



BOARD MEETING MINUTES Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter March 29, 2023

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

1. Administrative

- a. Lucarelli called for the approval of the 2-8-23 minutes. ***Bruner motioned to approve. Pendeville seconded. Approval was unanimous.***

2. New Business

- a. There was no new business to discuss.

3. Old Business

- a. ***New Member Board Packet*** – McGee emailed the packet to the Board for review. She would like to finalize the material in the near future so that it is ready to hand out to the newly elected board members. **Action Item: Lucarelli and Bryan will send McGee their suggestions.**

- b. ***Hosting a Convention*** – McGee provided some key notes about things to consider if planning to host a convention (attached). The biggest thing, if we move forward with the idea, would be to decide between a an ACI Sponsored Convention vs. a Chapter Sponsored one. In addition, we will have to consider the Chapter's finances and determine if we could get the "volunteer support" we would need from our members. Bruner suggested that we survey the membership to gauge their interest and also reach out to the bigger companies in our surrounding area to see if they would be willing to support the cause. **Action Item: Rader to email the list of the 2010 company and chapter sponsors.**

c. ***Draft budget***

Last month Bryan reported that we have a \$10,000 budget surplus as a result of increasing our certification and member dinner costs. He also added that we usually have investment income (\$20-\$30,000) that could be added to this surplus. There was a discussion about ways to allocate these funds. Suggestions were:

1. Ladely proposed doing a "service" project in our region. Ask membership to fill out a form to describe a local need (related to concrete) and then we would choose which ones we could afford to do and schedule them. This would likely require materials and people's time to be donated. Bryan recommended that we work with local organizations (i.e. Habitat for Humanity) to avoid being solely responsible for the project.
2. DiBucci suggested offering financial support to our Chapter Students to attend the ACI conventions. It was mentioned that we should focus on graduate students or a team that would be participating in one of the student competitions. We could present this opportunity to the faculty to advise the students. Applications would need to be completed and reviewed by the Board to select the candidate(s).
3. Increase our Founders Award Amounts
4. Increase our local sponsorship amounts

Action Item: Bryan to send draft budget to the Board for review.

4. Committee Reports

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

Certification Classes & Testing:

Grade I Schedule: Mar 31/April 1 at UPJ - (18)

Flatwork:

Agg/Strength:

SCC:

Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector:

Nondestructive Testing Specialist:

Adhesive Anchor: The demand for this certification will hinge on the requirements implemented by PennDOT. Due to the detailed work, and the time that it will take to conduct this class, we currently do not have anybody that is willing to spearhead this mission. At this time our Chapter is not receiving requests for the class; however, the Board is anticipating this to change within the next year. In an effort to prepare for this demand, the Certification Committee plans to send an email to the membership asking for volunteers.

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

Upcoming Meetings: None

Other Chapter Events:

- Awards Banquet – April 28th @ Rivers Casino - Carly plans to start working on the slide presentation.
Action Item: Pendeville to send McGee pictures from the ECP Award submittal from GTC
Action Item: Rader to send pics of ballot candidates to McGee
- President's Dinner – May 19th @ Top Golf
- Golf Outing – August 7th @ Quicksilver

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

- **Newsletter** – Next issue will be after Awards Banquet
- **Social Media Accounts** (Facebook, Twitter LinkedIn)

Bryan reported that Walsh won the ACI Research Innovation Award. He suggested that an email be sent to our membership about this Award and that it also be posted to our social media accounts.

Action Item: Bryan to send Rader the email to forward to the members. Bryan also to send what he would like Pendeville to post on the SM accounts.

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

- **Founders Award** (Deadline: 1/31/23) – 10 applications received.
- **Excellence in Concrete Project Award** (Deadline: 2/28/23) – One application received.
Action Item: Rader to send email to BOD for a vote on this submittal
- **Lifetime Achievement (Tink Bryan) Award** (Deadline: 2/28/23) – None received.

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

<u>Current Finances:</u>	\$458,294
PNC	\$ 54,458
PayPal	\$ 220
Centauri Investments	\$403,616

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

-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. Potential schools are:

- Montour
- Moon
- Riverside
- Southside
- Baden Academy

-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:

Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair – Mar 28-31, 2023

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

Bruner motioned to adjourn the meeting; Wright seconded.

Next Event is the Awards Banquet: April 28th at 6:00 at Rivers Casino.