ASCE- GEO INSTITUTE
GROUTING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Fall Meeting
Wednesday, November 30, 2017, Web Conference call

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*Chaired meeting
1) **Call to Order**  
   a. Meeting was called to Order at 4:05 pm ET by Chadi El Mohtar

2) **New Members**  
   a. We had 1 new member attending: Walter Kaeck, P.E. (Partner at Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers, NY). He presented himself. Area of expertise: permeation, compaction, jet Grouting.

3) **Meeting Summer May 2016, MoM approval**  
   a. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes  
   b. Minutes were approved

4) **Awards Sub-Committee:**  
   Britt and Paolo were not present to fully discuss the miscommunications during the Awards subcommittee meeting. Chadi brought up the topic briefly but it was decided to discuss when both, Paolo and Britt are available.

5) **2017 GI- ICOG Grouting Conference,**  
   Chadi provided an update on the progress with the Grouting 2017 conference.  
   a. Over 100 papers submitted and review is under way.  
   b. Final decisions to authors should be going out soon.  
   c. Multiple members indicated that the final papers due date should be pushed back with the delay of the reviews and Chadi agreed to bring up the topic at the next conference organizational meeting and indicated that the tendency is to grant an extension.

6) **Educational Outreach.**  
   Chadi El Mohtar (sub-committee chair). We requested an extension to spending the money we got last year. Chadi is working on a draft presentation that will be shared and discussed with the committee. A final presentation should be ready by the Winter meeting.

7) **NEW GI and Committee Web Pages.**  
   No update. Paolo was not at the call to give an update but he is in contact with ASCE/GI to get more information on the website. Paolo indicated that he cannot make any changes/additions to the webpage himself and have to send all request to ASCE which is delaying progress  
   

8) **Jet Grouting Guidelines Update**  
   Tom Richards was not available to give an update. Allan Cadden indicated that the document should be almost final and ready to be published.
9) **Compaction Grouting Guide**

No update.

10) **DIGGS.**

No update.

11) **Grout Line**

Chadi El Mohtar indicated, on behalf of Paolo Gazzarrini, that he still needs articles for the future issues. It is clear that all the effort of the members are on the Grout 2017, but if we want to keep alive the Grout line, he need support.

12) **Other business**

Chadi provided an update on his discussions with Prof. Jack Germaine (Chairman of ASMT D18 committee on Soil and Rock) on what it takes to reinstate subcommittee D18.16 on Grouting. Jack brought up the topic with D18 Executive committee and they were in support of reinstating the committee. At this time, the plan is to file for reinstatement in the June 2017 meeting in Toronto and have the first technical committee meeting in January 2018 after everyone is done with the Hawaii grouting conference.

Chadi brought up that there are standards relevant to grouting (like the Marsh funnel and others) that are being handled (and modified) by committees that are not qualified to do so and might make changes that make them not suitable for what we want. Matt Niermann indicated that this can be bad news for us and we should be more actively involved in maintaining these standards and developing new ones. Walter Kaeck indicated that he would be interested in participating and helping out.

13) Next meeting @ GeoFrontiers conference in Orlando, middle of March?

14) Meeting Adjourned 4:45 pm (ET).