



October 13, 2021
Domenico's in Cranberry Twp, PA
4:30 PM – 6:00

MEETING MINUTES

Members of the Board: Tricia Ladely (Chair), Ron Bruner, Josh Bryan, Joe DiBucci, PJ Donoghue (*regrets*), Brian Lucarelli, Carly McGee, Ryan Pendeville, Steve Reed (*regrets*) and Dave Thomas
Staff: Beth Rader (Secretary/Treasurer), Andy Lawrence (Certification Coordinator - *regrets*)

1. Administrative

- a. *Thomas made a motion to approve the 9-8-21 meeting minutes. Bruner seconded. The motion had unanimous approval.*

1. Old Business

- b. **Anti-Trust Policy** – Pendeville signed the policy. Donoghue's signature is still needed before it can be posted to the website.
- c. **Website Redesign** – After some discussion it was suggested that Rader contact Jeff Graves to ask about the following edits/additions to the new website:
 - Remove our Mission Statement from the policy page and add to the scroll of the "Our Chapter" tab page
 - Create a "Board Member only" log-in page for Chapter documents
 - Note: The old website is now being directed to the new site (www.acipgh.org)
- d. **Engineering is Everywhere Program** – Lucarelli didn't have much to report; however, he said he would have an update at next month's meeting.
- e. **Board Member Packet** – If anyone has any suggestions/edits, please email them to Ladely and McGee. One suggestion at the meeting, was to include all of our social media accounts. Their plan is to update and distribute an electronic copy for the board's review.

2. New Business

- a. **Purchase of Projector/Screen** - The Chapter currently owns one screen and projector that is primarily used by Andy Lawrence for Certification training. Since Lawrence is no longer on the BOD, it is a bit of an inconvenience to get the projector back and forth between certification classes and member meetings. *Therefore, Bryan made a motion to purchase an additional projector and screen for the Chapter office to have on hand for member meetings. Bruner seconded. All present approved the motion.*
- b. **ACI Requests & Opportunities**
 - Rader will submit the Pittsburgh Chapter's membership to ACI Corporate by November 1st in order for our members to continue receiving receive select global benefits.
 - ACI Membership for Board of Directors – If you serve on the Pittsburgh Chapter board, and are not already a member of ACI Corporate, please join and send your receipt to Rader for reimbursement.



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- Convention Attendance – Lately discussed the opportunity to attend the upcoming virtual convention (Oct 17-21, 2021). Bryan, DiBucci and Lucarelli plan on participating.
- c. **Emerging Leadership Alliance** – DiBucci was chosen to represent the American Concrete Institute at this year's conference. Joe reported that there were presentations representing many different industries, including mining, steel, concrete. One exercise he particularly favored was learning how to work in an environment with other people while taking into consideration that all have different personalities and opinions.
- d. **Virtual webinar to Student Chapters** – The Chapter is considering offering these to increase student involvement. Bryan emailed our Student Chapters for their input on topics of interest. He also suggested that we should "recommend" that all students who apply for the Chapter's Founders Award should attend these webinars.

2. Committee Reports

- a. **Certification Committee: Ron Bruner** - Committee Chair
Bruner reported that he and Lawrence plan to meet to discuss changes to our current certification procedures. With the increase of certification requirements, they are trying to accommodate the requests that we are getting in the Pittsburgh area. They will propose these changes to the board after their meeting.

Certification Classes & Testing:

Grade I Schedule:

Nov 15-16 at Castle Builders Supply, Hermitage, PA (4)

Dec 13-14 at Ligonier Stone & Lime in Latrobe, PA (27)

Jan 10-11 at J.J. Kennedy in Shippensburg, PA (5)

Jan 24-25 at DuBrook in Clarion, PA (4)

Feb 7-8 at NESL in Roaring Spring, PA (1)

Feb 21-22 at Golden Triangle in Imperial, PA (2)

March 7-8 at Stone & Co. in Greensburg, PA (2)

Strength/Aggregate: January 29th – Location TBD – minimum of 10 required

Flatwork: February 19th at GTC, Imperial PA

Andy is planning to add an additional flatwork certification due to PennDOT's new requirements that are effective April 2022. It was noted that PACA is working with the NRMCA who offers an Exterior Flatwork Finisher Certification. This certification program has been developed to provide the basic knowledge on best practices for placing and finishing concrete flatwork, typically exterior slabs on ground. This certification does not expire but is not intended for contractors involved in larger projects like construction of large interior floor slabs, streets and local road, mainline paving, or decorative concrete flatwork. Contractors involved in this work should still consider ACI Flatwork Finishing Certification.

SCC: Bryan noted that Concrete Concepts would be willing to host a session.



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Adhesive Anchor: PACA will be handling this certification for PennDOT until the board decides how our Chapter wants to handle this certification program.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Chapter Events:

▪ **Member Meetings**

- Nov 10th (tentative): To be determined
- Dec 8th: April Snyder – Aggregate Reactivity & Petrography
- Feb or March: Amy Pergalsky – Young Professional Presentation

▪ **President's Dinner - TBD**

▪ **Awards Banquet** – April 8th or 22nd @ the Beaver Train Station

▪ **Golf Outing** – July 25, 2022

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

- **Newsletter** – October issue is almost ready for print
- **Social Media Accounts** – Facebook is up to date. Pendeville plans to update Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

d. Awards Committee: *Carly McGee* - Committee Chair

- **Founders Award** – McGee will send the announcement to local universities in the near future. An announcement will also be in the Fall newsletter.
- **Excellence in Concrete Project Award** – Awaiting final approval before sending to the membership. It will also be in the Fall newsletter.
- **Tink Bryan Award** – After some discussion, it was decided to change the name of this award to the “Lifetime Achievement Award,” which will be in memory of Tink Bryan. Rader will email the membership in January 2022. Past recipients of this award will be included in the announcement.

e. Finance Committee: *Joe DiBucci/Brian Lucarelli* - Committee Chairs

Current Finances:

Checking	\$ 2,057
Money Market	\$ 5,688
PayPal	\$ 13,396
Centauri Investments	\$435,029
TOTAL	<u>\$456,170</u>

Lucarelli and DiBucci prepared a preliminary breakdown of income vs. expenses for the Board to review. The numbers were based on the P&L reports from 2015-2019. The Board's goal is to have the Chapter run in the black each year. Any additional money would then be used on research, sponsorships, student activities, etc.



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

Bryan suggested adding a seat to our Chapter's Board of Directors for a young professional or a student chapter representative. The benefit would be improved communication between our Chapter and the universities. This is yet to be decided upon but will be further discussed and decided upon before the spring.

Active Student Chapters:

- University of Pittsburgh @ Johnstown
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pennsylvania College of Technology

Status of:

- University of Pittsburgh – No commitment as of yet
- Geneva – No commitment as of yet

Industry Events for the 2021-2022 ACI Year:

ACI Fall Convention – Atlanta, GA - Oct 17-21, 2021

PACA Annual Meeting – Hershey, PA – Nov 15-16, 2021

World of Concrete – Las Vegas - Jan 17-20, 2022

ACPA/PA Concrete Conference in Harrisburg - Feb 23-24, 2022

Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair – March 22-25, 2022

ACI Spring Convention – Orlando, FL - Mar 27-31, 2022

3. Adjournment: Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bruner seconded the motion.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for [November 8th](#) via Zoom Meetings

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."