



## Annual Meeting 2026

Jan. 26, 2026; 10:00 am to 11:30 am (CST)

### ADSC Drilled Shaft Committee Meeting Minutes

- **Call to order & Welcome.** R. Fassett  
Sign in with the App/QR Code
  
- **Safety Moment:**  
R.Fassett - shared a paid app called, "811 Spotter" for centralized utility locates. Field crew can have access to all locates on the phone and can share the status. Can also do automatic renewals. Color coded regarding status. Several large GC's use this app throughout the country.  
  
Will – LA 10 Freeway in 15, mini-excavator hit falsework frame. The frame fell to freeway in the dark which blocked the lanes. Car hit beam with serious consequences. They were working two bridges over, had to clean up and get off the freeway immediately. Emergency situations like this should be address in pre-task meetings.  
  
R. Marshall – Late 2025, two phone calls from two separate contractors. One call was about swing radius and the other about a drill rig overturn. GC's in US/Canada are becoming more familiar with concerns of our industry. Have the conversation before you start drilling a hole.
  
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** R. Fassett  
Motion to Approve: [Dave Hicks](#)  
Seconded: [Bruce Long](#) approved by committee
  
- **Old Business**
  - **Drilled Shaft Specific Safety Update:** R. Marshall
    - ANSI Document  
[Rick](#) is the chair of the ANSI standard for drilled shafts. Terminology has been updated. Out of the review process and heading to ANSI for approval/publication, perhaps in February. ADSC/PDCA/DFI working platform standard is listed as a reference document.
    - Down-Hole-Entry Manual Update  
[Complete and located in the ADSC Technical Library](#)
  - **The Bernie Report:** (ACI 336 Committee Update): R. Fassett
    - Update Specification and Current Review Document
    - [ACI336.3 – Supporting document. Assuming this is still going.](#)

- ACI Horizontal Tolerance White Paper R. Fassett  
Had to do with the changes of horizontal tolerances from ACI336.1.
  - **Concrete SLAM:** 1-day Seminar on Concrete in Drilled Shafts J. Trogani  
Day long seminar focusing on admixtures, cementitious materials, mass concrete, European trends, batch plant background, and regional challenges.
  - **Texas A & M Corrosion Study** J. Trogani  
January – paperwork to be complete.  
March – subsurface investigation and extraction of drilled shafts.  
Funding through the Pooled Fund”
  - **DOT Interaction:** P. Hagerty  
ADSC has been working with a number of DOT’s through flowable concrete, spec reviews, and overall visibility. Peggy has initiated conversations w/ new states at TRB. A state DOT engineer has approached Peggy to encourage drilled shaft involvement for other states, based on their good experience with ADSC.
  - **ADSC Best Practices for Drilled Shaft Construction** R. Fassett
    - Revised Outline  
Previous ADSC spec based on ACI336.1 in 1999. Ray presented a revised outline for “Best Practices for Drilled Shafts.” Alan McNab shared Condon-Johnson’s experience in making their own 120 page best practices guide which resulted in DS failure rates going from 25% to 5%.

This condensed outline to address most important topics. Hopes that people who will head up ADSC education topics over the next year, will head-up the associated topic.
- **Government Activities** S. Nichols
  - **Texas A&M**  
All research funding as of today. Should not affect start of pooled-fund. Bad News, FHWA was supposed to be the largest contributor to the pooled fund. Silas and Jennifer Nix meeting on 1/31/26 w/ TX DOT.
  - **Oscillator Meeting Update**  
For the past year, Silas has been meeting w/ ADSC members about oscillators/rotators and the ability of DOTs to go through full acceptance procedures. Inspectors have difficulty accessing shafts and measurements, especially at depth (ie. how much of a plug at the bottom, what depth things are going wrong, etc.). Increasingly more difficult when working over water in relation to oscillators/slurry.

Peggy and Silas have been working in a collaborative way to complement FHWA doc on developing installation plans and QA procedures for oscillators/rotators, especially since they are becoming more prevalent. Hoping to have something to review by the summer.

Discussion about how to share available info w/ inspectors (ie, broadcasting video from cab to inspectors/engineers, dropping tape, etc.).

Peggy – Wisconsin DOT had so many issues w/ oscillators, they claimed that they would not use DS in designs. Brought inspectors to DROS and had a much better experience.

- **Drilled Shaft Training Inspection Course**

Updated to be a 6 hr web-based by WSP and Dan Brown. Posted on NHI Blackboard system shortly.

- **New Business**

None. May/may not be able to travel in July.

- **Research**

J. Trogani

- Follow-up to Base and Sides Resistance Research

Paper focuses on combined use of side and end-bearing. DFI has been working to provide independent verification. Base and Side Resistance in Rock was published approx. 1.5 years ago. Base and Side Resistance in Soil is in the vetting stage and expected to be published in the first half of 2026.

- **Events:**

- **2/4/2026:** ADSC Rocky Mountain Chpt Winter Mtg
- **3/9-12/2026:** GeoCongress 2026 Salt Lake City, UT
- **4/21-22/2026:** ADSC Concrete Slam and Spring Meeting
- **5/3-4/2026:** ADSC Carolinas Chapter Annual Golf Tournament
- **5/14-16/2026:** ADSC WCC Education and Annual Meeting
- **6/7-14/2026:** ADSC Faculty Workshop
- **6/24-26/2026:** DFI Superpile, New Orleans, LA
- **8/6-7/2026:** ADSC Northeast Chapter Kids Camp
- **7/14-15/2026:** ADSC Carolinas Chapter Meeting
- **7/19-22/2026:** ADSC Summer Meeting 2026, Chicago, IL
- **8/11-13/2026:** DFI S3, Charlotte, NC

- **New Business:**

- Working Platforms: Additional Testing Proposal

R. Fassett

Proposal needs to get approval through DFI and PDCA, noting official funding contributions, before proposal can move forward with ADSC.

- **Open Discussion:**

- **Best Practices**

Bo Walker – How will DS Best Practices work with FHWA DS design documents? FHWA focuses on design. DS Best Practices will focus on means/methods. Need to add section for regional differences.

Silas – How to differentiate between best practices and items covered in design manuals or specs? These topics may fall under regional differences.

Consider how ADSC's guidance will be perceived by both private and public owners and its impact on various market sectors.

- **Working Platforms Additional Testing Proposal** – Needs to be approved by DFI first. Revisit at another time.

- **Next Meeting:** Spring Meeting 2026

- **Meeting Adjourned:**

A motion to adjourn was made by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].