

MEETING MINUTES

Pittsburgh Area Chapter, ACI

October 2, 2019

Board members present: Tricia Ladely (Chair), Dave Thomas, Josh Bryan, Bob Lawrence, Brian Lucarelli, Ryan Pendeville, Steve Reed and April Snyder

Regrets: Justin Rader, Dominic Giovannucci

Staff present: Beth Rader (Secretary/Treasurer)

Meeting Dates:

Nov 6: Cheryl Moon Sirianni - District Executive for PennDOT 11- Concrete Projects in the District

Dec 4: Chris Eagon - BASF- Nanotechnology-The Future of Concrete

Jan 8: Jim Casilio - Scaling & Concrete Finisher Certification to Reduce It

Feb 12: PTC & CDR Maguire - Southern Beltway-Long Life Concrete Pavement & Bridges

Mar 4: TBD

Education Committee: (Chair – Bob Lawrence)

Bob plans to reach out to the members who expressed interest in helping on the education committee. Hopes are to hold one lunch-n-learn sometime during this program season (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020).

We also discussed our Education Coordinator's Engineer Fees. Andy Lawrence, PE, serves as our Education Coordinator and conducts various certification classes. His payments are based on the type of certification class given according to the fee schedule listed below:

- Grade I - \$1,500 per session
- Laboratory (Strength/Aggregate) - \$500 per session
- Flatwork - \$250 per session
- Adhesive Anchor Installer - \$500 per session
- Masonry Field/Lab Technician - \$250 per session
- Aggregate Level II - \$250 per session
- **Need to determine payment for SCC certification**

Programs Committee: (Chair–Dave Thomas)

We recently surveyed the membership to find out what day and location would be favored for meetings. The results were as follows:

- 52% chose Wednesdays
- 48% chose Cranberry, with Robinson and Monroeville being second choice at 29%

We also asked for members to volunteer to help with our committees. We had 21 members express interest. The Committee Chairs will reach out to these members and engage them with activities. Our goal of the committees is to increase overall member participation in Chapter operations.

Public Relations Committee: (Chair–Ryan Pendeville)

Newsletter – The October issue is in production.

Social Media Accounts – Ryan plans to make posts to Facebook and Twitter once a week. Ladely suggested re-posting ACI Foundation posts for additional content.

Telemarketing - Plans to have retired members personally contact various chapter members to increase participation.

Awards Committee: (Chair – Dominic Giovannucci)

- **Founders Award** – Deadline for submittals January 31, 2020.
- **Excellence in Concrete Project Award** – Deadline is February 29, 2020.

Finance Committee: (Chair–Steve Reed)

1. Centauri Advisory group was present to discuss the transfer of our investment funds from Janus Henderson and Primerica. They will actively manage our investments and they plan to invest the funds as follows:

80% in a Capital Preservation Fund
20% in a Value Line Asset Allocation Fund

Tricia Ladely motioned to approve this investment. Steve Reed seconded. The vote was unanimous approval.

After the vote, the necessary paperwork was signed. Centauri says the transfer will take 2-4 weeks. They will update us on the status of this transfer prior to the next board meeting.

2. Last month we discussed a request to consider participation in the IRISE Consortium. Julie Vandebossche, IRISE Director, has asked the Chapter to consider becoming a member. A vote was tabled until we investigate the time commitment requirements and the cost. *Ladely to contact Vandebossche for additional information.* The IRISE consortium associated through the University of Pittsburgh is a research partnership funded and supported by both public and private organizations. Its focus is on producing durable, longer-lasting transportation infrastructure. IRISE hopes to facilitate the adoption of start-of-the-art technology by practitioners by bringing together owners, designers, material suppliers and contractors associated with transportation projects.

IRISE Goals are:

- Produce longer-lasting, more viable transportation infrastructure resulting in increased serviceability and lower life cycle costs
- Reduce the number of major disruptions to the movement of people and goods due to compromised infrastructure
- Attain a better quality of life through a more reliable and sustainable transportation system

3. Concrete Cares Donation - We received a request from Concrete Cares, a 501/C non-profit group of volunteers, who are raising money to fight cancer. They will have a booth at Convention and at the World of Concrete, where they will continue fighting cancer through concrete related events and helping children and families who are facing the daily challenges of cancer in their lives. *The group discussed past contributions; Josh Bryan motioned to donate \$500 to the cause; Dave Thomas seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous approval.*

4. The Chair introduced the need to create an annual budget and spend policy. The goal is to spend Chapter resources fairly and effectively. Doing so will help weigh future monetary requests to determine how much money we can give and what areas we want to support.

Student Chapter Committee: (Chair–Josh Bryan)

Josh reported on the following educational institutions and their Student Chapter status:

1. Penn State University (PSU)
 - a. Chapter is currently up and running
 - b. Our Chapter will offer them support/resources for FRC Beam Design student competition
 - c. We requested their Chapter meeting schedule with plans to attend at least one
2. University of Pittsburgh - Johnston
 - a. They have approximately 39 students interested in starting a chapter
 - b. No plans for any competitions this year
 - c. We are hosting a Grade I Certification Class there on Oct 18-19
3. Geneva College
 - a. At this time, they do not have enough student involvement to establish a Chapter, but they may be interested in gathering a few civil engineering students to enter competitions

Certification Updates:

Grade I Schedule:

- October 18-19 at UPJ
- October 28-29 at Gavco Materials – Charleroi
- December 2-3 at Ligonier Stone & Lime – Latrobe
- December 16-17 at Castle Builders Supply – Hermitage
- January 6-7 at J.J. Kennedy - Shipperville
- January 27-28 at New Enterprise – Roaring Spring
- February 10-11 at DuBrook - Clarion
- February 24-25 – at GTC
- March 9-10 at Stone & Co – Greensburg

Adhesive Anchor: TBD (Limit to 5 registrants)

SCC: November 15, 2019 at Concrete Concepts in McKees Rocks (Limit to 12 registrants)

Flatwork: Feb 22, 2020 @ GTC

Strength/Aggregate: Jan 17-18, 2020 at Neville Island in Pittsburgh

Finance:

Checking Account	\$1,443
Money Market	\$5,684
Janus Bond Fund	\$138,186
Janus Stock Fund	\$139,032
Primerica	\$132,492
TOTAL BALANCE	<u>\$416,837</u>

New Business:

ACI recently published a new ACI Guide to Chapter Organization and Operation. Tricia asked that the Board review the guide and identify gaps in our Chapter policies and practices. Identified items will be listed and then worked on in order of priority. These changes may include:

- Implementing an Anti-Harassment Policy
- Revising our current Antitrust Compliance Policy
- Creating a Mission Statement
- Scheduling a group of committee members to 'audit' Chapter finances & budget

Related Events for the 2019-2020 ACI Year:

ACI Fall Convention – October 20-24 in Cincinnati OH

PACA's Annual Meeting – November 16-17, 2019

World of Concrete – February 3-7, 2020

PA Concrete Conference in Harrisburg – February 13-14, 2020

Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair – March 2020

ACI Spring Convention – March 29-April 2, 2020 in Chicago IL

Dave Thomas moved to adjourn. April Snyder seconded.

Next Board Meeting: *tentative for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 / To Be Confirmed*