



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter January 18, 2023

**Members of the Board:** Brian Lucarelli (Chair), Ron Bruner (*regrets*), Josh Bryan, Joe DiBucci, PJ Donoghue, Robert Hamilton (*regrets*), Tricia Ladely, Carly McGee, Ryan Pendeville, and Jared Wright (*regrets*)

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

### 1. Administrative

- a. Lucarelli called for approval of the 12-14-22 meeting minutes. ***Ladely motioned to approve; Bryan seconded. Approval was unanimous.***

### 2. New Business

- a. ***ACI Chapter Activity Award*** – We have submitted Andy Lawrence for this award several times but unfortunately, he has not been selected. After reviewing one of the past winners of this award, McGee suggested that we revise the nomination form to include the following:
  1. His passion for the industry (including outside of work)
  2. The steps of his career/his professional achievements
  3. The time that he dedicates, including weekends, as our Education Coordinator
  4. His family's passion for the industry

**Action Item: Ladely will research past winners and share with McGee. McGee plans to revise the form so we can resubmit it in July 2023.**

- b. ***Speaker Gifts*** – **Action Item: Rader to send email with gift options to the Board for a vote. Item with the majority of votes will be purchased for future meetings.**

### 3. Old Business

- a. ***Status of New Member Board Packet:*** McGee reported that the following sections still an outline of the Committee Chair's primary responsibilities and any key notes:
  1. Finance – Add VP is Chair by default – **Action Item: Bryan to send verbiage to McGee**
  2. Public Relations - **Action Item: Pendeville to send verbiage to McGee**
  3. Student Chapter - **Action Item: Donoghue to send verbiage to McGee**

After these revisions are made, McGee will email the packet to the Board for review. She asks that any final edits be marked and emailed back to her so that she can prepare the final copy.

- b. ***Scholarship/Fellowship Programs:*** Ladely shared data that conveyed the impact of these programs on past winners. It included the percentages of past winners that stayed in the industry and how many are on the academic side vs. the industry side, and also the percent that are members with ACI. (For more details of these programs, refer to the November meeting minutes.)

- c. ***Future Convention Host:*** McGee reported on the information packet that she had reviewed from ACI which outlined the costs/responsibilities that would be involved in hosting a convention. If we chose to do so, we are about 5-6 years out. There are two different ways to host:

1. ACI Sponsored Convention – Approximate cost would be \$50,000
2. Chapter Sponsored Convention – Approximate cost would be \$200,000

Action Item: McGee to email a summary of these notes and possible goals moving forward.

Action Item: Lucarelli and Bryan to meet and finalize a draft budget to present at the February board meeting in an effort to vote on Items b&c at the March meeting.

#### 4. Committee Reports

a. **Certification Committee: Ron Bruner** - Committee Chair

##### Certification Classes & Testing:

###### **Grade I Schedule:**

Jan 30-31 at NESL in Roaring Spring, PA - **(20)**

Feb 13-14 at Golden Triangle in Imperial, PA - **(37)**

Feb 27-28 at Stone & Co. in Greensburg, PA - **(52)**

**Strength/Aggregate:** January 28, 2023 at USACE Batch Plant, Charleroi, PA - **(16)**

**Flatwork:** February 11<sup>th</sup> at GTC, Imperial PA - **(11)**

**Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector:** Golden Triangle **(5)**

**Adhesive Anchor:** **TBD** –

**SCC:** **TBD** –

**Nondestructive Testing Specialist:** **TBD pending cost to conduct class/interest**

b. **Programs Committee: Josh Bryan** - Committee Chair

##### Upcoming Meetings:

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Pitt student presentations on research/projects and IRISE Program/Vandenbossche

March 29<sup>th</sup> – USACE Mega Projects – Presented by Lucarelli and Kirk

##### Other Chapter Events:

- President's Dinner – date/location TBD
- Awards Banquet – date/location TBD
- Golf Outing – August 7<sup>th</sup> @ Quicksilver

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

- **Newsletter** – Feb Issue: Article, Tink announcement, future events
- **Social Media Accounts** (Facebook, Twitter LinkedIn) – Nothing new to report

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

- **Founders Award** (Deadline: 1/31/23) – Two received to date
- **Excellence in Concrete Project Award** (Deadline: 2/28/23)
- **Lifetime Achievement (Tink Bryan) Award** (Deadline: 2/28/23)

e. **Finance Committee: Josh Bryan** – Committee Chair

**Current Finances:** **\$504,638**

PNC \$ 85,162

PayPal \$ 15,362

Centauri Investments \$404,114 – **(Representative to attend February meeting)**

**f. Student Chapter Committee: Joe DiBucci/PJ Donoghue - Committee Chairs**

Donoghue reported that he and DiBucci have been in contact with Fairmont State, St. Vincent, and Youngstown State. They have informed them about the Founders Award program and have also expressed that our Chapter is here to support them in Student Chapter development, competitions, etc. They will continue their efforts in hopes that they are heard! (lol)

-Active Student Chapters are:

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

-Engineering is Everywhere: Our goal is to work with local schools to provide curriculum to inspire an interest in the engineering field to elementary students. **Action Item: Lucarelli, Ladely and DiBucci to meet for Lucarelli to hand the reins over for this program.**

-Consider the possibility of contacting local trade schools who have a construction program and offering certification classes to interested students free of charge.

**ACI'S CONTACT:** KANETTE WORLDS, Student, Faculty Young Professionals Activities Coordinator (Kanette.worlds@concrete.org)

**Industry Events for the 2022-2023 ACI Year:**

ConExpo-Con/Agg – Las Vegas – Mar 14-18, 2023

ACI Spring Convention – San Francisco, CA - Apr 2-6, 2023

Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair – 2023 Date to be determined

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***Pendeville motioned to adjourn the meeting; Bryan seconded.***

**Next Board meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at Domenico's.**

**Next Member Meeting February 15<sup>th</sup> – Location TBD**