



Eastern New York Chapter of the Association for Bridge Construction & Design, Inc.

MINUTES – ABCDENY Board Meeting

Date: December 5, 2019

Time: 5:40 PM

Location: Fort Orange Brewing, Trivia Night Social Event

Associate Sponsors

Barton and Loguidice, DPC
 Bergmann Associates
 CHA Consulting, Inc.
 Creighton Manning Eng., LLP
 DA Collins Construction Co., Inc.
 Dimension Fabricators, Inc.
 Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
 McLaren Engineering Group
 MJ Eng. & Land Surveying, PC
 Moretrench Hayward Baker Co.
 Pennoni Associates, Inc.
 Piasecki Steel Construction Corp.
 Reale Construction Co., Inc.
 Ryan Biggs/Clark Davis Eng. &
 Surveying, DPC
 STS Steel, Inc.
 The Fort Miller Co., Inc.
 Tioga Construction Co., Inc.

Contributing Sponsors

Christopher A. Waite, PE

Owner Agencies

NYS Department of Transportation
 NYS Thruway Authority

Board Members

Michael Belsky, President
 Ryan Henderson, President Elect
 Mark Olstad, Treasurer
 Jack Wheeler, Secretary
 Geoff Frazier
 Koby Greene
 Erica Westhuis
 Dan Thomas
 James Fredricks
 Matt Hunt
 Zach Rosman
 Craig Rypkema

ATTENDING:		NOT ATTENDING	
Mike Belsky	Geoff Frasier		Jack Wheeler
Ryan Henderson	Dan Thomas		Koby Greene
Matt Hunt	Craig Rypkema		Mark Olstad
Erica Westhuis	James Fredericks		Zach Rosman

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jack Wheeler):

1. The minutes of the last board meeting held on **November 7, 2019** were briefly discussed by the board. No changes recommended.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mark Olstad):

2. The Treasurer's Report was passed out and discussed. A current balance of **\$17,886.66** was noted. Membership is at **133 paid**. This includes **14 sponsorship program** members. Costs were higher than income for November Meeting. The only other activity noted was \$500 payment to Spaghetti Bridge Conference. The budget report was accepted by the board.
 - a. Board would like to know the costs from Novembers meeting. There was a significant amount of leftovers.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **SSPC Dinner Meeting Recap:** All board members agreed that the venue and food was good. However, the presentation didn't seem to engage the crowd and was mostly text. More pictures and project examples would have been better received. It was discussed if we should send the evaluations to SSPC for their information.
4. **PDH Certificates:** Not all members and board members have received their certificates. A flyer was e-mailed to the membership detailing the registration process. Illegible and inconsistent e-mail address have also been a cause for delay. However, once an individual properly gets themselves registered, no future issues should persist. Dan Thomas to provide additional update. Board agreed that flyers should be handed out at PDH meetings to help alleviate the problem.
5. **Membership & Sponsorship Form:** We accidentally provided incorrect membership application forms at the RPI dinner meeting. The membership fee was listed at \$30. James will talk to Jason Waters about the mishap and shake him for an additional \$10. **Our membership fee is \$40.** The applications on the website are also out of date. Mark & Ryan will be responsible for control of the membership & sponsorship applications.



Eastern New York Chapter of the Association for Bridge Construction & Design, Inc.

Associate Sponsors

Barton and Loguidice, DPC
Bergmann Associates
CHA Consulting, Inc.
Creighton Manning Eng., LLP
DA Collins Construction Co., Inc.
Dimension Fabricators, Inc.
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
McLaren Engineering Group
MJ Eng. & Land Surveying, PC
Moretrench Hayward Baker Co.
Pennonni Associates, Inc.
Piasecki Steel Construction Corp.
Reale Construction Co., Inc.
Ryan Biggs/Clark Davis Eng. &
Surveying, DPC
STS Steel, Inc.
The Fort Miller Co., Inc.
Tioga Construction Co., Inc.

