

# MEETING MINUTES

## Pittsburgh Area Chapter, ACI

### March 2, 2016

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

Those not present were: Josh Bryan, Pat Hofmann, Matt Manning

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** (Lawrence & Manning)

***Grade I Technician:***

- PSU Class: April 1-2

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

***Flatwork Finisher:*** April 16, 2016 @ Ligonier Stone & Lime

- Andy mentioned the possibility of the Chapter offering the Flatwork performance exam. If the performance exam is taken, the written exam is eliminated. It would obviously require nice weather and proctors. This is something to be considered in the future.

***Custom Seminar:*** The seminar we held on February 25<sup>th</sup> went smoothly. The Pine Community Center was very accommodating and we will most likely use it again for future classes. There were nine people in attendance and our total cost was \$6,658. Plans are to hold another one in the fall. Topic possibly being Basics of Concrete Materials and Testing. Our plans are to schedule it and advertise it in Concrete International.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Justin Rader)

There was no new business to discuss.

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:** (Justin Rader)

**Fall:** We plan to contact ACI Int'l to get on the schedule for Chapter Tech Talks

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:**

May Issue – 1926 Concrete Ad from Steve Lent, Award Banquet Recap, Founders Recipients

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** (April Snyder)

\$3,000 - Scott Sachs – PITT

\$2,000 – Peter Hatala – PITT

\$2,000 – Scott Overacker – PITT

Merit Award – Caleb Krauter – PSU Harrisburg – Amount \$2,000 – The amount of this one time merit award was discussed and it was felt that it had to be equal to what was announced in the application. ***Therefore, Mark Snyder motioned that the award should be \$2,000. Josh Rader seconded the motion. All present were in favor.***

**Excellence in Concrete Project Award – Four entries were received**

April will contact ACI International to see if they have criteria to follow when judging the entries. She will then forward this information to the board. Votes should be casted within the week to make the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to be considered for the 2016 ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards Program.

We would like to recognize all the companies who took the time to submit the application for this award, therefore, we plan to send a letter to each one and invite them to choose one project representative and a guest to join us at the Awards Banquet on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE:** (Andy Lawrence)

**Awards Banquet – April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Phipps Conservatory

**Social Night – May 14<sup>th</sup>** - The Meadows, Bistecca Steakhouse, 210 Racetrack Road, Suite 200 (Overlooks the track)

**STUDENT CHAPTER COMMITTEE:** (Bill Tate)

Tom Pochatko, from PSU, was in attendance and explained to the board the application process that the students have to go through to obtain funding from PSU to attend ACI International Conventions. In short, they have to submit three different prices for their projected travel costs (i.e. hotel, airfare). PSU then holds the application for 40 business days before they make any decision. The problem is that after this 40 day hold, the airfare prices have changed, and many times the hotel rooms are booked. PSU will only give a maximum of \$5,000, or up to 75% of the total cost of travel to the students. Therefore, the board discussed providing additional funding for them to attend these conventions and participate in the student competitions. Mark Snyder motioned to contribute a maximum of \$2,500, or no more than 50% of their cost, whichever is less. Andy Lawrence seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The students will submit a budget showing their expenses and PSU's contribution. After review of the budget, the Chapter will contribute accordingly.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE:** (Andy Lawrence)

April 17-21, Hyatt & Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI – April Snyder and Mark Snyder plan to attend.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** (Mark Snyder)

The current by-laws have been revised. Proposed changes have been drafted and will be posted on the website the week of the awards banquet/annual member meeting (4/9/16). The ballot will also be mailed to the membership on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Snyder presented the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 election ballot. The ballot will be mailed to the membership the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Events for the 2015-2016 ACI Year:**

PRSEF – April 1-2, 2016

Spring Convention – Apr 17-21 in Milwaukee

***Bill Tate moved to adjourn. Dominic Giovannucci seconded.***

**Next Event: April 9<sup>th</sup> – Awards Banquet**