

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

November 6, 2019

Welcome

Self-Introductions and Anti-Trust Reminder

Minutes were approved from September 2019 meeting

PENNDOT Topics

- There was some discussion regarding the changes to Pub 145.
- PennDOT adding personnel to the concrete team.
- The Department's list of precast Stock Item lists has mostly been cleaned up.
- Some discussion regarding Pub 145 Page 18 where the language restricts the amount of stock allowed to be made for inventory. Products are marked that are allocated to PennDOT projects and precaster tracks where every piece is headed.
- Discussion as to Pub 145 page 23 that specifies dry-fitting if there is a deviation in 2 pieces. To clarify, it does not necessitate dry-fitting all pieces at once to simulate the job conditions.
- Discussion regarding page 31 where pre-approved repairs are mandated. PennDOT said that precasters can get a modification approved by the EOR if necessary.
- Bracken updated the group as to specs that have been finalized: 1019 on coating/painting; 1044 on aesthetics includes staining precast concrete.
- Bracken stated that 50 box culverts installed under P3 are leaking. Most likely due to installation issues.
- The box culvert committee had a conference call on August 7, 2019 to discuss updated project lists and specification changes. As a result of some confusion in the minutes, PPA had to respond to District 3-0 to clarify a misconception about long lead times.
- Comments on MASH changes were due to PennDOT by September 6th.

There was some follow up discussion to the info that some P3 box culverts were leaking. Producers said it was important to educate contractors and those installing the projects. Box culverts are not really 100% water tight no matter what type of sealant is used. Waterproof membranes are the responsibility of the contractor to make sure they are applied and installed correctly. Should we get involved in winter training of contractors and districts? In the past A.C. Miller had given training of contractors.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Riddle from Forta Fibers Corporation gave a presentation on the various types and uses of fibers in concrete. For more info see attached pdf presentation.

Associate spotlights for 2020 meetings are all available. See Monica for more information and to reserve a date.

Membership and Marketing

- Thank you to **Penroni** for joining PPA as new associate member
- Please review your vendors and associates that are not involved. Send MS info of someone that may benefit from PPA membership.
- Update your email addresses or your firm and review web site to update contacts and company information
- Producer list of products needs updating – send MS any changes

Executive Director Report

- MS requested images and product information for updated web site content and e-newsletter and project profiles. Please send project info and photos to info@paprecast.org.
- If you are not receiving the PPA electronic newsletter, please let MS know to be added to the mailing list.
- Please review your company/personal contact info on the web site and send MS any updates.

Other Items for discussion

- We are in need of 2 volunteers for the PPA executive committee to fill in slate of officers in the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.
- Currently : 2019 PPA officers
 - President = Todd Monahan, Airmatic, Inc.
 - Vice-President = Philip Lapp, Faddis Concrete Products
 - Secretary= Rick Amlin, Delta Engineers
 - Treasurer= Scott Nemcek ,Mack Industries

We will be having the election for a new slate of officers for 2020 at the November meeting. Please contact MS or any one on the executive committee for more info or to volunteer.

Other Items for discussion

Training and Educating customers:

- PPA will start by leveraging existing NPCA programs for our use in Pennsylvania. To make more customers aware of precast – we will let them know about the specifier webinars held by NPCA.

- MS is revising PowerPoint presentations for use at lectures or dinner meetings to introduce construction and design professionals about precast industry.
- We will develop additional topics and content of interest
- PPA announcement will be sent to designers letting them know of these continuing education events
- ASHE Harrisburg chapter has asked PPA for list of topics that would be of interest to the engineers attending their membership meetings.
- We will be establishing a speaker's bureau. Please let MS know if you are interested in offering your time and experience should be need a speaker at an event.
- There is a ½ day technical conference held by the Central Penn ASCE/ Structural Engineering Institute in spring 2020. That is an opportunity to present an interesting project or topic to our customers.
- Please contact MS with any additional suggestions, photos, projects and ideas that we can use in the development of these presentations.

Review of Recent Financials:

- PPA current balance sheet total (as of October 31, 2019)= \$ 46,829
- MS will send out reminders for outstanding dues.

Key Dates

Next PPA Meeting in New Cumberland, PA = January 8, 2020

The Precast Show 2020: March 5-7, Fort Worth, TX

NPCA Convention 2020: October 15-17, Amelia Island, FL

PPA Meeting Dates for next year:

January 8, 2020

March 11, 2020

May 6, 2020

September 9, 2020

November 4, 2020