

EPDACI Business Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2019

5:30 pm

Conshohocken Brewing Company, 3 DeKalb St., Bridgeport PA

Attendees: Steve Cole, Mike Padula, Quinton Davis, Dan Post, Gary Horninger and Krishan Saini

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm**
- 2) Minutes from the last meeting were approved.**
- 3) Financials – Steve handed out the financial report. As of the end of September, we had \$154K in the bank.**
- 4) Membership:**
 - a) Mohamed’s proposal of giving each person who signs up for a certification course a complimentary 1-year membership to EPDACI was discussed. Not everyone was in favor of it. It was decided to table the proposal until Mohamed was present to give his reasons for proposing it.**
 - b) Methods to increase membership were discussed. Quinton recommended that we consult a marketing guy. It was also suggested that we do a monthly spotlight on members and member companies on our website.**
- 5) Certifications:**
 - a) Mike Padula explained what happened at the GPS certification session in Delaware. The problem was that the performance exams were not in the box of materials received from ACI and the client was dissatisfied with our service. The Board agreed to give GPS a full**

- refund (minus the cost of some of the educational materials which they used).
- b) We just finished a Grade 1 certification class and an Adhesive Anchor certification class. They went well.
 - c) The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA) based in Harrisburg offers ACI Grade 1 certification classes in the Lehigh Valley.
- 6) EIC Awards Banquet – Quinton will start advertising in November.
- 7) Social Media – Dan posted the information on the upcoming Golf Outing on our LinkedIn and Facebook pages. He pointed out that if you hit the “Like” button, your friends will see it.
- 8) Star Chapter – Our new website has been set up but it is not active yet. We still need to get several issues sorted out and get the information up to date. It can be accessed at <https://epdaci.starchapter.com>
- 9) Upcoming Events Review:
- a) October 15 - Golf outing at Spring Ford Country Club. So far about 40 people have signed up.
 - b) October 20-24 - ACI National Fall Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio. Barney, and Gary are going.
 - c) November dinner meeting in Delaware – Set for November 7 at Klondike Kate’s on Main Street in Newark. Professor Jovan Tatar will arrange for the students to attend and for a speaker, Paramita Mondal.
 - d) February 4-7 - World of Concrete, Las Vegas, Nevada. Barney always goes to this.

e) Sometime in the winter – Mohamed will try to organize a joint meeting with the New Jersey Chapter.

f) April 4 - Student Beam Competition, Widener University

g) April 16 - Excellence in Concrete Awards Banquet, Valley Forge Casino

10) Next business meeting will be December 5. Venue to be determined. It was suggested that we try Mission BBQ in Plymouth Meeting.

11) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.