

Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware Chapter of ACI

Business Meeting Minutes October 4, 2018

The Board of Directors met on October 4, 2018 at Conshohocken Brewery in Bridgeport, PA at 5:30 pm.

Shawn Casey, Steve Cole, Barney Heller, **Mohamed Hassani**, **Mike Padula**, Gary Horninger, Dan Post, Steve Lane, and Krishan Saini were present.

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Minutes from last meeting were approved.
- 3) Membership
 - a) Membership is up to 70 people, but we are missing names on some of the corporate sponsorships. We have members who think they are members, but we don't have their names on the list. Barney will work with Barbara to get an email out to confirm their membership.
 - b) In a push to get people to become members, we want to increase the nonmember price of our dinners to be \$15 more than the member price. This is to drive nonmembers to become members.
 - c) We have elections coming up in December. We have one opening for a director and need nominees for Vice President and President. The board discussed having a procedure for chapter officers who do not attend meetings. If an officer misses 4 meetings in a row, the Board has the option of filling that seat with a new person to be elected by the members. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- 4) Concrete International October issue will feature EPDACI's chapter reboot. We hope to get additional good marketing from the article.
- 5) Dinner meetings
 - a) September Dinner meeting – was a success with ~35 people attending. All were very happy with the turnout and the topic. Thanks to Dave Van Ocker
 - b) November Dinner meeting – 11/15/18 Val Moody of CMT will discuss special inspections. A discussion was held about interest in the topic. Should we invite other groups to join us? We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate.

- c) A discussion was held about ways to draw concrete inspectors and contractors to our dinner meetings. We need to attract more people.
- 6) Financials - We are still in good financial shape even though we lost money in September due to the cost of the dinner. We have a number of certifications coming up which will help us financially.
- 7) Scholarship Program – Will Fellmeth could not make the meeting. In our November meeting he will head a discussion of the program in an ACI committee methodology to ensure everyone is on board. Please review the program that Will has proposed and come with any suggestions or comments. We need your input in an open discussion about scholarships.
- 8) Awards Ceremony – We have the Valley Forge Casino venue again on 4/25/19!
 - a) Quinton was called away right before the meeting started, but he will be contacting people for a conference call in the next week or so. Please volunteer.
 - b) We need to start looking for judges, and projects!
 - c) Quinton will also contact Mike Moxley and Barbara about putting pictures from our awards ceremony on the website.
- 9) Website
 - a) Getting updated. We want to have more photos on the website (HD if possible).
 - b) Shawn will send a picture of our Concrete Cares tables to Steve Lane to look at repair of the base.
 - c) In the future, the Past President will take on the task of monitoring the website for updates. How can we drive people to visit the site?
- 10) ACI National Convention in Las Vegas
 - a) EPDACI will be sending its biggest contingent ever to this convention. Gary Horninger, Steve Cole, Dan Post, Barney Heller, Claire Nowasell plus the winners of the National Concrete Awards Contest, Larry Rowland, Robert Pabst, John Aube and Evan Reis.
 - b) Dan and Steve are attending the Chapter Training session on Saturday.
- 11) Certification
 - a) We have several certifications scheduled until the end of the year, with exams and/or classes scheduled weekly for the next 5-6 weeks.
 - b) Mike and Shawn will meet as a committee to schedule 2019 certifications. Shawn offered to support Mike with the certification duties.
- 12) Student Involvement
 - a) With the help of Vicki Brown, Steve Cole has come up with a unique student beam contest for 2019 using cost of concrete, rather than just strength. This could be an exciting contest with real life applications.
 - b) Student beam contest is scheduled for April 6, 2019 at Widener.

- c) Prizes were discussed.
- d) We are welcoming a new student chapter at the University of Delaware. Steve Cole has met with the professor who was involved with ACI student chapters in Louisiana and wants to bring those successes to the University of Delaware. Shawn Casey volunteered to be the chapter liaison.

13) New Business

- a) Vic Scotese has volunteered to organize a golf outing next year. We will continue to look at what he has planned.
- b) Steve Lane volunteered to organize a clay pigeon shoot outing in the spring. We will get more information in the coming months from Steve.

14) **Next meeting date:** 11/1/18 at Conshohocken Brewery in Bridgeport at 5:30 pm.