



Northeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

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Hotel Indigo

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The meeting began at 8:20 AM. All stood and introduced themselves. The meeting minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections/comments. Breakfast was sponsored by American Equipment/Soilmec North America.

Treasurer's report:

Steve Hinternerder reported the chapter's finances continue to be in good health, with a balance of approximately \$45,000.00.

More information on the chapter's finances can be obtained by contacting Steve at steve@schnabel.com

National Report:

The Strategic Task Force (group of 25 ADSC members) met in Phoenix during the Winter Meeting. Currently ADSC National holds a registered list of 230 contractor members, but only 35% actually exercise their voting powers within the organization.

A quick survey was taken of the room in Albany, and 6 contractor member companies were present, with three people who actually have voting power.

Aside from the lack of voting participation from the membership, two major items were discussed:

1. Opportunity to expand the ADSC product line (other deep foundation technologies)
2. Enhance ADSC core business

Discussion within the chapter was held regarding this, and it was suggested that the Northeast Chapter pursue an actual Load Test, in order to reduce the factor of safety and overdesign in drilled shaft construction. Currently Tony Marinucci from the ADSC is diligently collecting load test data from contractors and engineers in the Northeast. Everyone is encouraged to help. A task force was formed consisting of: Allen Cadden, Matt Riegel, Martin McDermott, Shane O'Neill, and a representative from Meuser Rutledge to be contacted. It has been brought to the chapter's attention that both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and MRCE are very interested in the program. Martin McDermott suggested discussing with Posillico the use of their secant wall project in Hoboken, NJ for one of the test sites of the program.

FHWA has also put out an RFP for a base-grouting program. The task force will get in touch with Silas Nichols for more information.



Micropiles:

Dan MacLean reported that a meeting between the New York State DOT and a task force comprised of Allen Cadden, Tom Bird from Williams Form Engineering, and Dan took place on May 10th. Dan explained to everyone NYDOT's feelings towards hollow bars for use as a micro-pile. They showed some positive interest in the product, but their concerns were directed towards the quality of contractors installing these or any drilled foundation in general, and the amount of claims they face on projects. It seems that the good relationship the Northeast Chapter once had with NY State DOT has deteriorated, and needs to be re-established. All were in agreement to push for more dialogue with NYDOT.

Other micropile-related business:

The standardization of micropile casing thread may be moving forward. About 70 people attended the May 3rd-4th Micropile Seminar in Arkansas. The seminar was a success. John Bennett has published a paper regarding secondary casing. This paper is available to all ADSC members.

Safety:

We now officially have a Region I (New England) OSHA Alliance. The ADSC Northeast Chapter & National and the Department of Labor (OSHA) were signatories. The local labor unions support the alliance fully. The chapter recognized the hard work of John Roma and Dave Grafton in putting this together.

Regarding Region II (NY/NJ), a draft was sent to our chapter by Mike Yarnell recently. He commented that OSHA would like to see the support of the alliance by the local labor unions. The Region II Alliance draft will be sent out to chapter contractor members for review.

Education:

National is asking for feedback on what type of assistance they can give the chapter in furthering education. A request has been put in for a copy of the official ADSC video to use when meeting with area colleges/universities.

Golf Outing:

Shane O'Neill, John Zito, and Steve H. are securing Crystal Springs Resort in Northern New Jersey for August 12th 2011. Registration/Sponsorship forms will be sent out to the membership. There will be a block of rooms available.

Membership:

Steve reported that currently our chapter has 8 paid contractor members and 17 paid associate members. Others have been invoiced and are awaiting payment.



By-Laws:

Dan MacLean reported that ADSC National has approved our by-laws. A copy of the by-laws will be sent to all chapter contractor members with an opportunity to comment. By-laws must be voted on within 30 days of being sent out. A proxy ballot is to be enclosed.

Nominating committee:

“We need a few good (wo)men.” - Martin McDermott

Anyone interested in running for the board/officer positions or have someone in mind, please contact Martin at mmcdermott@mckinneydrilling.com

Product Presentation:

Mike Abruzzo of Soilmecc North America presented Soilmecc’s line of equipment, focusing on their microdrilling line of equipment.

New Business:

Discussion is being held at the national level regarding a possible undergraduate scholarship.

The ADSC Summer Meeting will be held July 28th through the 30th at Charleston, SC. See <http://www.adsc-iafd.com> for more info.

New Issues:

John Roma volunteered to help re-start dialogue with NY State DOT and re-engage them. This is also to be discussed with Silas Nichols (FHWA) to see if we can move this forward on a more regional basis and engage the DOTs in our area. There was also discussion of the chapter sponsoring the Northeast Geotechnical Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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