

AMERICAN SHOTCRETE ASSOCIATION

Minutes

ASA Board of Direction Meeting

Marriot Tampa Waterside

Tampa, FL

April 2, 2011

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Officers Attending: President Patrick Bridger; Vice President Joe Hutter; Treasurer Ted Sofis; Past President Chris Zynda

Directors Attending: Tom Norman; Ryan Poole; John Zhang; Marcus Von der Hofen; Curt White; Bill Drakeley; Charles Hanskat; Ray Schallom

Staff: Chris Darnell

Visitors: Oscar Duckworth, James Scott, Mason Guarino, Scott Rand, Ed Brady, Russ Ringler, Paul Ampey, Cathy Burkert, Larry Totten

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

President Bridger called the meeting to order

2. **ASA Antitrust Policy**

President Bridger directed the committee to the ASA Anti-Trust Policy included with the agenda.

3. **Self Introductions**

The committee took a moment for self introductions

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 17, 2011 Meeting**

Marcus Von der Hofen noted his omission from the research task group under item #12. The committee unanimously approved the minutes with the above correction.

5. **Financial Report**

Staff walked the committee through the budget vs actual numbers for the first two months of 2011 and explained significant variances.

6. **Certification**

a. **Criteria for granting Host request for a specific Examiner**

The committee reviewed three possible specific criteria or special circumstances that would allow for the Host to request a specific Examiner. The items included special military of government clearance, language barrier, and public session.

It was noted that all sessions, including public sessions require proper workers comp insurance on each participant.

b. **Update on open Host requests**

i. **Schallom**

ii. **Zynda**

Both individuals gave an explanation for policy variances in recent sessions.

c. Host request for Examiner

i. Drakeley

After much discussion, the Board unanimously passed the following motion:

MOTION: The Board approves the appointment of Drakeley as the examiner for the retest session.

The Board felt that if the Host and Examiner wish for the original examiner to finish the job with retesting that ASA policy should reflect this default position.

ii. Brady

After discussing the request, the Board felt that special circumstances did not exist that justified the accommodation and passed the following motion:

MOTION: The Board does not grant the Host's request based on the situation presented.

iii. Duckworth

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MOTION: The Board does not grant the Host's request based on the situation presented.

Staff will follow up with each request and offer the option of selecting the Examiner to conduct their Education session for an extra session fee of \$500, but that the Examiner for the Certification session would be selected at random.

The Board will review the issues under item #6 and make any required policy change during a Board conference call.

7. R&D Research Task Group Update – John Zhang & Rusty Morgan

John Zhang walked the Board through the research proposal and answered related questions. Staff will forward a copy of the proposal to all Board members for their reference and the research task group will review the proposal in detail and make a recommendation to the Board at a later meeting.

8. Committee Reports

a. Education - Ray Schallom

Committee Chair Schallom updated the Board on a variety of items including items dependent on decisions of ACI C660, the Shotcrete Inspector training material, and general nozzleman certification numbers.

b. Safety – Chris Zynda

Chair Zynda updated the Board on the committee's efforts including progress on an ASA Safety Manual\Guide.

c. Marketing - Joe Hutter

Chair Hutter updated the Board on efforts to simplify the Outstanding Project Awards application process and the formation of a task group to help pursue and increase the number of applications received. The committee has formally submitted an application for an ASA

seminar on Diversity of Shotcrete Applications at the 2012 World of Concrete. The committee also reviewed and updated slides to be added to all USB products explaining the critical need of and means for proper contractor qualification.

d. Pool & Spa – Bill Drakeley

Chair Drakeley updated the Board on the actions taken in a lively committee meeting including plans to create a formal ASA response to a recent article in Pool & Spa News. The response will be run by both the Pool Committee and the Board before submitting to the Pool & Spa News. The committee is also looking into a possible pool industry focused version of the ASA Sustainability brochure. Position papers on a variety of pool related topics are also in the works. Finally, the committee is researching costs and options for strategies at the Pool Show in Las Vegas this fall. Once costs and options are determined, they will be brought to the ASA Board for consideration and approval.

e. Publications – Ted Sofis

Chair Sofis updated the Board on plans for future topics and content of Shotcrete magazine. The new technical editor Charles Hanskat has done an exceptional job with his first issue, the Spring Awards issue.

f. Underground - Dan Millette

The Underground committee will not meet until Monday night.

g. Sustainability – Charles Hanskat

Chair Hanskat informed the Board that the new Sustainability brochure has been sent to all ASA members and that a new Sustainability page has been added to the ASA web site. The committee is also beginning to investigate ways for shotcrete to be a source of LEED points.

9. Staff Reports – Staff

a. Membership

b. Website

c. Certification

d. Shotcrete Magazine

Due to time constraints, staff directed the Board to the reports included with the agenda.

10. Board Objectives Report

Staff walked the Board through the objectives spreadsheet (included with the agenda) and provided an update on the status of each item.

11. Other Business

No other business was presented.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was approved at 6:15 pm.