



**West Coast Chapter**  
a Regional Chapter of ADSC

**Winter 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

February 9, 2017

***La Quinta Resort, La Quinta CA***

***(in conjunction with ADSC International Winter Meeting)***

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call (John Bickford)**

- ☐ John called the meeting to order and gave Roll Call. 6 of 7 Board Members. Not present was Bill Mobley.
- ☐ 6 of 7 board members does represent a Quorum.

**Past Presidents in attendance:**

- ☐ Ray Fassett (CJA)
- ☐ Tim Rueda (Case Pacific)
- ☐ Rick Walsh (Hayward Baker)
- ☐ Al Rasband (Malcolm Drilling)
- ☐ Tom Armour (DBM Contractors)
- ☐ Mike Kennedy (Hayward Baker)

**II. Special Guests and Associates Recognition (Steve Williams)**

- ☐ Steve recognized the past presidents in attendance.
- ☐ Steve recognized B.D. Smith and Rick Marshall (ADSC International) in attendance.
- ☐ Becky welcomed new WCC Associate member, Belltec Inc., (Belton, TX) Roger Kaminsky

**III. Approval of Previous BOD Meeting Minutes (John Bickford)**

- ☐ John indicated a copy of the meeting minutes had been previously issued for WCC members to review and comment. Only two comments were provided.
- ☐ John asked everyone to please take a few minutes in the future to read the minutes and provide comments and suggestions when appropriate.
- ☐ Meeting Minutes were approved with no further revisions.

**IV. Treasurer's Reports (Jim Close/Becky Patterson)**

- ☐ Financial information for 2016 was reviewed. Organization is in good fiscal shape.
- ☐ Specific information regarding financials is available upon request. **ACTION: Contact Becky for further information.**

**V. Committee Reports**

**A. Associates (Jeff Veilleux)**

- o At previous Board Meeting, Jeff challenged the all WCC Members to find other members not yet part of ADSC WCC and encourage them to sign up and get involved. This has proven to be a challenge. However, finding new members is still on going and Jeff will report on their efforts at the Summer Board Meeting.

**B. Fundraising (Scott Laurance/Joe Patterson)**

- o Scott indicated that we have an executed contract with Coronado Golf Course for Annual Meeting in May 2017.
- o Joe indicated that they will start to look for sponsors for the Annual Meeting in March 2017.

**C. Labor (Michael Walton)**

- o Michael Walton reported that 14 WCC signatory members approved the ADSC WCC Labor Relations Annual Budget beginning with the 2016 calendar year.
- o The WCC BOD approved the ADSC WCC Labor Relations Annual Budget for 2017 as distributed.
- o ADSC WCC/Operating Engineers 302 meeting was held on 11/10/16. The meeting was well attended and the parties discussed planning a northwest training program and industry issues.
- o The Northwest ADSC WCC/Operating Engineers Local 302 Training Program is scheduled for 11/10/17-11/12/17.

