

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Meeting at Susquehanna Club

January 5, 2022

Attendance in Person- see sign in sheets

Attendance via Teams Virtual

Randy Lazouras, PennDOT

Matt McSweeney, PennDOT

Alissa Myers, PennDOT

Joe Bracken, PennDOT

Amy King, KTA

Dawson Dottery, KTA

Todd Platek, TRC

Matt Tomkinson, Press-Seal Corp.

Terry Fretz, M & W Precast

Todd Karycki, TRC Solutions

Chip Winner, Oldcastle Precast

Introductions were made by all in attendance. An Anti-trust reminder and disclaimer was reviewed before the meeting started.

Items for Discussion: Quality Control items from PennDOT

- There have been some changes at PennDOT, but the reorganization does not really impact the day to day operations of the Construction Division except that it now includes inspection.
- Charge numbers may change in the next fiscal year starting in June, 2022.
- Reminder that there has been a change of payment method for box culvert end sections. Instead of per linear foot it will change to payment per each piece. MS did not respond that there were no comments regarding this clearance transmittal.
- Reminder about cold weather concrete practices at precast plants.
- There was some renewed discussion regarding inventory, storage and shipping: Age of barrier and a reminder to rotate stock. The five year limit serves to reduce amount of older product sitting in precast yards. This is only an issue with a few plants which can be seen on the stock inventory report
- Freeze thaw testing is handled case by case basis to review the replacing materials. It only applies to new mix designs.
- There was a memo December 30 regarding DM Part 2 which goes into effect in 2022.

- Electronic submission of material certifications is now in effect. This also applies to projects that were awarded after 9/30/21. Information should be uploaded to ECCAMS and an electronic signature is required. Precasters should not sign and scan and submit, rather you have to register your digital signature and not as an attachment.
- As far as HOP work, either the QC person or the PM can get their signature approved. The precaster can select whomever as the authorized representative.
- Reminder that plants are required to send their NPCA certification as well as QC manuals to PennDOT on annual basis. They should also let the Department know if there is a change in management.
- Terre Hill requested clarification regarding whether their qualified QC personnel could be listed as primary and alternate since they work at both precast plants as needed. Joe Bracken said that this was acceptable solution.
- Some brief discussion as to how to negotiate the Bulletin 15 approval process. For those who are unfamiliar with it there is a target response time of 180 days. Depending on whether it is a new product or whether it falls under PennDOT specifications determines if the application needs to go through different groups.

PPA will reach out to PennDOT to schedule a virtual meeting to follow up on this discussion.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

Alexander Muka gave an in-person presentation on the updates of QC Titan Software and the capabilities now available on smart phones or devices. If you have questions contact him directly: Alex Muka /Software Engineer /732-866-8686
[/amuka@muka.net](mailto:amuka@muka.net)

If you are interested in presenting at a meeting this year, please contact me to reserve an Associate Spotlight at one of our meetings.

Administrative Items:

Rusty Fox, General Manager with M & W Precast volunteered to serve on the PPA executive committee. We did not have a quorum and will vote on new slate of officers for 2022 at the next meeting. He is serving on the committee in the interim.

Slate of officers for 2022 (pending vote at next meeting)

Immediate Past President: Todd Monahan, Airmatic

President, Phil Lapp, Faddis

Vice President: Mike Buchan, AC Miller

Treasurer: Nadine Brennan, Faddis

Secretary: Rusty Fox, M & W Precast

Welcome new members: Carbon Cure and Muka Development Group.

If you have a project you would like to feature in the PPA newsletter, please send me some info. This project will also be featured on web site as case study. Projects can be located in surrounding states as long as PPA producer manufactured product for project.

Please send MS updates to contacts at your firm or updates to PPA web site to reflect personnel changes.

After the success of our September meeting, we will discuss the idea of co-hosting some meetings with the ASACP.

The next PPA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 9th, 2022 at the Susquehanna Club.

Meeting Dates for 2022: all at the Susquehanna Club all on Wednesdays
March 9, May 11, September 7, November 2