Contributing Sponsors

Christopher A. Waite, PE

Owner Agencies

NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Thruway Authority

Board Members

Michael Belsky, President
Ryan Henderson, President Elect
Mark Olstad, Treasurer
Jack Wheeler, Secretary
Geoff Frazier
Koby Greene
Erica Westhuis
Dan Thomas
James Fredericks
Matt Hunt
Zach Rosman
Craig Rypkema

6. **Future City Competition:** The board approved a \$500 donation to the event. Event is being held 1/11/20 at The Armory at Sage College in Albany. The theme for this year is Clean Water: Tap into Tomorrow. James Fredericks will assume the role as an event judge.
7. **AGC Construction Industry Conference:** Craig Rypkema is attending the event and will report back to the board.
8. **NEW ENY ABCD Table Display and Banners:** Board discussed upgrading and adding to our inventory of posters, banners and table display. Topic warrants future discussions, ideas and a budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

9. **ENY ABCD General E-Mail Address:** Matt Hunt set-up the following accounts: Contactus@ABCDENY.ORG; ADMIN@ABCDENY.ORG; CONTACT@ABCDENY.ORG; WEBMASTER@ABCDENY.ORG. The current ENY ABCD President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary all receive notifications.
10. **AISC Steel Bridge Competition:** Matt Hunt has been in coordination with schools to see how we can sponsor. Preference would be to sponsor the winner's trip to Nationals regardless of who it is (i.e. not RPI, Clarkson, etc.) More to follow.

PROGRAM/EDUCATION – Dan Thomas:

11. **December** – Social Event, Trivia Night at Fort Orange Brewing. Event had about 25-30 people show. The social event was well received by the membership and event/venue should be considered again.
12. **January** – NYSDOT Luncheon on 1/9/20. Main Topic – Ski Jump Bridges by NYSDOT Structures Dept. A DOT Update for Eastern NY will also be included. James please confirm presenter names. Meeting invitation and food order still required. Presentation should be ready for review next week.
13. **February** – No PDH program due to E-week. A social event will be considered with different theme and venue.
14. **March** – We need to pursue sponsoring a PDH presentation on the FIU Bridge Collapse. Erica will express out interest within DOT. Geoff will contact RPI to see if they have something available to us for 3/24 or 3/25. We could expect a sizeable turnout for this event, professionals and students. The availability of a lecture hall might be beneficial.
15. **April** – TBD
16. **May** – TBD
17. **June** – Annual Membership Meeting TBD
18. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a. Plant Tours: Fort Miller willing to coordinate an event.
 - b. Mark Olstad will distribute our Annual Meeting Log.
 - c. Mike Belsky to call our Associate Sponsors to encourage presenting at future dinner meetings



Eastern New York Chapter of the Association for Bridge Construction & Design, Inc.

Associate Sponsors

Barton and Loguidice, DPC
Bergmann Associates
CHA Consulting, Inc.
Creighton Manning Eng., LLP
DA Collins Construction Co., Inc.
Dimension Fabricators, Inc.
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
McLaren Engineering Group
MJ Eng. & Land Surveying, PC
Moretrench Hayward Baker Co.
Pennonni Associates, Inc.
Piasecki Steel Construction Corp.
Reale Construction Co., Inc.
Ryan Biggs/Clark Davis Eng. &
Surveying, DPC
STS Steel, Inc.
The Fort Miller Co., Inc.
Tioga Construction Co., Inc.

Contributing Sponsors

Christopher A. Waite, PE

Owner Agencies

NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Thruway Authority

Board Members

Michael Belsky, President
Ryan Henderson, President Elect
Mark Olstad, Treasurer
Jack Wheeler, Secretary
Geoff Frazier
Koby Greene
Erica Westhuis
Dan Thomas
James Fredricks
Matt Hunt
Zach Rosman
Craig Rypkema

MEMBERSHIP – Ryan Henderson (Ryan Henderson):

19. Ryan and Mark will update the Membership & Sponsorship Forms. They will be the keepers of the form for distribution. See new business.

NOMINATING – Geoff Frazier (Jack Wheeler):

20. Nothing to report.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – Matt Hunt (Jack Wheeler):

21. Job Posted – Creighton Manning
22. Job Posted – STS Steel
23. Board Meeting Agenda Minutes and Agenda posted to website
24. No presentations have been added to the website. Presenter approval required.
25. Membership Page – Sponsorship & Membership form need to be updated. See New Business.
26. Board of Directors Page – Revise Erica's representation to Owner. Add Ryan Henderson.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/AWARENESS – Julianne Fuda (Julianne Fuda):

27. Nothing to report.

HISTORY – Frank Naret (Vacant):

28. Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

29. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2 at Scarborough's.
30. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

END OF MINUTES