2026 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026
3:00pm The Cliffs Resort, Shell Beach CA

I. **Call to Order / Roll Call (Raffaele Zuccolo)**
   a. All present except Ray Fassett (excused absence)

II. **Special guest recognition (Matt Jannings)**
   a. WCC past presidents – Steve Williams, Will Gehrke, Tait McCutchan, and Chuck Danache. ADSC director Peggy Hagerty Duffy and Safety Director Rick Marshall.

III. **Approval of Previous Minutes (Raffaele Zuccolo)**
   a. approved

IV. **Treasurer's Reports (Aaron Thomas)**
   a. Chapter is doing well.
   b. Had a few old accounts receivable but the group is confident we can collect and will not lose members. Jeff Veilleux offered to help with the Associate members (FDS, Pinnacle, and Liebherr) while Matt Moynihan offered to help with the Contractor members (Legacy, Kulchin, and JAFEC)

V. **Committee Reports**

a) Associates (Jeff Veilleux)
Reminded everyone to think of silent and live auction items that can be used in our industry.

b) Fundraising (Jeff Veilleux)
Thanked all the sponsors and their contributions to the health of the chapter.
Becky is looking for a volunteer to help with the golf tournament – someone to call for sponsors as well as organizing the teams, etc.

c) Labor (Matt Moynihan)

- Collective Bargaining Agreement Updates: Operating Engineers Local 3 has ratified its Master Agreement for the 2026–2029 term. EA, Inc. has issued a Wage & Fringe Bulletin to signatory members reflecting the agreed wage and fringe benefit increases.
  - ADSC Labor Relations bulletins are distributed to signatory members via email. If you would like additional company representatives to receive these bulletins, please contact Matt Moynihan.
- ADSC/OE Local 3 Drill Rig Operators Training Class: The ADSC/OE 3 Drill Rig Operators Training Class will be held in December at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Training Center in Rancho Murieta. If you are interested in assisting with the training, please contact Will Gehrke.
- Pre-Job Conference/Keyman Agreement: Signatory members are reminded to notify the Operating Engineers and Laborers of pre-job conferences, particularly when transferring key employees.
  - Please ensure Keyman Agreements are completed with the Operating Engineers and Job Notification Forms are submitted to the Laborers.

d) AZDOT (Aaron Thomas)

Aaron reports not too many changes at ADOT. ADOT has enacted slump loss testing of concrete for drilled shafts in their special provisions for all upcoming bids (will be standard in next spec update). ADOT has been investigating the use of Thermal Integrity Profiling (TIP Testing) for shaft integrity testing, and it seems they will go this way in the future, but no timeline yet.

e) CALTRANS (Ray Fassett / Pete Speier)
Pete informed the group that Caltrans was hosting a Teams Call on May 21st @ 9AM to provide a tutorial of the Quail 2.0 software that is now required as part of Section 46 of the Standard Specifications. Contractor members that install ground anchors and soil nails for Caltrans are encouraged to attend.

f) HDOT (Matt Jannings)

g) ITD (Ryan Reavis)

h) AK DOT (Tait McCutchan)
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i) ODOT (Tait McCutchan)

j) WSDOT (Tait McCutchan)

k) NDOT (OPEN)
Tait McCutchan is going to try to find someone from Malcolm for this position.

l) Education/Training (Matt Jannings)

m) Membership (Matt Jannings)
41 Associates, 31Contractors and welcome to new member KB Technologies

Mary Pohlman with ADSC taskforce on membership shared a QR Code for membership satisfaction and surveys were printed and given to attendees. The taskforce encourages each chapter to recruit two new contractor members each year. Mary and her team are trying to help the chapters and would like a volunteer from each chapter to be part of the taskforce.

n) Safety (Ashley Mahaffey Tullius)
Committee is meeting tomorrow following the education session to tackle the safety video script and discuss ANSI standards.

Rick Marshall emphasized revised ANSI standard with important updates to working platforms, and additional requirements for using drill rig auxiliary line.