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- Pile Drivers Local 34 has initiated labor issues affecting signatory WCC members performing work in Northern California.
  - A signatory WCC member was restricted by Operating Engineers Local 12 from performing work for a non-union general contractor on a Southern California project.
  - ADSC Labor Committee plans to schedule a meeting with the Laborers International to discuss “payment into the home trust funds” due to a health and welfare coverage problem affecting a laborer performing work for a WCC member.
  - It was recommended that ADSC WCC meet with Operating Engineers Local 12 to plan an ADSC WCC/Operating Engineers Local 12 Training Program.
  - Signatory members are reminded to schedule pre-job conferences and submit key-man agreements with the Unions.
  - It was noted that new leadership is in place for Local 12. Previous efforts to engage the ADSC WCC with Local 12 were unsuccessful. However, with new leadership, the BOD’s requested that Michael reengage with Local 12 and evaluate if there would be interest in developing training opportunities and other “joint” events. **ACTION: Michael to reach out to Local 12 and report his efforts and findings at Summer Board Meeting.**
  - Jason Malcolm (Malcolm) indicated a ‘Drill Rig Operators Training’ session is currently being scheduled with Local 3. However, Local 3 has approved approximately 72% of the actual costs to cover the training session. Becky indicated that requesting funds from ADSC WCC may be an option. John indicated that requesting funds from ADSC WCC IAF may be an option. Jason indicated he will talk further with Case Pacific and Condon Johnson to review the current budget and the possibilities of reducing the costs. **ACTION: Jason to further coordinate with regional drilling contractors and Local 3 in hopes the training will still take place this Spring.**
- D. AZDOT (open)
- No updates at this time.
- E. CALTRANS (Ray Fassett/Rob Jameson)
- No meetings between CALTRANS & ADSC WCC have been held since previous Board Meeting.
  - Ray indicated our group needs to get started on updating CALTRAN’s ‘Shaft Mitigation Plan’. **ACTION: Ray to reach out to local drilling contractors to request assistance in updating this plan. If anyone has interest in volunteering, please contact Ray.**
- F. HDOT (Cedric Ota)
- No updates at this time.
- G. IDOT (John Bickford)
- No updates at this time.
- H. ODOT (John Bickford)
- No updates at this time.
- I. WSDOT (John Bickford)
- ADSC/WSDOT Task Force meeting was held in November 17, 2016.
  - WCC provided constructability review comments for an upcoming project in South Seattle, Project includes 10-each 10’ diameter shafts in between a 90-inch and 96-inch existing utilities in poor quality, fill soils.
  - WSDOT will no longer be conducting NDT on drilled shafts. All testing will be the responsibility of the Contractor.
  - WSDOT and ADSC WCC are currently updating language associated with impacts and costs regarding force account work. ADSC WCC had requested that scheduling impacts associated with force account work be considered and added to the overall project duration. WSDOT has preliminarily approved this request and is currently seeking final approval. WSDOT had requested that the drilling contractors independently meet to develop standard unit cost sheet associated with drilling equipment and tooling. **ACTION: John to coordinate a meeting with local drilling contractors to start discussions regarding equipment and tooling unit rates.**
  - Next task force meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2017 at WSDOT office in Lakewood, WA.
- J. NDOT (Will Gehrke)
- No updates at this time.

**K. Education (Rick Walsh)**

- Rick brought up the idea of WCC hosting a seminar on drilled shafts or earth retention systems. The last seminar our chapter hosted was in 2009. Interest was expressed by the WCC BOD for hosting a seminar. **ACTION: John volunteered to help Rick with looking into possible topics, locations and timing.**
- Rick mentioned he had provided presentations to graduate students at SDSU and USD. Rick is currently looking to provide a presentation to Cal Poly Pomona, at their request.

**L. Steering Committee / IAF (Rick Walsh/Ray Fassett)**

- In November 2016, Professor Anne Lemnitzer, UC Irvine, requested funding for a proposed research program regarding lateral load design considerations for drilled shafts that have rock sockets. Professor Lemnitzer, along with Dr. Benjamin Turner, is proposing that this research program be a collaborative effort between ADSC CDSE and DFI's Drilled Shaft Committee. The proposed funding request was \$50,000. At the time of the request, Rick Walsh suggested a contribution of \$2,500.00 for them to provide further information regarding how the research program would be carried out. The BOD agreed with this initial funding amount and forwarded it to the WCC IAF who agreed to fund the \$2,500.00. It was also noted that funding requests for this program were made to ADSC IAF and DFI.
- Ray mentioned that graduate students at the University of Nevada Reno are studying correlations between small diameter hole testing and large diameter hole testing. This is a research program currently funded by ADSC IAF.

**M. Training (Steve Wilson)**

- There was discussion that the activities and responsibilities of this committee are very similar to the roles and responsibilities of the Education Committee. It was agreed that this committee will be removed from future meeting minutes and Steve Wilson will be a resource for the Education Committee when needed/requested.

