

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

March 2nd – Carlisle, Pa

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM

- 1.) Reviewed anti-trust policy
Self introductions and sign in
- 2.) Reviewed financials

Balance-	\$56,652.92
Receivables-	\$8,200.00
Payables-	\$6,635.96
Est. reserves-	\$58,216.96
- 3.) Executive committee review
President- Pat Holleran
Vice President- Phil Weber
Treasurer/Secretary- Rusty Fox
Immediate Past President- Jay Behney
- 4.) Committee Membership review
 - a.) Quality Assurance and Specifications
 - b.) Manhole Standards work group
 - c.) Membership and Marketing- Open Chair
 - d.) Septic Tank Manufacturing Committee
- 5.) Action items from January 5th meeting
 - a.) Crane operator training
 - b.) Sales/Use tax- Hank is working on having an expert come in and speak on the subject.
 - c.) Minority contracting requirements- Hank has Bob Latham set up currently for May 4th meeting, he will speak on the issue.
- 6.) Membership & Marketing issues
 - a.) Please direct addresses to Hank for Precast Solutions magazine. These magazines can be sent out to engineers and other specifiers to educate them on the advantages of using precast concrete.
 - b.) Web site traffic continues to increase.
 - c.) NPCA affiliates Forum is at www.forum.precast.org please check it out.
 - d.) PPA is now on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ppa) become a friend!
- 7.) Penn DOT Topics
 - a.) Revision of RC39M- The scope of work for this work order is being finalized between Gannet Fleming and PennDOT.
 - b.) Inlet top cracking, PennDOT has collected various plastic chairs to have testing done such as infrared analysis, moisture absorption, composition testing, and volumetric expansion. They should have an answer within the next few months.

- c.) Barker Steel is still on a level 2 certification. PA DOT must be informed by them prior to making any shipments. The department is pulling samples in an effort to evaluate overall performance.
 - d.) BOCM is working on “housekeeping” for misc. section of Bulletin 15 beginning with Polymer Modified Cements.
 - e.) ASTM A775 requires that each epoxy powder manufacturer identify and test the repair materials to be used with their powder system. Please maintain status quo until otherwise notified.
 - f.) Serge reviewed the progress made with the District winter school and what was covered. This is helping with the amount of exceptions for the new RC standards coming in.
 - g.) PA DOT has a new Secretary of Transportation Barry J. Schoch who is the former VP of McCormick Taylor.
 - h.) BOCM is completing audits of several JJ Hook suppliers and will be listing them in Bulletin 15. Currently there is no one approved to do this work, PennDOT has received two applications from manufacturers to get approved. Serge also reviewed the changes to section 627 which is the section for temporary barrier.
- 8.) Associate Spot light – Aervoe
 Steve DiGiacomo, a handout was given
 May 4th Bob Latham, APC Executive Director
- 9.) Executive Director’s report
- a.) Keep your listings up to date on PPA’s website.
 - b.) What training or tools do you need help with? Let Hank know.
 - c.) Transportation funding update and continued contact with elected officials
 Key sources of information:
 Transportation Construction Industry – Political Action Committee
<http://www.bipac.net/page.asp?content=startpage&g=tci-pac>
 Pennsylvania Highway Information Association
<http://pahighwayinfo.org/>
 Keystone Coalition
<http://www.reConnectPa.org>
 PennDOT
<http://www.FundPaTransportationNow.com>
 - d.) Note change in email addresses info@paprecast.org
 - e.) [Facebook](#)
- 10.) Upcoming meeting dates
- a.) May 4th - Hotel Carlisle
- 11.) Comments- None

**PPA MEETING –
MARCH 2, 2011**
PENNDOT TOPICS

Re-design of RC-39M – Manhole Standards

- The 'Scope of Work' for this work order is being finalized between the consultant (Gannett Fleming...the same consultant who developed the new inlet standards) and PennDOT's Bureau of Design.
- After the Work Order is executed, a joint PennDOT (incl. GF)-Industry will be scheduled
 - Time frame ...approx one month or so.
 - Meeting - tentatively Lab (Harrisburg)

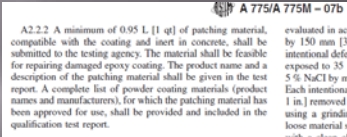
Pub 35 Bulletin 15 Reduced Certifications.

