

ASCE- GEO INSTITUTE GROUTING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Spring Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Web Conference call

Present:

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- 1) Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to Order at 12:06 pm ET by Chadi El Mohtar
- 2) New Members
 - a. We had 1 new member attending: Paul Gancarz who was on the same phone call with Britt Babcock. Paul introduced himself briefly to all meeting attendees.
- 3) Winter Meeting February 2016, MoM approval
 - a. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes
 - b. Minutes were approved
- 4) Awards Sub-Committee:

Chadi El Mohtar pointed out that it was one area that we were “marked down” on by the G-I for not having a sub-committee for awards, particularly, with having the Wally Baker Award, the grouting committee should be the main committee submitting the nominations for this award. Chadi asked for nominations for a sub-committee chair and Britt Babcock volunteered. Paul Gancarz was nominated to be a member of the subcommittee and he accepted to serve on the committee via email after the conclusion of the meeting. It was recommended that all members send nominations for the Baker Award as well as any other G-I/ASCE awards to Britt for him to collect all nominations and present them to the committee for final voting/approval. Allen Cadden has agreed to send Britt all the information he collected on the Baker award to help him get started (and he already did since then).
- 5) 2017 GI- ICOG Grouting Conference.

Mike Byle provided an update on the progress with the Grouting 2017 conference.

 - a. GI signed the contract with the hotel Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu, July 9-12, 2017
 - b. Organizing committee has been meeting every 2 weeks to keep things rolling.
 - c. Call for papers got extended to June 10.
 - d. We do not have as many cooperating organizations as we would like. Anders Frappell indicated that we should contact the Canadian Geotechnical Society and Mike will follow up on that.
 - e. Next meeting, conference call is scheduled for the following day on Wednesday, May 18th 4:00 pm EST.
- 6) Educational Outreach.

Chadi El Mohtar pointed out that he received few presentations/contributions and he is working on assembling them into one final presentation to deliver. Mike Byle offered to share some slides from his presentations that can be incorporated along with the other presentations into the final version. Allan Cadden indicated that the money we received should be spent by Sept. 30th or else it will go back to ASCE.
- 7) NEW GI and Committee Web Pages.

We have a webpage now and we need to continue populating it with more updates. Need to add links to Grouting 2017 to the website. <http://grouting.geoinstitute.org/> and <http://grouting.geoinstitute.org/>

8) Jet Grouting Guidelines Update

Tom Richards provided an update on the guideline. He has received comments from Donald Bruce, Mike Byle and others and is in the process of finalizing them. On track to be finalized asap.

9) Compaction Grouting Guide

Sam Bandimere indicated that Dawn Shuttle took over lead on this guideline. The guideline just need to go to voting on the corrections made, but should be very close to being finalized.

10) DIGGS.

Allen Cadden pointed out that DIGGS's 2nd version is launched and a lot of videos/pictures can be found at the website www.diggsml.org.
No update.

11) Grout Line

Chadi El Mohtar mentioned that Paolo Gazzarrini indicated that he still needs an article for the September 2016 issue. Deadline to submit is July 15th. Anyone interested should contact Paolo.

12) Other business

Chadi pointed out that the Grouting Fundamentals course will be held at University of Texas in Austin June 13-17, 2017.

There was a question about the cup test for determining cement gelation time and there was a reference to Weiver first Foundations book. This triggered Tom Richards to highlight the need to be more involved in ASTM and developing standards. Allen Cadden pointed out that this would allow us to develop standards for individual tests which might be easier than agreeing on a consensus document covering everything related to a topic (such as jet grouting/compaction grouting). Chadi El Mohtar will follow with Jack Germaine (Chair of ASTM D18 on Soil and Rock) on procedures to establish such committee.

13) Meeting Adjourned 12:56 pm.