



**Wednesday, 1-12-2022
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

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

1. Administrative

- a. **Approval of 12-8-2021 minutes.** *McGee motioned to accept; Lucarelli seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

2. Old Business

- a. **Anti-Trust Policy** – Tricia drafted a fillable pdf and emailed it to everyone for review. This will be used in the future to obtain board member signatures at the start of each fiscal year (September 1st to August 31st). The form will then be uploaded to our Dropbox.
- b. **Engineering is Everywhere Program** – Lucarelli will be sending an email out shortly. He will report on this at next month’s meeting.
- c. **Board Member Packet** – The packet is still in edit. When complete, it will be emailed to the board for review.
- d. **ACI Spring Convention-Orlando Florida, March 27-31, 2022** – Reed and Lucarelli will be attending. The Chapter will reimburse them for the expenses once they submit their receipts.

3. New Business

- a. ACI is calling for project nominations for the 2022 Excellence Award. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2022. **Action Item: Beth will email the list of eligible projects to the Board for review. The project with the majority of votes will be submitted.**
- b. The annual report is nearly finalized, and Rader will submit to ACI by the end of this week.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Certification Committee: Ron Bruner** - Committee Chair.
Bruner was not present, but there was a continued discussion about the Chapter’s consideration to purchase/lease property to use as a central testing center for certification programs. If we choose to pursue this, Ladely emphasized that ACI has completed a few and would be a good mentor to help guide us through this process.

There was also a discussion about our Chapter’s future plans for the Adhesive Anchor program. At the moment, we are referring people to PACA who are inquiring about this certification. **Action Item: Ladely will contact Bruner/Lawrence to see what their thoughts are on this, and also which certifications programs require a PE to oversee the exams.**



Certification Classes & Testing:

Grade I Schedule:

Jan 24-25 at DuBrook in Clarion, PA **(38)**

Feb 7-8 at NESL in Roaring Spring, PA **(50)**

Feb 21-22 at Golden Triangle in Imperial, PA **(42)**

March 7-8 at Stone & Co. in Greensburg, PA **(28)**

Strength/Aggregate: January 29th – Cancelled due to lack of registrants

Flatwork: February 19th at GTC, Imperial PA **(11)**

March 12th at Moose Lodge, Clarion PA

SCC: To be determined

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**

- **Feb 9th:** Jim Render from Specification Products will present on nano silica in concrete
- **Mar 9th:** Amy Pergalsky – Plans are to have a dinner meeting and ask our members to invite young professionals to attend with them. **Action Item: DiBucci to contact Pergalsky to confirm this.**

▪ **President's Dinner** – Either Biba's in Beaver or The Springfield Grille in Mars
Location/date will be determined via an email vote.

▪ **Awards Banquet – April 22 @ the Beaver Train Station**

▪ **Golf Outing – July 25, 2022**

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

i. Newsletter – January to include: President's message, Lifetime Achievement, March meeting details and an overview of the Engineering is Everywhere Program.

ii. Action Items:

- 1. Ladely to write President's message**
- 2. McGee to revise the Achievement announcement**
- 3. Lucarelli to email Rader the Engineering Program overview**

iii. Social Media Accounts – (Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) – No new business

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

- **Founders Award** – Application was mailed on 11/9 to universities, was in the Fall newsletter and posted to social media accounts.
- **Excellence in Concrete Project Award** – It was mailed, and the application is posted on the website.



- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Rader to email announcement to the membership, which will include past recipients of this award. **Action Item: McGee to edit the announcement before mailing.**
- **Distinguished Chapter Service Award** – Andy Lawrence was nominated for this award in 2020 by Ladely and Thomas. Jennifer Jones, ACI Awards Coordinator, said this nomination is good for three years (2020-2022). **Action Item: Ladely to contact ACI to ask if we need to resubmit Andy’s nomination, or if the old one will automatically be considered.**
- **Women in Pittsburgh ACI** – Wayne Miller suggested recognizing past women who supported the Chapter. After some discussion, it was suggested that Wayne could make a brief announcement at the Awards Banquet.

e. Finance Committee: Joe DiBucci/Brian Lucarelli –

DiBucci reported on member dinner meeting income vs. expenses. He stated that, on average, we are **-\$5,000** each year. Lucarelli is currently working on our certification income vs expenses. The plan is to collect the data, review it, and determine where we can make changes to try and break even.

Ladely suggested that all checks should require a two-party signature. Our current checking account is at PNC Bank in Cranberry Township. **Action Item: Ladely to go to PNC to have her signature put on the account.**

Current Finances:

Checking	\$ 78,000
Money Market	\$ 5,688
PayPal	\$ 7,343
Centauri Investments	\$438,050
TOTAL	<u>\$529,081</u>

f. Student Chapter Committee: Josh Bryan - Committee Chair

Bryan was not present, but reported via email that there was no new business to discuss.

Active Student Chapters:

- University of Pittsburgh @ Johnstown – To hold a Grade I this spring
- Pennsylvania State University -
- Pennsylvania College of Technology

Status of:

- University of Pittsburgh – No updates
- Geneva – Due to the smaller size of their school they have no intent to organize a Student Chapter at this time



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Industry Events for the 2021-2022 ACI Year:

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

Adjournment: Reed motioned; Thomas seconded.

Next Board/ Dinner Meeting: February 9th

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.”