The certification task for is looking for volunteers for the written exams to create questions, please reach out to Rick if you are willing to help.

o) Steering Committee/IAF (Tait McCutchan / Ray Fassett)
Safety video for new laborers in progress, nothing else to report.

p) WCC IAF Trustee Report (Tim Rueda / Will Gehrke)
The IAF remains on life support, needs funds but still facing $500 maximum donor threshold, also needs to spend money to maintain non-profit status.

VI. WCC Administrator Report (Becky Patterson)

a. 2025 taxes completed with new CPA. CPA creating an investment plan for BOD to consider

b. Thanks to Chuck and Kathy Danache for once again delivering the giveaways.

c. Thanks to Kathy Danache and Kim Zuccolo for all their help

d. Presented 2028 locations (San Diego, Monterey, Pismo/Paso, Cle Elum); group voted for Cle Elum, Washington Suncadia resort

VII. International ADSC Report (Peggy Hagerty Duffy)

Summer Meeting will be held in Chicago July 18-22, including two separate education tracks on the last day. Lots of family activities are included, as well as the Hall of Fame induction for Bruce Long, Tom Witherspoon, Bernie Hertlein (posthumous), and Horst Aschenbroich (posthumous).

Safety Summit will be held in Dallas October 14 – 16, 2026. Registration coming soon.

The Southwest Geotechnical Engineering Conference will be sponsored TXDOT and is the same week as IFCEE. They have asked if we would be interested in hosting the conference at IFCEE, which we are. Participating agencies include Caltrans, Arizona DOT, New Mexico DOT, Nevada DOT, TXDOT, and Oklahoma DOT. This is a brilliant opportunity for our members to get time with state DOT officials in their area.

Annual Meeting will be in Amelia Island in January. More information coming soon.

IFCEE exhibit sales opened April 14th, and we have sold 75% of the space. The event will be held May 11 – 14, 2027 at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas (Dallas Metro Area). The technical program is in development and will be published prior to registration opening on December 1, 2026. Mark your calendars.

The corrosion research ADSC is participating in with FHWA is now being sponsored by a pooled fund sponsored by TXDOT. Hopefully, this will move things forward. Plans now are putting a potential schedule on field activities as September 2026. AH Beck and Sparta Crane and Drilling have agreed to do the field work.

The ADSC also has engaged with several states over the past year to review and help edit construction specifications. We are encouraging all the chapters to follow the West Coast Chapter model and assign a chapter member to interact with each DOT in their chapter area. ADSC national technical personnel are more than willing to help facilitate any engagement with agencies.

VIII. Report of Nominating Chairperson (Raffaele Zuccolo)

a. Matt Jannings and Tait McCutchan completed their terms.

b. Nathan Tourtellotte, Malcolm Drilling; and Brad Hutton, Pacific Foundation volunteered.

IX. Election of Directors (Becky Patterson and Past Pres.)

a. Board voted to accept the two candidates for the two positions. Brad Hutton and Nathan Tourttellotte.

X. Old Business

a. NCCCO ADSC Drill Rig Operator Certification program (Matt Jannings) ADSC Rick Marshall is looking for volunteers (two contractor members, and two associate members) for the written test taskforce.

b. Safety Video (Will Gehrke / Ashley Mahaffey Tullius) The Safety Committee will meet Friday following the education session to work on the safety video script.

XI. New Business

a. 2026 Fall Meeting date (E-meeting) (Matt Jannings) is October 1st at 10am.

b. 2027 Winter meeting date and location (Matt Jannings) January 15th, 2027, at PJ's Rebar in Fremont.

c. 2027 Contractor presentation volunteer Winter meeting (Matt Jannings) Case Pacific will provide the contractor presentation.

d. Drill Rig Operators school with Local 3 (Will Gehrke) is scheduled for December 7-11, 2026. Will needs volunteers to help with equipment and companies to send approximately 15 attendees!

Installment of new officers:
President – Ashley Mahaffey Tullius, Don H. Mahaffey Drilling; Vice Preesident – Aaron Thomas, Keller, N.A.; Secretary – Nathan Tourtellotte, Malcolm Drilling Company; Treasurer – Brad Hutton, Pacific Foundation; Director – Ray Fassett, Condon-Johnson & Associates; Director – Raffaele Zuccolo, Center Rock Drilling; Associate Chair – Jeff Veilleux, PJ's Rebar.