



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

MINUTES – ABCDENY Board Meeting

Date: January 2, 2020

Time: 6:15 PM

Location: Scarborough’s Restaurant, Latham

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Jack Wheeler):

1. The minutes of the last board meeting held on **December 5, 2019** were briefly discussed by the board. No changes recommended.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Mark Olstad):

2. The Treasurer was absent and not report was review. To be reviewed at February Board Meeting. The only activity noted was \$500 payment to the Future City Competition.
 - a. 2020 Budget to be sent out to Board for review and acceptance at February meeting. The board would like to see an advertisement budget item added (\$350/year +/-). The fund would be used for table displays, association souvenirs, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **December Trivia Night Social Event Recap:** All board members agreed that the event was excellent. Approximately 30 people attended. We need to make sure pictures are taken during the events and we should bring some sort of organizational advertisement for display at these events.
4. **New ENY ABCD Banner or Table Display:** Craig brought in a print out of a high quality background display (\$1,500 +/-) for the groups consideration. It was discussed that additional thought must be put into this item. Most importantly, regardless of what we invest in, we’d like to display to be useful for many years and not carry outdated photos or information.
 - a. The board would like to add another sponsorship level to help fund advertisement and outreach efforts. A Platinum or Principle Sponsor, \$400/Year, was mentioned.
5. **Membership & Sponsorship Form:** 2020 Membership and Sponsorships Forms should be finalized and ready for distribution at next week’s luncheon. See New Business, Item 4.a for additional comment.
6. **January DOT Luncheon:** Dan Thomas will take lead on conducting meeting in Mike & Ryan’s absence. James needs to know the final number of attendees by January 7th to order the food.



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7. **Capital District EWeek:** It was discussed if we should participate in the event. A \$325 sponsorship for non-profits is required. The seminars should be noted for future presentations by ABCD.
8. **Payment for Website & Server:** Matt Hunt has been using his personal credit card. ABCD card needs to be put on file and Matt must be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

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OLD BUSINESS:

9. **November Dinner Meeting :** The Board would still like to see the costs from November's meeting at Moscatiello's. There was a significant amount of leftovers and we'd like to better prepare for the next time we use this venue.
10. **AGC Construction Industry Conference:** An event we should consider supporting and advocating our organization at.
11. **AISC Steel Bridge Competition:** No report. Haven't heard back from them.
12. **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.
13. **PDH Certificates:** The instructional flyer should be posted to the website and handed out at PDH meetings to help alleviate the problem. No new issues.

PROGRAM/EDUCATION – Dan Thomas:

14. **January** – NYSDOT Luncheon on 1/9/20. Main Topic – Ski Jump Bridges by NYSDOT Structures Dept. A DOT Update will also be included.
15. **February** – No PDH program due to E-week. A social event on the Thursday of E-Week, 2/13, is being considered. A venue on or near Wolf Road should be considered. The Warehouse Grill & BBQ in particular was mentioned. The Board needs to organize this event via e-mail if it is going to happen.
16. **March** – TBD (DA Collins Presentation?????)
17. **April** – TBD (Construction Jeopardy?????)
 - a. <https://jeopardylabs.com/play/construction-jeopardy-24>
18. **May** – TBD
19. **June** – Annual Membership Meeting log was reviewed by board. A ValleyCats game for early June was mentioned. We should consider using the Diamond Club. The Saratoga Raceway, Rivers Casino. Albany Pump Station, Apex Entertainment, Albany Distilling Co., & June Farms also mentioned.
20. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a. **FIU Bridge Collapse** – Erica to see if the presenter is willing to have their presentation recorded or if they'll be open to webinar format.
 - b. **County Rte 113 over Battenkill** – Fall 2020 topic
 - c. **Plant Tours:** Fort Miller willing to coordinate an event for April/May

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MEMBERSHIP – Ryan Henderson (Ryan Henderson):

21. Mark, Ryan and Mark will update the Membership & Sponsorship Forms. Mark will be the holder and distributor of the forms.

NOMINATING – Geoff Frazier (Jack Wheeler):

22. No report.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – Matt Hunt (Jack Wheeler):

23. PDH Instruction Flyer – To be posted
24. 2020 Membership Form – To be posted
25. 2020 Sponsorship Form – To be posted
26. 2020 Letter from ENY ABCD President – To be posted

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 February 6 at Scarborough's.
30. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

END OF MINUTES

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