

Pennsylvania Precast Association Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2009
Hotel Carlisle

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Anti Trust Agreement and Self Introductions (Hank Bonstedt)

Hank circulated the anti trust agreement for all attendees to sign. All attending members gave a self introduction and a sign-in sheet was passed around.

PennDOT Representative Discussion (Serge Ter-Arakelov)

Serge discussed the following issues with the attending membership:

- 1) New Inlet standards RC-45: A letter is being distributed to all Bulletin 15 producers regarding:
 - a) Inlet top conversion
 - b) Reinforcement placement
 - c) Inlet top and cover adjustment slab
 - d) Pipe blockout supplemental reinforcement.
- 2) Not included in the letter is the upcoming requirement for a minimum of 4" of concrete over the pipe blockout.
- 3) Until the new standards are solely required, the new and old details may be interchanged. This is verified with the BQAD.
- 4) Serge discussed the use of old style design for rehab projects and indicated that he would issue a letter clarifying that the use of old style will be permitted. Probably will review such issues on a case-by-case basis.
- 5) New pre-pour and post-pour forms are currently being developed by the Department. The forms will be forwarded to PENNDOT consultants for their use after they are finalized. They will also appear in Publication 145 in a few months.
- 6) Supplier certification forms for coated/fabricated rebar at some point will become mandatory and may affect the Department's ability to accept material. Please contact Serge if you are having any difficulty getting your information from a supplier.
- 7) Corrosion Control is currently on a reduced (level 3) certification. The Department's consultants are notifying when and if any material is received.
- 8) Unit weight test/calibration will be eliminated from the QC guidelines with the next update to Publication 145.
- 9) Box Culvert producers: A spec revision will be coming to section 1085 regarding galvanized lift devices. Purpose: to reduce corrosion.
- 10) Other Issues: PENNDOT would like a PPA proposal on post-tension pulling sequence procedure.
Action Item: Jay Behney and Nelson Martin are to draft the proposal language.
- 11) The elimination of PENNDOT inspected stock had a negative impact on the Department's annual report. Precasters that are not segregating and holding inspected items for Dept use will be contacted and the privilege will be eliminated.
- 12) The group questioned Serge about the use of post tension strand and the sheathing and grease to be used with it. A problem was cited with an inspector wanting the sheathing and grease to be a Bulletin 15 item. Serge said it was his opinion that the items do not need to be listed and he would look into the issue. Hank requested a clarification letter be issued.

- 13) The question of the mix design forms being proposed for use by ready mix suppliers was discussed. Serge is not going to force this on precasters at this time. He will review this with the PPA before publishing it. The form is being modified to accommodate the blending of course aggregates, accounting for the volume of admixtures used, and the use of multiple pozzolans. Bob and Serge are monitoring this situation with an eye for how it might impact precasters.

Financial Condition (Hank Bonstedt)

Hank outlined current account situation. Estimated reserves as of the end of December, 2008, estimated to be \$102,088.

For billing cycle 25 we have outstanding receivables at \$2,110 and for cycle 26 we have \$10,600.

Listing of Committee Members

Hank noted that the Inlet Standards Committee is soon to be dissolved. Their work has been completed and the new standard is expected to be published soon.

Hank continued with a review of the standing committees and asked if anyone is interested in joining a committee to let him know.

Volunteers are needed for the next work group: Manhole Standards

Quality Assurance Issues

- Monitoring the activities of the PACA & PCPC tech committee.
- Future revisions to RC45
- Box Culvert standards
- Manhole standards

Membership & Marketing Issues

- Continuing with mailing of the NPCA Precast Solutions Magazine.
- Website activity is good. We continue to get about 8,000 to 9,000 hits per month.
- Members are encouraged to keep their listings current.

Associate Spotlight

Ted Coons of the Spillman Company gave a presentation of his company's capabilities.

Executive Director Report

For septic tank producers, Hank is tracking the National Wastewater Activities.

The PA Concrete conference is being held January 27-29. The PPA has 3 presentations scheduled: 1) RC45 and RC46 Standards Update 2) Use of Precast for Accelerated Construction 3) Lightweight Aggregates.

Hank gave the floor to Jim Valent for an update on utility anchors.

Hank presented his proposed budget for 2009 of \$56,900. He will ask for a vote at the next meeting. Also, after the summer break the membership will need to consider the next slate of officers.

Hank asked Rick Stewart to discuss the latest developments with the TCI-PAC. It is believed that approximately \$3.5 to \$4 B may be submitted under the new Infrastructure initiative of the incoming federal administration. The TCI-PAC is actively talking to PennDOT and political representatives to get a long term vision of what the transportation/infrastructure should be in 10 years.

This is a critical moment for our lobbying efforts and all members are encouraged to visit the TCI-pac.org website and get a copy of the suggested letter to send to their respective representatives in Congress and the Legislature.

Hank Wrap Up

PPA Future Meeting Dates: March 4th at By-Crete's facility:
 517 King Street
 Lebanon, PA 17042
 Telephone 717-866-7690

[Location Map](#)

May 6th will be at the PennDOT Lab
September 2nd at the Hotel Carlisle.
November 4th at the Hotel Carlisle
January 6, 2010 at the Hotel Carlisle.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by: Weldon Mitchell, PPA Secretary