

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

September 7th 2016

Welcome

Self-Introductions and Anti-Trust Reminder

Minutes were approved from May 4, 2016 meeting

PENNDOT Topics by Joseph A. Bracken III, P.E., CWI

- Manhole standards- being reviewed by FHWA, should be completed soon. Precasters will have 6 months to use up existing inventory once the new standard is in effect.
- ASR Mitigation task force – Leonard Shirk from Terre Hill and Clarence Mauser from Faddis are participating. Brief update about activities to date – 1 meeting with PennDOT to review work plan. Serge suggested that other Admixture suppliers be included in the research. Sample products using Z mix (worst case scenario) including fly ash and slag will be tested for high early strengths, workability and other qualities. There will be monitoring of effectiveness and cost.
- There was another box culvert meeting held at PennDOT lab on August 4th. There was some discussion regarding schedules, post-tensioning ducts, skews, tolerances and other issues. There are some fast –track box culvert jobs to bid this year for install in summer of 2017.
- Fish baffles can be cast outside (when conditions meet requirements) as follow up to discussion at last PPA meeting. Serge reminded the group that you need a QC plan for outdoor casting.
- Stock item report is inaccurate. 500 piece discrepancy at one location. Reports are never cleaned up and inaccurate information is being carried forward.
- Nelson Martin from Terre Hill brought up the issue of approval formats. With recent enforcement of DM4 language – for example- inspectors are not accepting items based on “the approval is on separate cover sheet, rather than the drawing itself, and the approval stamp says “no exception taken” rather than “approved”. It was suggested that PennDOT look into all the different “approved” stamps that are being used.
- Serge requested that precasters try to take into consideration the timing of pours and inspections. Contact inspection agency when requesting over time for inspectors.
- Joe Bracken said that PennDOT is investigating whether precasters can have direct access to SharePoint to be able to upload large files.
- Joe introduced Matt McSweeney, who is a new engineer working on the concrete team for PennDOT.
- He also reminded everyone that cold-weather concrete procedures would soon be in effect.

Associate Spotlight

Christopher Barr – Press Seal Corporation. Press Seal is a 3rd generation family owned company. They practice lean manufacturing and 5S in their operations (Sort, Straighten, Shine, Standardize, Sustain). They mix their own rubber for gaskets and other products. For more information on his presentation contact Chris at 260-615-4613 or cbarr@press-seal.com

Action Items from May 4th 2016 meeting

- No items.

Membership and Marketing

- Welcome to 2 new members Lindsay Precast (Bill Wilhelm was in attendance) and Summers Trucking (Dan Forrester in attendance).
- Now have 20 producer members, 4 Professional Members, and 20 Associate Members.
- Please review your vendors and associates that are not involved. Send MS info of someone that may benefit from PPA membership.
- MS requested that product and project photos will be helpful as we upgrade our web site. Please submit to MS in jpeg format.

Executive Director Report

- The Cement Shippers organization has stopped funding PPA. We will move forward with invitations for individual cement companies to become affiliate members. MS identified 10 companies, however there is a lot of consolidation going on in the industry.
- MS gave an update on the revised OSHA silica rules and how they may affect the precast industry. See attached for more information.
- The web site is being updated - -please send project photos/ case studies for inclusion.
- MS requested images and product information for updated web site content. Please send .jpg to info@paprecast.org.
- Please inform your admin people of change of address so that checks are not sent to Hank.

Review of Recent Financials:

- Estimated Reserves (as of September 2, 2016): \$31,192

Key Dates

November 2, 2016- PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
January ??? 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
March 2-4, 2017 – The Precast Show, Cleveland, OH