

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Pittsburgh Area Chapter, ACI**  
**January 10, 2018**

**Board members in attendance were:** Josh Bryan, Dominic Giovannucci, Andy Lawrence, Bob Lawrence, Matt Manning, Carly McGee, Josh Rader, Justin Rader, Steve Reed, April Snyder and Dave Thomas

Those not present were: Paul Dykta, Tricia Ladely

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

***Grade I Technician:***

- January 29-30 at M and B Redi Mix - Clarion **(42)**
- February 12-13 at New Enterprise – Roaring Spring **(35)**
- February 26-27 – Golden Triangle – Imperial **(24)**
- March 12-13 at Stone & Co – Greensburg **(22)**

***Concrete Strength & Aggregate Testing Tech:***

- March 8-9 at Neville Aggregates **(8)**

***Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector:***

- February 20 **(2)**

***Flatwork Finisher:*** February 24<sup>th</sup> at GTC

***Adhesive Anchor and SCC:*** We have been approved for both programs through ACI International. A few members have successfully tested and been certified and will be able to proctor the classes. Once pricing is determined, and the registration forms are complete, the programs will be announced to the Chapter. Classes will be held determined on the response from the industry.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Matt Manning)

Checking	\$ 71,133
Money Market	\$ 25,667
Janus Stock Fund	\$135,358
Janus Bond Fund	\$127,856
Primerica	\$115,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$475,814</u></b>

**Requests for Donations:**

- PSU – Requested donation to compete in the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition in 2018  
***Dave Thomas made a motion for a \$500 sponsorship. Steve Reed seconded the motion. All present were in favor. (Note: This same motion was made to fund Pitt-Johnstown for their participation in the canoe competition.)***

- Concrete Cares – Requested one ACI Flatwork Certification  
Concrete Cares is a 501/C non-profit group of volunteers who are raising money to fight cancer. Once again, they will have a booth at the World of Concrete, where they will continue fighting cancer with concrete related events and helping children and families who are facing the daily challenges of cancer in their lives. After some discussion, **Josh Rader motioned to donate up to \$500 (to cover the cost of a certification). Josh Bryan seconded the motion. All present were in favor.** Beth will contact Mike Murray with Concrete Cares regarding the donation amount.

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:** (April Snyder)

February 7<sup>th</sup> – KTA-Tator – Concrete Coatings and Testing

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Joint ACI/ICRI Meeting

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** (Josh Bryan and Dave Thomas)

January Newsletter

- Article on Specifications for Concrete Construction
- Information regarding the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair competition in May 2018
- Our Chapter's initiation of the SCC and Adhesive Anchor Programs

Social Media:

An outline that Josh and Dave devised for social media programs was presented and discussed. Platforms will included: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. The username will be: ACIPITTSBURGH.

Plans are to move forward and activate these programs immediately. At this time, Josh Bryan will be managing the accounts.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** (Dominic Giovannucci)

Founders Award – There have been no applications received to date. Dominic will send an email reminder to the universities.

Excellence in Concrete Project Award – The 2018 application was mailed with a deadline of 2/28/18.

- We received the revised 2017 award from ACI International. We plan to present Bill Porter with the new award at the March meeting.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE:** (Matt Manning) – There was no business to discuss.

- President's Dinner – Date/Location to be determined
- Awards Banquet – Beth will research venues and email options before next board meeting
- Social Night – To be determined

**STUDENT CHAPTER COMMITTEE:** (Josh Bryan)

Josh contacted Farshad regarding the status of the Penn State Chapter. Farshad explained that they were not active at this time, mainly due to lack of leadership and student overturn. They do plan to regroup in the fall. They would still like to offer a Grade I class this spring pending enough interest from the students.

**STUDENT CHAPTER COMMITTEE:** (cont.)

This led to a detailed discussion regarding how to get the local universities interested and active as Student Chapters. April stated that ACI International would like Chapters to support our local students who are in the concrete industry in any capacity that we can. Given the amount of money that our Chapter has, it was suggested that we offer financial support. Therefore, Josh is going to write a letter of proposal to local universities stating that our Chapter would be willing to help them financially to participate in ACI concrete related competitions.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE:** (Matt Manning)

There was no business to discuss.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** (Justin Rader) – There was no business to discuss.

It is time to begin the nomination process for this year's election. We have five board members whose term is ending. They are: Josh Bryan, Coach, Dominic Giovannucci, Bob Lawrence and Josh Rader. Therefore, we will need 6-7 candidates for Board of Director seats. In addition we will need 6-7 names for the Nominating Committee, along with a VP and Presidential candidate.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Events for the 2017-2018 ACI Year:**

PA Concrete Conference in Harrisburg – February 21-22, 2018

Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair – March 23-24, 2018

ACI Spring Convention – March 25-29, 2018 in Salt Lake City, UT

*Dave Thomas moved to adjourn. Josh Rader seconded.*

**Next Board Meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 @ NPL Cranberry**