

MEETING MINUTES

Pittsburgh Area Chapter, ACI

February 10, 2016

Board members in attendance were: Andy Lawrence, Paul Dykta, Bob Lawrence, Matt Manning, Josh Rader, Justin Rader, April Snyder, Mark Snyder, Bill Tate and Nick Wytiaz

Those not present were: Josh Bryan, Dominic Giovannucci, and Pat Hofmann

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: (Lawrence & Manning)

Grade I Technician:

- March 7-8 at Stone & Co – Greensburg **(90 full, 5 written only)**
- PSU Class: Will be held on March 25-26th or April 1-2nd. Cap at 25 registrants.

Strength/Agg: March 18-19, 2016 @ Bryan's Research Center

Flatwork Finisher: April 2016

Masonry and Aggregate II Tech: Upon Request – No requests at this time

Seminar : 10 Registrants to date

- Date/Location – February 25th– At the Pine Community Center in Wexford, PA

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Justin Rader)

There was no business to discuss.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: (Justin Rader)

March 2nd: Farshad from PSU-Send topic info ASAP for mailing

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

February Issue to include:

- Article from Concrete International about the PSU Student Chapter
- Note on meeting minutes being added to the website and notice to members that they are able to attend board meetings
- Article from Tom Pochatko

AWARDS COMMITTEE: (April Snyder)

Founders Award – There was an extensive conversation regarding two of the applications we received this year and if they were deserving candidates, of our Chapter Award, due to their location. The award announcement was sent to PSU, including the Harrisburg Campus. Several board members did not feel it was fair to give the award to a candidate that was outside of our Chapter's jurisdiction. However, it was also agreed that because we sent the announcement to their school, and they took the time to complete the application, that they should not be penalized. Therefore to modify the situation, Mark Snyder motioned that each board member submit their top three choices as they normally would. When the votes are tallied, the top three candidates in our Chapter's jurisdiction will receive the three Founders Awards that are normally given. Should one of the top three candidates be an applicant from the Harrisburg area, an additional, one-time, merit award will be given to them. Matt Manning seconded this motion. All board members present unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

EVENTS COMMITTEE: (Andy Lawrence)

President's Dinner - February 20th at the Buckhead Saloon in Station Square. A block of rooms at the Pittsburgh Sheraton Station Square has been reserved. The Chapter will reimburse each board member \$50 towards this cost.
Call for reservations by 2/13.

Awards Banquet – Possible locations discussed were Phipps Conservatory and The Clemente Museum. Beth will contact both locations for available dates and pricing.

Social Night – The Meadows was discussed as an alternative this year to PNC Park. Beth will contact them to see if they have live racing on Saturdays.

STUDENT CHAPTER COMMITTEE: (Bill Tate)

Bill attended the PSU student meeting that was held last night in State College. There were 16 students in attendance. They reported that they are in the process of getting funding from the campus for four students to attend the ACI Spring Convention in Milwaukee. Also, Dr. Rajabipour, has agreed to speak at our March 2nd meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE: (Andy Lawrence)

April 17-21, Hyatt & Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Mark Snyder)

The board is currently in the process of amending the current by-laws with the following provisions:

- Officers will have the opportunity, if willing, to be on the ballot to serve consecutive terms instead of automatically being dismissed after one year.
- All future proposed amendments will be distributed and voted on by the membership at any given time during the year, instead of being presented at the annual meeting.

Board members with their three-year terms ending in 2016 are Pat Hofmann, Matt Manning and Bill Tate. These three gentlemen will be offered the position of VP on this year's ballot. The remaining slate of board member and nominating committee candidates will be ready to review at the March meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There was a discussion about the side-bar conversations that take place during our speakers' presentations and the distraction that it can cause to others around them. An announcement will be made at all future meetings asking the members to please be respectful of our presenters.

Events for the 2015-2016 ACI Year:

PA Concrete Conference – Feb 16-17, 2016

PRSEF – April 1-2, 2016

Spring Convention – Apr 17-21 in Milwaukee

Bob Lawrence moved to adjourn. Mark Snyder seconded.

Next Board Meeting: March 2nd @ 4:30