



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

MINUTES – ABCDENY Board Meeting

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 6:20 PM

Location: Scarborough’s Restaurant, Latham

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT - Mike Belsky/Jack Wheeler:

1. The minutes of the last board meeting held on **January 2, 2020** were briefly discussed by the board. Meeting Minutes approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Mark Olstad:

1. The December & January Treasurer’s Report was passed out and discussed. A current balance of **\$22,472.59** was noted. Membership is at **99 paid**. This includes **14 sponsorship program** members. Costs were lower than income for January Meeting. No other activity to note.
2. The 2020 budget report was reviewed and it was noted that an “Advertisement” Expense line with a \$350 budget must be added. The budget was approved by the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **January NYSDOT Meeting Review:** It was another good meeting by the NYSDOT. Comments about whether the meeting needs to be PDH accredited was discussed. It is acceptable to for the meeting to be tailored to the concerns, questions and issues of contractors, consultants and suppliers. This event didn’t always have PDH’s tied to it. The round table event was brought up as a good means of providing a forum for communication.
4. **Membership & Sponsorship Program:** A higher quality membership flyer will be sent to Mark. Mike to fix and send. The board agrees that the program is working and additional benefits should be made available to high level sponsors. The idea of placing company names/logos on ABCD table displays is an option. This concept will need to be revisited one an initial table display set-up is selected.
5. **ENY ABCD Table or Banner Display:** We will plan to have this item available for the June Annual Event. Initial budget of \$350 to be utilized.



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6. **Dinner Meeting Cost per Person:** The board agreed that the dinner meeting expense can't exceed \$40 per person. Our individual meals at Scarborough's cost much less. The venues are somewhat gouging the prices. Dan Thomas will continue to monitor and look into a multi-month agreement to see if the prices can be reduced.
 - a. Dan Thomas will lock in the Italian American Center for the March Dinner Meeting.
7. **Capital District EWeek:** ENY ABCD Social Event to be held at Bj's Restaurant after the event. Craig will be in attendance and will distribute copies of the event flyer.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. **AGC Construction Industry Conference:** No comment, our participation in event should be considered in the future.
9. **AISC Steel Bridge Competition:** No report. Matt still hasn't heard back from them.
10. **Future City Competition:** James Fredricks thought the event was great and is something we need to keep supporting.
11. **PDH Certificates:** The accreditation process can take 2-3 weeks. No other issues to report.

PROGRAM/EDUCATION – Dan Thomas:

12. **February** – Social Event at BJ's Restaurant after E-Week. 5:00-7:00 PM.
13. **March** – Containment for Bridges by Paul Forte, GPI. 3/19/20 at the Italian American Center.
14. **April** – TBD (**Kubricky Construction - Colchester, VT Project**)
15. **May** – TBD (**Fort Miller Plant Tour or Link Slab Topic**) Both?
16. **June** – Annual Membership Meeting log was reviewed by board. The board is leaning towards utilizing Frog Alley Brewing, Albany Distilling or the Albany Pump Station as a venue for a social event. Food options TBD. This worked well last year with the 25th Anniversary. The board is hopeful to hold the event on June 4th on the Thursday night.
 - a. Call for papers on job of the year to be sent out early March.
 - b. Avoid holding the Annual Meeting on 6/11 due to conflict event.
17. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a. **County Rte 113 over Battenkill** – Fall 2020 topic

MEMBERSHIP – Ryan Henderson:

18. Social event flyers to be handed out at EWeek. Board members should actively recruit members that evening.



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NOMINATING – Geoff Frazier/Jack Wheeler:

19. No report.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – Matt Hunt (Jack Wheeler):

20. Advance Certificate in Bridge Engineering – Needs to be posted

a. Reference Erica's E-mail.

21. 2020 Membership & Sponsorship Form – Posted

PUBLIC RELATIONS/AWARENESS:

22. Item to be removed from Agenda

HISTORY – Frank Naret (Retired):

23. Jack & Koby have both qualified for this position.

GOOD & WELFARE

ADJOURNMENT

24. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 5 at Scarborough's.

25. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

END OF MINUTES

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