ASCE – Geoinstitute
Grouting Committee

Minutes of Committee meeting
Monday, July 6th, 2015 12:00pm – 1:30 pm ET
Web-conference meeting

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* recorded meeting minutes
1) **Call to order**
Chairperson Paolo Gazzarrini calls meeting to order at 12:05 pm

2) **Welcoming comments and Introductions**
Welcome comment by committee chair and introduction from attendance. Check attached table for complete list of attendees. Please inform if we missed somebody.

3) **Motion to approve minutes from last meeting**
Allen Cadden recommended changing the first item in the committee mission to “Advance the grouting technology”. The changed was approved and the minutes were approved.

4) **Grouting conference 2017:**
Paolo Gazzarrini informed that G-I proposed for the 2017 Grouting conference in Hawaii dates from August 21-September 15. Mike Byle, Chadi El Mohtar and others implied that these are bad times with the start of college and schools and this is the worse window to have the conference, particularly for a long trip to Hawaii and people might want to use the opportunity to use the trip as a vacation as well.

Paolo will follow up with G-Ito check if other dates can be available for 2017, if not, consider moving the conference to 2018 if needed. Everyone agreed that it would be best to have a good timing for the conference to increase participation.

5) **SEI-GI Congress:**
Chadi El Mohtar provided an update: We should be hearing the final decision on the sessions and individual papers towards the end of July, if everything is on schedule. Allen Cadden indicated that the organizing committee met the week before and they made major progress and we should be hearing back on time, if not before.

6) **New GI and committee webpages:**
Paolo Gazzarrini showed the new webpage for the grouting committee. Dan Bole volunteered to provide info for the web page. There was a proposal to add links from the old website. Allen Cadden proposed adding a link to Grout line. Paolo asked Allen about the possibility of sponsorship and Allen will check on that. Allen indicated that since the website is not hosted within the ASCE website, this might be more feasible.

Pictures, proposals and material from members are welcome. We need to fill the web page and it can be a good platform to share information and keep all the members connected.
Paolo has uploaded some initial information and a link to a few documents, Ex: Grout Line
Dan Bole will reach out to Jeff Geraci for previous website information and will begin updating with new information from grout committee. Please email Dan Bole/Paolo any information you would like to see uploaded.

7) Educational outreach:

Chadi El Mohtar provided an update: There was a discussion between Chadi, Dan and Paolo about creating a series of lectures that is approved by the committee (maybe 3-4 lectures). The lectures will discuss different aspects of grouting and grouting techniques and will be available for any committee member who would be willing to present them at local ASCE and GI chapters to help spreading out the word on grouting. This is well inline with the new ASCE and GI goals of trying to reach out to more members than those attending the major conferences and the idea would be to get some funding from GI to help with putting these together and then to help for paying for some of the travel costs although most of the presentations are intended to be done by members who are already traveling for job sites and then just do this on the side.

Mike Byle mentioned that he is already doing this.

Allen Cadden: great idea but it will end up sitting on a “shelf”

Dan Bole: the idea is to remove commercialism and make it more of a representation of the committee. Try to address local chapters. Without a large expense of a single member or a fw members traveling to each meeting.

Mike Byle: The presentations I give are not commercial. We need to establish the focus/message we want to send and who is our target audience? Geotechnical engineers or general civil engineers?

Chadi El Mohtar: who of the attendees now would be willing to participate? Mike Miluski is willing to participate as long as the presentations are within his expertise.

Dan Bole: Agreed with Mike. We need to start with few talks and we can always add more talks as we move forward. Bill Warfield agreed as well on covering wide range of topics and start simple then expand.

Mike Boyle pointed to his ASCE webinars on grouting.

Chadi El Mohtar will send a follow up email to the committee to see who is willing to participate and in what context.

8) Jet Grouting Guideline Specification update:

Paolo Gazzarrini provided an update: Things are moving forward. Mike Byle indicated that he would like to participate in the group putting it together. Matt Niermann indicated that the work is almost done on the draft and maybe Mike can be part of the reviewers.

9) Compaction Grouting guide update:
Paolo Gazzarrini indicated the Sam Bandimere is not available and Joe Harris said he is helping with it but doesn't have any recent updates. The met in San Antonio but probably need to get feedback soon. Allen Cadden mentioned that the deadline is probably coming up soon.

10) **DIGGS:**

Allen Cadden: It is in progress and if grouting committee wants to get involved, this is the time to get in line to participate in it.

A discussion followed between Paolo Gazzarrini, Mike Byle, Chadi El Mohtar and Allen Cadden on how can the grouting committee be involved? What data would we need to submit? How consistent would it have to be for different grouting techniques. Allen highlighted that we don’t even need to provide real data at this point, but rather the “headings” of the type of data that needs to be collected for one grouting method to start with. Mike Byle offered to work on it with close coordination with Allen Cadden.

11) **Webinars**

Paolo Gazzarrini asked about updated from Avanti on putting together a webinar on chemical grouting but there was no Avanti representatives at the meeting.

Michael Byle reported that he already has given 2 webinars: 1) Introduction to Grouting and 2) Low Mobility Grouting. He has a third one on Grouting in karst scheduled for the Fall. He also has a forth one on Geotechnical Investigation in karst that is not as relevant to this committee.

12) **Grouting course CSM/Grouting committee**

Paolo Gazzarrini and Bill Warfield provided an update: more than 100 participants. Non-commercial presentations. 14 different vendors on demo day. Different aspects of grouting industry were presented. Demo day is open to public and everyone in the area should try to visit and contribute.

13) **Grout-line articles**

Paolo Gazzarrini informed that the September issue would mark the 10th anniversary and the 40th issue and he mentioned that he is collecting some small articles to include in addition to the regular issue. Mike and Peter will try to put something together before July 15th deadline. Articles from the members are always welcomed.

14) **Other Business**

If the Grouting Conference, in 2017, will go on we will need several dedicated members to help in organizing. Need to check on the dates and make sure we have dates that works for most people. The conference can drain a lot of resources in the Committee.
15) Adjourn
Next meeting is proposed for October 12-15, 2015 as part of the DFI annual conference. To follow confirmation and instruction.
Meeting adjourned by Paolo Gazzarrini.

Grouting Committee Meeting minutes
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