



Board Meeting Minutes Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter January 15, 2025

Members of the Board: Josh Bryan (Chair) (*regrets*), Ron Bruner, Dom Giovannucci (*regrets*), Pat Hofmann, Brian Lucarelli, Allison McFarland, Carly McGee, Mike Moore (*regrets*), Ryan Pendeville and Jared Wright (*regrets*)

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

1. Administrative

- a. McGee asked for approval of the November and December meeting minutes. **Bruner motioned to approve. Pendeville seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. New Business

- a. **Sponsorship Requests:** Rader received a request to sponsor the following events:
 - Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair. This is a student event for nearly 100 schools in Western PA and parts of Maryland. Last month Bryan motioned to sponsor at the \$1,000 level; however, there were not enough Board members present for a quorum. **Bryan's motion was reconsidered and Pendeville seconded this previous motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
 - ACPA/PA Concrete Conference in Harrisburg – Feb 19-20 - **McGee motioned to sponsor at the \$1,000 level. McFarland seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**
 - ACI Spring Convention in Toronto on Mar 30 – April 2 - **McGee motioned to sponsor at the \$1,000 level. Hofmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b. **CAC Award** – The Chapter Activities Award was founded in 1975 to recognize outstanding service in the promotion and development of a chapter by a member of ACI. It was recently brought to our attention that ACI has selected Andy Lawrence as one of the recipients of the 2025 Chapter Activities Award. Awards will be presented at the Spring Convention in Toronto. Therefore, **Bruner motioned that the Chapter covers the expenses for Andy and one guest to attend the convention to accept the award. McGee seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c. **Lawrence Concrete Consultants** – Now that Andy has started his own consulting business and has the potential to administer more ACI certification sessions, he presented the Board with a chart of proposed session fees vs. the Chapter's overhead costs and his engineer rate. He noted the number of registrants that would need to attend each session in order for the Chapter to profit. After reviewing the numbers, Andy's engineer rate was only \$45. Those present felt that because this amount is well below what the average engineering rate is, that Andy needs to reevaluate his proposal. **Action Item: Rader to contact Lawrence to discuss and request a new proposal to present to the Board.**

3. Old Business

There was no new business to discuss.

- a. **Chapter Grade I Certification Refresher Course:**

Key points to consider:

- Offer this to educate personnel to oversee and troubleshoot in the field, not to test.
- Offer to larger companies at a minimal cost and then give them "free" certifications in return.

4. Committee Reports

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

Certification Classes & Testing:

Grade I Schedule:

Jan 20-21 at Riverside Builders Supply, Coraopolis, PA (55)
Feb 3-4 at NESL in Roaring Spring, PA (32)
Feb 17-18 at Golden Triangle in Imperial, PA (37)
Mar 3-4 at Stone & Co. in Greensburg, PA (30)
Apr 4-5 at UPJ

Certification Classes & Testing: (cont.)

Flatwork: February 22nd at GTC, Imperial PA

Strength/Aggregate: March 1st – minimum of 10 required – Location TBD

Adhesive Anchor: No inquiries at this time

b. Programs Committee: Carly McGee - Committee Chair

Upcoming Meetings:

Feb 19th – Speaker TBD

Mar 19th or 26th – Depending on speaker availability

Other Chapter Events:

- President's Dinner – TBD
- Awards Banquet – Suggestions: Monte Carlo night at The Chadwick or Camelot ... **Action Item: Rader to investigate options and report at next month's meeting.**
- Golf Outing – TBD

c. Public Relations Committee: Ally McFarland – Committee Chair

- **Social Media Accounts** (Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook)
- **Newsletter:** February issue: Lifetime Achievement announcement and ECP deadline reminder
Action Item: McFarland to send Rader an article.

d. Awards Committee: Dominic Giovannucci - Committee Chair

There was no new business to discuss.

- **Founders Award** – (Deadline 1/31/25)
- **ECP Award** – (Deadline 2/28/25)
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Send email to members and put in Feb newsletter.

e. Finance Committee: Carly McGee/Ryan Pendeville – Committee Chairs

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| Current Finances: | \$518,856 |
| PNC | \$ 35,996 |
| PayPal | \$ 39,146 |
| Centauri Investments | \$443,714 |

f. Student Chapter Committee: Bryan/Giovannucci – Committee Chairs

Bryan had a meeting with St. Vincent, and they spoke about expanding their engineering department and programs. There was a brief discussion about the Chapter donating our old certification equipment to help in this venture. Andy Lawrence and Derek Breid from St. Vincent are meeting on January 28th to discuss scheduling a Grade I and other "training" opportunities for the students.

-Active Student Chapters are:

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

Bruner motioned to adjourn the meeting; McFarland seconded.

Next Board Meeting – February 19, 2025

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