

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter

March 11, 2021

Members of the Board: Dave Thomas (Chair), Josh Bryan, PJ Donoghue, Dominic Giovannucci, Tricia Ladely, Bob Lawrence, Brian Lucarelli, Carly McGee, Ryan Pendeville and Steve Reed

Staff: Beth Rader (Secretary/Treasurer), Andy Lawrence (Certification Coordinator - *attendance is optional*)

1. Administrative

- a. *Ladely motioned to approve the 1-26-21 minutes; Donoghue seconded. The motion had unanimous approval.*

2. New Business

- a. **ACI Foundation:** The Board discussed contributing to this effort. If agreed upon, it would be a monetary commitment that could be used in the following ways:
 - Fellowship: \$75,000 over 5 years (15k/per year) which sponsors 5 students
 - Scholarship: \$25,000 over 5 years (5k/per year) which sponsors 5 students
 - Research Grant: \$50,000 for one year; used to sponsor a major research project in the industry
 - Annual Fall Appeal Match
 - Million Dollar Challenge

There was no decision or vote made at this time.

- b. **Upcoming Webinars:** There was a discussion about holding webinars over the summer. With the April webinar, the May Virtual Award Banquet, and the July Golf Outing in place, it was a unanimous decision not to plan for anything additional at this time.
- c. **Chapter Library:** There was a discussion about the benefit of posting the Chapter Library documents to our website. Before doing so, the list of documents would need updated. Ladely plans to contact someone in the Corporate Education Department to ask if they are still offering library documents to Chapters, and what the benefits would be to continue this effort as most documents are now available on-line.

3. Old Business

- a. **Chapter Website Redesign:** There was a detailed discussion about revising and updating our website. There are several things we need to improve about the site, including adding a Student Chapter page. Jeff Graves, our current webmaster from ID Productions, had given us a proposal for redesign in the amount of \$1,600. *Ladely motioned to accept this proposal, providing that we have input and work with Jeff to achieve what we want. Bryan seconded this motion and offered to be the liaison. The motion had unanimous approval.*
- b. **Election Ballot:** The ballot will be prepared and sent to the membership by the end of this month. Ladely suggested that we add a photo and brief bio of each candidate on this year's ballot. The final list of nominees for the 2021-2022 election are:

- President – Tricia Ladely
- VP – Steve Reed
- Directors – Josh Bryan, Mike Moore with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Ron Bruner with PennDOT, Adam Stone with Stone & Co., Jared Wright with Walker Consultants, and Joseph DiBucci with DiBucci and Sons

- c. **Engineering is Everywhere:** Lucarelli reported that Plum and Riverview School Districts are interested in the Engineering is Everywhere curriculum. *Ladely motioned to purchase the curriculum for both schools; Reed seconded. The motion had unanimous approval.*

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Certification Committee:** Bob Lawrence- Committee Chair

There was a discussion about Andy Lawrence’s fees for conducting the Grade I certification classes during COVID. His normal fee is \$1,500 for two-days. The first day being for review and the second for testing. Each session allowing up to 50 registrants. Due to COVID, the sessions for Jan-Mar 2021 were limited to 20 registrants and were one day, for testing purposes only. *Because these circumstances are out of our control, and accommodations needed to be made to continue to hold these sessions, Bryan motioned to pay Lawrence the same fee. Ladely seconded. The motion had unanimous approval.*

Certification Class Dates:

Grade I: Bob reported that if a company had a handful of employees that needed certified, that he would be willing to take a Saturday to do so.

Flatwork: Saturday, April 10th

Strength/Aggregate: TBD

SCC: TBD

Adhesive Anchor: TBD

- b. **Programs Committee:** Steve Reed - Committee Chair

Upcoming Meetings & Chapter Events:

Member Meetings:

March 24: Jerzy Zemajtis – ACI Reference Specs: Unraveling Concrete Specs

April 21st: Tyler Ley – Topic to be determined

- **President’s Dinner** – Cancelled this year, due to COVID.
- **Awards Banquet** – To be held in May - VIRTUAL
- **Golf Outing** – July 26th – pending confirmation from Quicksilver

- c. **Public Relations Committee:** Ryan Pendeville - Committee Chair

- **May Newsletter** – To include Kerry Sutton info, Election Results, Founders Winners, Project Winner
- **Social Media Accounts** – No new business to discuss.

- d. **Awards Committee:** Dominic Giovannucci - Committee Chair

- **Founders Award** – Three applications received. Winner to be announced, pending board votes.
- **Excellence in Concrete Project Award** – Three applications received. Winner to be announced, pending board votes.

e. **Finance Committee:** Steve Reed – Committee Chair

Current Finances:

Checking	\$ 39,079
Money Market	\$ 5,687
PayPal	\$ 3,425
Centauri Investments	\$419,163
TOTAL	<u>\$467,354</u>

f. **Student Chapter Committee:** Josh Bryan - Committee Chair

-ACTIVE CHAPTERS:

- Penn Tech - Currently active and interested in growing their involvement with our chapter. Their biggest goals are in-house projects and networking with the industry.
- Pennsylvania State University – Not much activity this spring.

-POTENTIAL CHAPTERS:

- University of Pittsburgh – Still discussing chapter formation with students/faculty. Their biggest interest is networking with industry/other student chapters.
- University of Pittsburgh @ Johnstown – They did not finalize their chapter membership last year. We will complete that this spring.

Bryan reported that he, McGee and Pendeville all participated in the Student Webinar hosted by ACI. They learned of ways to promote student participation which included:

- Competitions hosted by our Chapter
- Networking – Virtual Meetings on their current research
- Having a Professor or Student on the Board of Directors

Industry Events for 2021 ACI Year:

Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair – Virtual – Mar 24-25

ACI Spring Convention – Baltimore – Mar 28th-Apr 1st

World of Concrete – June 8-10, 2021

Anti-Trust Statement: Our chapter’s meetings and activities are subject to strict compliance with antitrust laws and shall be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the antitrust laws. Any discussion of competitively sensitive topics with a competitor should always be avoided before, during, and after any meeting or activity of the chapter. **If at any time during any meeting or activity, the chapter Executives or Officers believe that antitrust laws are being violated, or will be violated, they will advise attendees as such and halt further discussion.** Attendees at any meeting or activity also should immediately voice their concerns. The chapter President will report the incident to ACI.”

Giovannucci motioned to adjourn the meeting; Donoghue seconded.

Next Board meeting: TBD