**N. Membership (Jason Malcolm)**

- Jason mentioned that a Contracting Member, Raito, Inc., who left the ADSC WCC in 2015 rejoined in 2016. However, four Associate Members have left the ADSC WCC. Current membership includes 35-each Contractor Members and 36-each Associate Members (71-each total).

**O. Safety (Colin Perkins)**

- Colin Perkins and Rick Marshall (ADSC International) will be hosting a One Day Safety Training Program for Oregon OSHA in late February. Current count has over 100 attendees for this event.
- Colin mentioned that ADSC International is now working with the National Commission for Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) to develop a drill rig operator certification program. Certification is voluntary at this time. The first meeting between ADSC and NCCCO will be held in April during the Spring BOD Meeting in Grapevine, TX. **ACTION: Refer to the ADSC website for additional information.**

**VI. WCC Administrator Report (Becky Patterson)**

- Becky indicated that the remaining ADSC WCC Polo Shirts will be handed out at the Oregon OSHA Training Program in late February.
- Traffic on the ADSC WCC continues to grow. Advertisement on the website is a good opportunity for Contractors and Associates to reach others that may not be aware of your company. **ACTION: Contact Becky if interested.**
- Reminder that the 2017 Annual Meeting will be held at Kona Kai Resort in San Diego, CA May 18 – 20, 2017. Registration is open and Sponsorship Opportunities are available. Refer to ADSC WCC website for additional information.

**VII. International ADSC Report (B.D. Smith)**

- ADSC and NCCCO have reached an agreement to begin discussions regarding a drill operator certification program. The first meeting will be held at the ADSC Spring Meeting in Grapevine, TX in late April.
- Task Force is currently being developed to going through the Membership Directory and review Contractor Members and provide recommendations regarding restructuring Contractor Member Categories (based on company size, volume of work, etc.).
- Scholarship applications were sent out last week and our current posted on the ADSC website.
- Small diameter safety video has been completed and is posted on ADSC's website for review and download. The video is free of charge.

- ☐ Election for 5 Board of Director positions will be conducted at the ADSC BOD Meeting this coming Saturday.
- ☐ Upcoming events;
  - oISM 2017, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada: March 29 – April 1
  - oSuperPile, Coronado, CA: June 14 – June 16
  - oADSC Summer Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada: August 2017
  - oAMPIS 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada: September 2017
  - oIFCEE 2018, Orlando, FL: March 3 – March 5, 2018

#### **VIII. Old Business**

- A. WCC Business Plan (Steve Williams)
  - oNo updates at this time.
- B. May Education Session (Will Gehrke/Ray Fassett)
  - oOutline of one day educational program currently being developed. **ACTION: If anyone is interested in volunteering or has any ideas regarding presentation topics, please contact Will or Ray.**

#### **IX. New Business**

- A. 2017 Director Nominations (John Bickford)
  - oTwo people, to date, have expressed interest in the two upcoming BOD positions. Patrick Anderson (Becho) and Michael Rourke (Champion Equipment). Both provided a brief presentation regarding their backgrounds and interest in the group. **ACTION: If anyone is interested in volunteering for the BOD, please contact John.**
- B. Contractor Case Study for next Winter (Steve Williams)
  - oSteve requested a volunteer for presenting a Contractor Case Study at the next Winter Meeting. No one volunteered during this BOD meeting.
- C. Associate Presentation for May (Jeff Veilleux)
  - oJeff indicated he is currently searching for two Associate Members to provide presentations at the Summer Meeting.
- D. John Roma (Skanska Foundations) brought up the topic of drilled shaft foundations for Transmission Lines and the 'standard' requirements for monolithic concrete pours. This requirement creates challenges with accurately setting and maintaining anchor bolt alignment. Discussion ensued regarding other Contractor's experiences.

#### **Adjourn**

- ☐ Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm