



Northeast Chapter Annual Meeting Minutes

November 9th 2010

The Inn at Great Neck

Great Neck, New York

Attendees:

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The meeting began at 1:45 PM. All stood and introduced themselves. The meeting minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections/comments. The working lunch was graciously sponsored by WHECO Corp.

Treasurer's report:

Steve Hinternerder reported a balance of \$29,224.53. The golf outing netted around \$9,000.00. It was noted that a change in the golf venue has been proposed and will be discussed later in the meeting. More information on the chapter's finances can be obtained by contacting Steve at steve@schnabel.com

New Board Members:

Martin McDermott, Nominating committee chair, asked the three new board nominees to stand. John Zito, John O'Keefe, and Drew Floyd were all elected to the board unanimously.

National Report:

Tony Marinucci from the ADSC-IAFD gave the National Report:

- The Anchored Earth Retention seminar was held in Boston, MA the previous week and had 56 attendees. Topics such as SBMA anchors, strand anchors, were discussed.
- The slurry school (November 10-12 2010) has 27 attendees scheduled; Texas DOT will be attending the "Demo Day".
- Any questions regarding the ADSC can now be directed to Tony
- Load test data is being compiled (including Geo/Subsurface information) and will eventually be available to all members. The ADSC is looking for more information that can be provided by contractor members. It is a common thought that drilled shafts are "over-designed" and more data is needed to work on that issue. The DFI tried a similar program with load tests but the program has not moved forward. A question was posed regarding formatting the data from the tests, if there is a way to render it useable. Tony commented to use the data to actually show trends and also make the reporting anonymous.
- The ADSC National Winter meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA from February 1st through the 5th. All are encouraged to attend. More info at <http://www.adsc-iafd.com>
 - Levee Tour Sponsored by SOILMEC
 - LRFD to be discussed
 - Mardi-Gras Masquerade to be held at the closing of the Meeting
- IFCEE 2012 is coming; more information will be available on the ADSC website in the coming months.

ADSC National President

The chapter welcomed President Tom Witherspoon to the meeting. He congratulated the chapter on a job well done. He also noted that the ADSC is having a strategic planning meeting in March 2011. Tom informed everyone that Foundation Drilling Magazine needs "Mud on your Boots" articles.

2:20 PM Product Presentation by Steve Pirigy of WHECO Corp.

Strategic Planning

Jim Asmus is working on the chapter's Strategic Plan with the Board of Directors. The document will be submitted to National. There will be a board meeting/teleconference to discuss and edit.

A poll was conducted of the attendees to determine the most driving issue for the new business plan. The subject of the state of the Economy as well as Competition (for both contractors as well as associates) was brought up, as well as Education/Training. The one issue that is in the control of the chapter is Education, and was chosen to be integrated into the business plan.

By-Laws

Dan MacLean reported that National passed the new by-laws and all chapters must incorporate their current by-laws to the National template and submit for approval.

DROS

Martin McDermott reported the Drill Rig Operator's School held September 10th – 17th 2010 was a huge success. Approximately 30 attendees were at the event. Many thanks to Mike Abruzzo and Tony Kraut for their contributions to the program. The Demonstration Day was very well attended by various engineering firms and government organizations. Another possible way to reach out to more DOTs and govt. agencies is via web-based training, possibly through the FHWA. Silas Nichols to be contacted.

Drilled Shaft Seminar

110 people have signed up for the Drilled Shaft Seminar with the potential for walk-ins. Kudos to John Roma and Ryan MacTigue for their hard work.

Safety

Greg Lewis will continue to chair the safety committee within the Northeast Chapter. Rick Marshall has offered to come to the Northeast chapter to present. Jesse Ottesen to invite him to come to the next meeting in January. The statement "A Drill Rig is Not a Crane" was passed by OSHA in late August, 2010. The safety committee is currently writing a "Drill Rig Standard" (ANSI).

Membership

Currently 13 contractors and 30 associates are paid in full for the year.

Upcoming chapter meetings:

January 19th 2011 in New Jersey

May 11th 2011 in Albany, New York

August Meeting/Golf Outing location T.B.D.

November 9th 2011 in Buffalo, NY

ADSC Attorney Rick Kelson has also offered to present at a future meeting. To be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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