 2020 National Convention in Rosemont, Steve C. recommended that the board provide support at the \$500 Water Level. The board supports this contribution. Steve C. will ask Barbara to prepare a check.
- 5) Financials – Steve C. handed out the financial report as of 12/31/19. The balance in the account at the end of the year was \$141,466.94. Income for 2019 was \$1,110.52. Mike asked how many people attended Grade 1 in 2018 vs. 2019. Bridget will send Mike the attendance numbers.
- 6) Certification – The Grade 1's are scheduled. Mike will provide the lab certification schedule. Shawn can host the certifications in his

company's office. Tables and chairs are needed. Should we provide soil certifications? The board decided that there is not a high demand for soil certifications.

- 7) Steve C. led a discussion about membership. In January 2019, the chapter had 83 members and now there are 73 members. Rolling renewal notices are going out. The board proposed that additional members from the organization/corporate members will pay \$50 for annual membership. This motion was approved. Can the chapter create a corporate sponsor membership?
- 8) The board discussed the creation of a Membership Committee. Mohamed discussed building the database to include all companies that might be interested in membership. Why are companies that participate in certifications and dinner meetings not members of the chapter? Mohamed and Quinton will build the list to include all companies and/or consultants that would be interested in EPDACI. Mohamed is willing to make calls and have in person meetings to grow the membership. Barney will give Mohamed access to the shared google doc. The board approved the creation of a Membership Committee. Mohamed will chair, with the support of Quinton and Barney. The Membership Committee will report at board meetings.
- 9) Membership categories were discussed. Should we align with the ACI membership categories? The chapter formerly had more categories of membership, but changed to \$65 for an individual and \$200 for an organization. Student memberships should be free. The Membership Committee will analyze the membership categories.
- 10) Steve discussed the chapter report due to national and completed some outstanding questions.
- 11) Barney sent Will details on the scholarship that another organization offers for \$10,000. Should we send an email to the EPDACI database to advertise the chapter's scholarship? Mohamed suggested sending the details to local universities for their newsletters.

- 12) Steve encouraged the board to post on the chapter's LinkedIn and Facebook pages.**
- 13) The board would like Keith to report at a future board meeting regarding the proposed changes to 2020 PA UCC.**
- 14) The Star Chapter plans are still in the works. Steve C. suggested a switch at April 1, but the board is concerned about registrations for major events like the Awards. The board agreed to June 15, 2020 as the date to change over to the Star Chapter site.**
- 15) Quinton reported that the first Awards planning conference call was held last week. They have 9 entries that are carried over from last year. There is a one year carry over to entries that did not win. There are no limits on the number of entries from an organization. One of the 2019 winners wants to advance to the national awards. Barney will make the recommendation. Quinton has reached out to the Professor from Delaware who is willing to judge again this year. Please send any suggestions for judges to Quinton. He wants to confirm them soon. They usually have one structural engineer, one architect and one academic judge. Please start promoting the awards to your contacts. Barney is on the ACI National Awards Committee this year. Our Awards program is advertised through ACI National.**
- 16) Mohamed reviewed ACI National upcoming events. He plans to attend a New Jersey event in Edison, NJ on 1/28. We will get points if we partner with another organization every year on a program (like Engineers Club or DVASE). The Excellence in Concrete Fall Conference is in Raleigh this year. On 5/5/20 there is an ACI-318 concrete seminar in New Brunswick. The New York seminar on 1/16 about the JFK Redevelopment is sold out.**
- 17) The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, 2/6 at Conshohocken Brewing in Bridgeport, PA. The next dinner meeting is scheduled for Maggiano's on February 20. JP Binard will discuss Ultra High Performance Concrete. Steve is getting the bio and photo. At the February dinner meeting Mohamed will announce upcoming national**

**events. We need more speaker gifts – we are out of books. Shawn will handle speaker gifts. Should we have a dinner meeting or a social/happy hour in March? April is the Awards Banquet and Student Beam. The board discussed a clay shoot in May and agreed to move forward with plans.**

**18) Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.**