

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

September 5, 2018

Welcome

Self-Introductions and Anti-Trust Reminder

Minutes were approved from May 2018 meeting

PENNDOT Topics

- MASH work is still in progress. Gannett Fleming will be finalizing the barrier design by this Fall (2018). The higher barrier height was selected. A Clearance Transmittal (CT) will then be issued for final comments.
- PennDOT is looking at precast concrete products to see what can be taken at certification. They will reach out to PPA members for input. By fall we should have a response after looking at all products.
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- PennDOT said they still have not received Silica Sand Exposure plans from all PPA plants. All they need is a delineation of any areas of exposure for inspectors and field personnel.
- The new ASR mix designs are in effect and some producers are tweaking them to achieve the most economical mix designs for their needs.
- No further discussion on stock items
- Updated Pub 408 SOL has gone to the Secretary for signature.
- Pub 145 is being updated.
- What is the status of the tie wire exemption? Still pending – MS to follow up.
- There will be a conference call on September 18 for the box culvert committee. Call-in information and agenda have been circulated by Joe Bracken.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHTS

1. Eric Wetzel, Sales Development Specialist with BASF spoke about Red Flag Specifications for Precasters. *See attached for copy of his presentation.*
2. Blythe Coons, Vice President of Spillman Forms discussed innovations in formwork. *See attached for a copy of her presentation.*

Associate Spotlights for 2018/2019:

If you would like to be added to the list of future presenters, please contact MS.

Other Items for discussion

Upcoming deadline for OSHA crane ruling. Starting Nov. 10, 2018, OSHA will require crane operators to be certified to operate most cranes that have a lifting capacity of 2,000 pounds or more. Precast manufacturers who use monorail hoists, also referred to as A-frame cranes, will not be required to certify operators of those vehicles

Membership and Marketing

- Welcome US Foundry & Manufacturing Corp. as newest associate member
- Please review your vendors and associates that are not involved. Send MS info of someone that may benefit from PPA membership.

Executive Director Report

- Nadine Brennan (formerly with Faddis) has dropped out of the PPA executive committee. We will be looking for a replacement for her position (Treasurer) and voting at the November meeting on the rest of the slate of officers otherwise unchanged. If you would like to participate, please contact MS for more information or any member of the executive committee.
- 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.
- Review of e-newsletter marketing statistics. The open rate and click through rates are averaging 20% and 10% respectively.
- 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.
- PPA will continue to meet at the Susquehanna Club in 2019 –typically the first Wednesday of alternating months.

Review of Recent Financials:

- PPA current bank balance (as of August 30, 2018)= \$ 33,963

Key Dates

October 4 –6, 2018 – NPCA Convention, Providence, R.I.

November 7, 2018 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA