

EPDACI Business Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2019

5:30 pm

Revolution Chop House, Valley Forge Casino, Valley Forge, PA

Attendees: Shawn Casey, Steve Cole, Quinton Davis, Mike Padula, Dan Post, Gary Horninger, Mohamed Idrissi Hassani, Travis Shoemaker, Keith Kesner, Barney Heller, Steve Penzone and Barbara Sagusti

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm**
- 2) Minutes from the last meeting were approved.**
- 3) Financials – Steve handed out the financial report. As of the end of November we had 152K in the bank. We made \$10K this year which is a bit down from last year.**
- 4) Membership: 73 members as of today. Really trying to increase membership. Barbara needs to make sure she is sending out renewal reminders on a timely basis.**
 - a) Methods to increase membership were discussed. Quinton recommended that we consult a marketing person. It was also suggested that we do a monthly spotlight on members and member companies on our website.**
- 5) Board Members Nominations – Gary’s term is ending but can run again. Steve Lane is moving off the Board. We are nominating Gary Horninger, Shawn Casey, Steve Penzone and Travis Shoemaker. Barbara to do a Survey Monkey and send to Steve for approval. It will go out to paid members only.**
- 6) Certifications:
Mike reported that certification classes are done for 2019. He has sent**

ACI Grade 1 dates to Bridget with a TDB on where the certifications will be held. The prices for ACI Grade 1 will be adjusted for this season once the new price list comes out from ACI National.

- a) Adhesive Anchor Installer/inspector is retired and being replaced by PICA Price Installer Concretes Adhesive. Mike received the slides. He is trying to offer a Masonry certification, but he will need to be certified to offer this. Self-Consolidating Concrete is another certification course that Mike is trying to offer but again someone has to be certified to offer this class.**

 - b) There is a necessity for non-Pennoni people to proctor the exams. Quinton has some people that can possibly help. Also, the Fire Academy, who we usually use for Spring Certifications, does not have room for the Spring Sessions this year so we are probably going to use CMT Services (Shawn Casey) for the training programs. Mike and Shawn will work on this. This will also be less expensive as we will not have to pay for this space.**

 - c) Penn Dot is going to start pushing their people to be certified for Adhesive Anchor. EPDACI is one of the cheapest prices for this certification – but it is an expensive test.**
- 7) EIC Awards Banquet date is 4/16/2020. Quinton discussed a slight increase in ticket prices; \$80 for an individual ticket and \$700 for a table this year.**

We need to get projects to be submitted. Advertising and sponsorship prices will remain the same. There will be no black and white ads this year; everything will be in color. Gary's daughter is willing to do the advertising book again. Barbara will send out the call for entries and a general blast out advertising the event. Quinton/Barbara to send out a meeting notice.

Quinton, Dan, Gary, Barney, Steve, Travis and Barbara are on this committee.

Quinton also has a judge – the speaker from the last dinner meeting, Paramita Mondal.

- 8) Scholarship process is now established. This will be done again for 2020. We will probably get more entries this year.
- 9) Social Media – Dan posted the pictures on LinkedIn and Facebook. It was suggested that any pictures be put in the google drive. Always hit “like” on any picture.
- 10) 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>.
- 11) Upcoming Events Review:

Mohamed went over ACI events that are coming up

- a) February 4-7 - World of Concrete, Las Vegas, Nevada. Barney always goes to this.
- b) Sometime in the winter – Mohamed will try to organize a joint meeting with the New Jersey Chapter.
- c) April 4 - Student Beam Competition, Widener University
- d) April 16 - Excellence in Concrete Awards Banquet, Valley Forge Casino
- e) Next dinner meeting will be in February at Maggiano’s on 2/20/20. Steve has a couple of speakers to approach. Barbara to call Maggiano’s and reserve the date.
- f) Joint meeting/clay shoot in Lehigh – Lehigh Valley Sporting Place is the venue for May with a dinner to follow.

- g) Our Golf Outing was successful. We hope to do the golf outing again. Steve will talk to Vic.**

12)New business

- a) Keith Kesner reported on ACI National's code change proposals to the 2020 PA Uniform Construction Code (UCC). They have three primary goals – update the section on certification requirements for special inspections to be consistent with the latest ACI standards, updates to reflect changes in ACI 318-19, and a proposal to allow use of ACI 562 for repair of existing structures. Keith requested our help to lobby the PA code officials to implement these changes. Not a big effort is required from the chapter. We agreed to send a letter from the board members to the PA code officials supporting the changes, and to send representatives to Harrisburg to testify in favor. Keith will prepare a draft letter that EPDaci can use to send in.**
- b) Dan Post would like Business Cards to be talked about at the next meeting**
- c) Mohamed brought up a suggestion that anyone taking a certification test should have a free membership for a year. This was discussed and the majority were not in favor of this.**
- d) Next Business meeting is 1/9/2020 – Conshohocken Brewery.**

13)Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.