

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

March 8, 2017

Welcome

Self-Introductions and Anti-Trust Reminder

Minutes were approved from January 4, 2017 meeting

PENNDOT Topics

- Joe Bracken discussed PennDOT issues relevant to precast industry
- The supplemental CS-4171 has not yet been approved. Are precasters uploading documents to reduce paperwork?
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- PennDOT is looking to reduce inspection costs. In the future, drainage items may be received upon certification without in-person inspection. Temporary barriers may also be considered as well as other precast items.
- PennDOT is trying to return to pre-Feb 12th Buy America requirements, but it could take another year until that happens.
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- Manhole Standard exceptions. Many comments were addressed through the review period. PPA no longer has exception portal on the website. These anomalies will have to be considered on case by case basis. The new standards become effective June 15th 2017 but you can use the new standard now.
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- A box culvert committee conference call is scheduled for April 19th. Contact MS or Alissa Myers for more information. It was suggested that a precast box culvert installation guideline be developed for district engineers. PPA will develop draft for comments. The Box Culvert Quality Action Plan is being worked on by PennDOT – no updates.
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- Reminder that you should check Bulletin 15 for “approved” product list. Check to make sure your products are all listed since some were left off in the January system update.
- Stock items- PennDOT is still cleaning up the list.
- Regarding the “Approved” stamp on shop drawings– the issue seems to be resolved.
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- Leonard Shirk (Terre Hill) and Clarence Mauser (Faddis) gave updates on their participation in the ASR Mitigation task force. While it is early yet in the testing stages and probably no final results until the end of the year – anecdotal info was shared about the test pieces poured at their respective plants. Both experienced reduced concrete strengths, there were finishing difficulties with the extremely “sticky” mixes. Most importantly the production schedules were impacted as stripping strengths were delayed significantly. Forms would not be able to be turned over within 24 hour period as per usual. There was some discussion as to whether finishing aids would be allowable if PennDOT approved. The test samples are being exposed to salt water mixture at the plants. More info will be available as they finalize results.

Associate Spotlight

Tamer Osman – Delta Engineers gave a presentation on Transportation Innovation with small precast bridges for counties/municipalities. For more information you can contact Tamer at tosman@delta-eas.com

Associate Spotlight for 2017: Tentative Schedule

Forta Corporation: May Meeting:

Nycon/AL Patterson: September meeting

Summers Trucking: November Meeting.

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

Action Items up from January 2017 meeting

- No items.

Membership and Marketing

- Now have 19 producer members, 4 Professional Members, and 18 Associate Members. Please review your vendors and associates that are not involved. Send MS info of someone that may benefit from PPA membership.
- We have invited individual cement companies to join since in the past they were supporting PPA through the cement shippers.
- The 2017 dues invoices were sent out. Please update the mailing address if you have not yet done so.

Executive Director Report

- NPCA is offering to facilitate training on the new crane regulations. MS gave brief overview of what was discussed at the Precast Show. MS will poll members to determine if training in Pennsylvania is of interest.
- The new PPA web site is now live – still working on adding content. Please check it out to make sure your logo and contact information are correct. www.paprecast.org
- 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 Recent Financials:

- PPA current bank balance (as of March 1, 2017)= \$ 28,460

Key Dates

April 19, 2017 – Box Culvert Committee Conference call with PennDOT

May 3, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA

September 6, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA

October 12-14, 2017 – NPCA Convention, Atlanta, GA

November 1, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA