



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

MINUTES – ABCDENY Board Meeting

Date: November 7, 2019

Time: 6:10 PM

Location: Scarborough's Restaurant

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jack Wheeler):

- The minutes of the last board meeting held on **October 3, 2019** were briefly discussed by the board. No changes were noted.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mark Olstad):

- The Treasurer's Report was passed out and discussed. A current balance of **\$18,087.01** was noted. Membership is now at **130 paid for 2019**. This includes **30 sponsorship program** members. The only other activity noted was the payment for the October Dinner Meeting. The budget report was accepted by the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RPI Dinner Meeting Recap:** All board members agreed that the presentation was well received and we should continue to hold our October meeting at RPI.
- ENY ABCD General E-Mail Address:** Matt Hunt will set-up a general e-mail address for our organization and post it on the website. It has been proposed that the current ENY ABCD President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary all receive 3rd party e-mails. The e-mails will then be distributed to the board as required.
- Website Update & Google Drive:**
 - Matt will start adding the meeting minutes to the website (<https://www.abcdeny.org/index.php/meetings>). The Treasurer's report will be omitted but available upon request.
 - The Board agreed that the Secretary will monitor and update the google drive with meeting agendas, minutes, invites, etc.
- Topic & Locations for 2020 Meetings:**
 - WNY ABCD Fall Bridge Conference: Advertisement was reviewed. Board will contact several presenters for availability next spring.
 - Plant Tours: Nothing scheduled but an option to stay open.
 - Joint Meeting with WNY ABCD at Syracuse University.
 - Mark Olstad will distribute our Annual Meeting Log.



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- e. Mike Belsky to call our Associate Sponsors to encourage presenting at future dinner meetings.

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7. **Statewide Conference on Local Bridges:** Event went well and we only distributed a limited number of pens. We were able to attract one new member from the event. We need to position ourselves at a better table next year for visibility and social interaction with attendees. We also need to consider better advertisement. Ryan Henderson to send photos from conference.
8. **Spaghetti Bridge Sponsorship:** The board has gone back and forth about this event over the last few meetings. WNY ABCD declined to split the \$500 sponsorship with us. Board decided to sponsor the event on 11/21/19 but back away from any future commitment.
9. **AISC Steel Bridge Competition:** Matt Hunt will provide more details at the next board meeting. Preference would be to sponsor the winner's trip to Nationals regardless of who it is (i.e. even if it's not RPI, Clarkson, etc). A 2020 sponsorship amount needs to be planned into budget.
10. **Future City Competition:** 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. More to follow at next board meeting.

PROGRAM/EDUCATION – Dan Thomas:

11. **November** – The SSPC will present on 11/14/19 at Moscatiello's Family Italian Restaurant. Meeting invite has been sent to membership.
12. **December** – No dinner meetings scheduled. Board discussed having our December Board Meeting on ~~12/4/19~~ Tuesday 12/3/19 at Fort Orange Brewing with a membership Social Event afterward. This is also Trivia night. Erica to look into and report back to the board.
13. **January** – NYSDOT Luncheon on 1/9/20. Main Topic – Ski Jump Bridges by NYSDOT Structures Dept. A 10 minute DOT Update for Eastern NY in regards to forecasted budget, upcoming projects and current issues is also requested. Presenters to be determined.
14. **February** – Usually no program due to E-week. This may be a good month for another social opportunity.
15. **March** – TBD
16. **April** – TBD
17. **May** – TBD
18. **June** – Annual Membership Meeting TBD

MEMBERSHIP – Ryan Henderson (Ryan Henderson):

19. Membership & Sponsorship request to be sent out the first of the year.



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NOMINATING – Geoff Frazier (Jack Wheeler):

20. Nothing to report.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – Matt Hunt (Jack Wheeler):

21. No Report, see new business.

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

22. Nothing to report.

HISTORY – Frank Naret (Vacant):

23. Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

See Program/Education for alternate plan.

25. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

END OF MINUTES

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