- Just a reminder that Barker Steel, Code BARK1 and BARK2, are both on Level 2 (Certification Reduction) per Pub 408 Section 106.03(b)3.
- Barker is currently providing the Department with advance notice of deliveries to projects and precasters. The Department will be sampling the material in advance of use as part of an effort to evaluate their overall performance.

Pub 35 Bulletin 15 Miscellaneous section revisions

- BOCM is working on some 'housekeeping' for the MISCELLANEOUS section of Bulletin 15, beginning with the ' Polymer Modified, Cements, Mortars and Concrete' Section.
 - The goal is to define standardized national testing protocols based on end use
 - Some materials were tested only to manufacturer's specifications
 - Some products are no longer manufactured

Epoxy Repair of Reinforcement Bars



- ASTM A775 requires that each epoxy powder mfg identify AND test the repair materials to be used with their powder system.
- Bulletin 15 does not list this information
- Effort underway (began 2009) to solicit this information
 - Materials must met EPA regulations
- Maintain status quo until notified otherwise

Plastic Chair Testing

- BOCM continues testing the samples collected
- Samples have been photographed and weighed
- Initial Density tests have been completed
- Water absorption testing is continuing
- Other physical testing will be conducted when the water absorption testing is completed

District Winter School

- Serge Ter-Arakelov and Paul Ingram made presentations at several Districts on the RC 45M RC-46M Standards.
- These presentations were provided to give the Districts a better understanding of the proper application of the new Standards.
- The Amount of exception requests have dropped significantly since implementing the new standards (March 2009).

New Secretary of Transportation

- If you haven't heard, PennDOT has a new Secretary of Transportation:
 - Barry Schoch - Former VP McCormick Taylor
 - Barry attended a recent training event hosted by FHWA which emphasized the important role that precast items will play in our future bridge and transportation construction program.
 - Every Day Counts

JJ-Hook Barrier Connection Assembly

- BOCM is completing audits of several industry JJ-Hook suppliers and will begin listing them in Bulletin 15.
 - Machine Shop Section
- Currently there is no one approved for this work. We have received two applications from Manufactures:
 - Winchester Metals, Inc
 - To be approved and listed in the very near future.

JJ-Hook Barrier Connection Assembly (continued)

- ❑ One other supplier (Aqua Jet) was recently was purchased by another company
 - This firm was notified that they must submit an application for listing.
- ❑ At some future time, JJ Hook barrier producers will be notified that only Bulletin 15 approved sources (for the JJ Hook connection) can be used.

Additional Documentation for Temporary Barrier

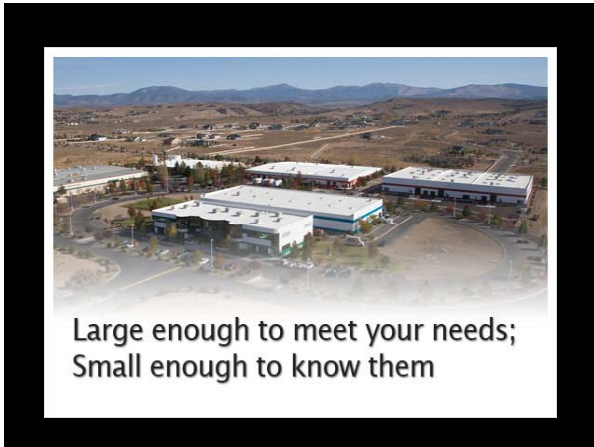
- ❑ Revisions to Section 627 now require the contractor to either certify the material to Section 714 and our approved standards (slot and plate), OR supply a copy of the FHWA NCHRP 350 approval letter with delivery.
- ❑ New construction by Bulletin 15 suppliers still requires inspection during initial production.

Additional Documentation for Temporary Barrier cont.

- ❑ **627.2 MATERIAL** – Precast Concrete Barrier or Glare Screen Barrier fabricated as shown in the Standard Drawings and Section 714 OR Certification and Shipment to Project – Certify each shipment with a copy of FHWA’s acceptance letters indicating NCHRP 350 Test Level 3 (TL 3) or higher compliant barrier.
- ❑ It is the Contractors’ responsibility to provide the FHWA approval.









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