

PITTSBURGH AREA CHAPTER ACI

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Board members in attendance were: Dominic Giovannucci, Tricia Ladely, Andy Lawrence, Bob Lawrence, Carly McGee, Steve Reed, Dave Thomas and April Snyder

Those not present were: Josh Bryan, Matt Manning

Education Committee: (Andy Lawrence)

Update on Lunch-and-Learns:

- Location – Plan to hold downtown Pittsburgh or airport area
- Topics – Leeds, Efficiencies and Coring ... any other suggestions, email Andy/Tricia
- Presenters: NRMCA, PACA - BASF and Euclid also expressed interest in presenting

Public Relations Committee: (Josh Bryan)

February newsletter content:

- Article – Andy suggested using the article, “Handling Concrete Cylinders” that was in the Concrete International magazine if Josh doesn’t have one in mind.
- Tink Award
- Excellence Project Award

Awards Committee: (Dominic Giovannucci)

Founders Award – No applications received to date. Deadline is 1/31/19. Beth will email the membership.

Excellence in Concrete Project Award – The announcement was sent out to the membership and other organizations who may have interest in this award. Deadline for entries is 2/28/19.

- ACI International has opened the 2019 Call for Entries for their Excellence in Concrete Construction Award. Our Chapter plans to submit the CMU Tepper Quad project, who won our Chapter’s 2018 project award.

Student Chapter Committee: (Carly McGee)

Carly has contacted Max Stephens from Pitt and the Department Head at Geneva about the possibility of their universities starting Student Chapters. She is still waiting for their feedback. She also plans to reach out to Brian Houston/Rachel Stockert at UPJ.

UPDATES:

Certification:

Grade I Schedule:

- - January 28-29 at DuBrook - Clarion **(24)**
- - February 11-12 at New Enterprise – Roaring Spring **(30)**
- - February 25-26 at Hanson Ready Mix – Pittsburgh **(10)**
- - March 11-12 at Stone & Co – Greensburg **(28)**

SCC: February at CCI (Limit to 12 registrants) – *No requests at this time*

- Cost \$550 per registrant – Andy is in the process of creating the registration form

Flatwork: February 23rd @ Golden Triangle, Imperial PA

Adhesive Anchor: There are no requests to date.

Programs:

February 6th - Slated, but not yet confirmed, Jared Wright – Walker Consultants – Repair & Restoration

March 6th - Nico Sutmoller – Aerix Industries – An Introduction to Cellular Concrete. If attending, this presentation qualifies for one PDH.

Awards Banquet – Last year the awards banquet was held at the Heinz History Center, which ended up being very expensive. We discussed options of where to hold this year's banquet and how we could keep the cost down. Average attendance at our social events has only been 36 over the last 5 years. Therefore, it was a unanimous decision to eliminate this year's social event and use that money towards the awards banquet in order to cut costs. In an effort to combine the two events, we plan to hold the awards dinner at a venue where we can also have a Monte Carlo night. Beth will research our options and report via email or at the next board meeting.

Finance: \$439,755

Checking:	\$63,145	Primerica:	\$109,233
PayPal:	\$ 4,055	Janus Stock Fund:	\$130,516
Money Market:	\$ 5,682	Janus Bond Fund:	\$127,124

-We reviewed the Profit & Loss statement. The Chapter had a net loss of -\$16,000 in 2018.

-Steve reported on the following companies to potentially manage our investments:

1. Centauri Advisory Group, Inc.
 - Experience with non-profit organizations
 - Lower Advisor Fee (0.95%)
 - More conservative
2. PNC
 - Currently where we have our Checking and Money Market Accounts
 - Advisor Fee (1.14%)

Both companies agreed that where we currently have our funds invested (Janus & Primerica) are not the best choices. Both companies said they would attend Board meetings per our request. After some discussion, the board decided that Centauri, having experience with non-profits and being the more conservative firm, would be the better choice to safely manage the Chapter's money. Steve will contact them to attend the February 6th board meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Bylaw Revision Ballot – A total of 60 ballots were returned (27 via mail and 33 via Survey Monkey). All were in favor of the proposed changes. The amendments were emailed to John Conn and will be incorporated, pending approval from ACI International.

Membership/Attendance – We reviewed a tally of the membership and attendance at Chapter events over the last five years. The discussion led to how we can increase member involvement/attendance. In order to best accommodate the membership, we plan to send a survey to gather the following information:

- Meeting topics
- Meeting location
- Preference for a day of the week to hold meetings

Dominic Giovannucci moved to adjourn. Dave Thomas seconded.

Next Board Meeting: February 6th at 4:30 @ NPL Cranberry