



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter February 8, 2023

**Members of the Board:** Brian Lucarelli (Chair), Ron Bruner, Josh Bryan, Joe DiBucci, PJ Donoghue (*regrets*), Robert Hamilton (*regrets*), Tricia Ladely, Carly McGee (*regrets*), Ryan Pendeville (*regrets*), and Jared Wright  
**Staff:** Beth Rader (Secretary/Treasurer), Andy Lawrence (Certification Coordinator - *attendance is optional*)

### 1. Administrative

- a. Lucarelli called for approval of 1-18-23 minutes. ***Ladely motioned to approve; Bruner seconded. Approval was unanimous.***

### 2. New Business

- a. Vote on the following sponsorship requests:
  1. ACI Spring Convention (San Francisco) and ACI Fall Convention (Boston) – ***Bryan motioned to sponsor at the \$1,000 level; Wright seconded. The vote was unanimous.***
  2. 2023 Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards Gala – ***Bryan motioned to pass on sponsorship; Bruner seconded. The vote was unanimous.***
- a. Nominations for 2023/2024 were discussed. We will need candidates for: President, Vice President, Board members to replace Donoghue and McGee whose 3-year terms are up.
  - i. Lucarelli accepted the Past President seat
  - ii. Josh Bryan accepted nomination for Presidency
  - iii. Donoghue and McGee – **Action Item: Rader to send email inquiring about interest in being nominated for VP or continuing as a director.**

Bruner reported that Nolan Carll from DLZ had expressed interest in being on the ballot. Rader suggested Pat Hoffman with PennDOT. **Action Item: Rader to send email to Carll and Hoffman to see if they accept board seat nominations. She will also send an email to the membership asking for nominations.**

### 3. Old Business

- a. **Status of New Member Board Packet** – McGee will be sending out an email with the updated packet for the Board's review.
- b. **Draft budget:** This will determine future decisions on the following items:
  1. Scholarship/Fellowship Programs
  2. Convention Host:
    - ACI Sponsored Convention – Approximate cost would be \$50,000
    - Chapter Sponsored Convention – Approximate cost would be \$200,000

Lucarelli and Bryan have reviewed the budget. In 2021 we increased certification costs, and in 2022 we increased the cost of member dinner meetings. As a result of these changes, and with our Centauri investments, at year-end the Chapter generally has a \$10,000 budget surplus. Lucarelli asked that the Board come to the March meeting with ideas on how to allocate these funds.

#### 4. Committee Reports

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

Bruner reported that DLZ has inquired about holding a private Grade I class at their facility. He told them to contact Lawrence directly with this request.

**Certification Classes & Testing:**

**Grade I Schedule:**

Feb 13-14 at Golden Triangle in Imperial, PA - (50)

Feb 27-28 at Stone & Co. in Greensburg, PA - (65)

**Flatwork:** February 11<sup>th</sup> at GTC, Imperial PA - (16)

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

**Adhesive Anchor:** Rader contacted PACA and inquired about the demand they get for this program. They said currently they do not get a lot of inquiries. They actually cancelled a few dates they had scheduled due to lack of registrants. They also confirmed that you do not need a PE to conduct the class; you just need somebody who holds this certification. Bruner will keep the Board updated with any changes that are implemented by PennDOT.

**SCC:** TBD –

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

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

**Upcoming Meetings:**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pitt student presentations on research/projects and IRISE Program/Vandenbossche –

**Action Item:** Bryan to send Rader the meeting details for the meeting announcement.

**Action Item:** Rader to contact The Porch for reservations.

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

**Other Chapter Events:**

- President's Dinner – Top Golf – Possible date in May - Lucarelli/Rader will investigate
- Awards Banquet – April 28<sup>th</sup> @ Rivers Casino
- Golf Outing – August 7<sup>th</sup> @ Quicksilver

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

- **Newsletter** – Feb Issue: At print
- **Social Media Accounts** (Facebook, Twitter LinkedIn) – Nothing new to report

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

- **Founders Award** (Deadline was: 1/31/23) – 10 Applications received. Please review and return the scoring template to Rader by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **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

**Action Item:** Bryan to contact Centauri to invite them to the 3/29 meeting.

<b><u>Current Finances:</u></b>	<b>\$504,638</b>
PNC	\$ 89,645
PayPal	\$ 8,813
Centauri Investments	\$408,713

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

-Active Student Chapters are:

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

**Action Item: DiBucci to contact our Student Chapters and invite them to the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at PITT.**

-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.

DiBucci reported that in a recent Zoom meeting with Lucarelli and Ladely, they determined that four teachers from three different schools were interested in this program. They have reached out to them and are waiting for their reply to move forward. Bryan also stated that he has potential candidates from Montour and Moon who have expressed interest.

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

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**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 – Mar 28-31, 2023

***Bruner motioned to adjourn the meeting; Wright seconded.***

**Next Board meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at Domenico's.**