



CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF TESTING AND INSPECTION AGENCIES

September 23, 2021
Zoom Web Conference

Minutes - General Business Meeting

1. Call to Order – Augie Smarkel
 - a. Time
 - *The meeting was called to order by President Augie Smarkel at 3:05 p.m.*
 - b. Self-introductions
 - *The following members and guests were in attendance:*

<i>Corey Clarke (Structure Groups)</i>	<i>Augie Smarkel (Mid Pacific Engineering, Inc.)</i>
<i>Elizabeth Clarke (Structure Groups)</i>	<i>Linus Vitkus (Twining, Inc.)</i>
<i>Miki Craig (CCTIA)</i>	<i>Stephanie Wessel (Mid Pacific Engineering, Inc.)</i>
<i>Will Fong (Inspection Services, Inc.)</i>	<i>Wilson Ye (Consolidated Engineering Laboratories)</i>
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 24, 2021
 - *The minutes were approved as submitted.*
 - b. July 22, 2021
 - *The minutes were approved as submitted.*
3. Financial Report
 - a. Income Statement
 - *Executive Secretary Craig provided the financial report as of August 31, 2021. Revenues year-to-date are \$7,000.00, with expenses totaling \$247.15, leaving a net increase in reserves of \$6,752.85.*
 - b. Balance of Account
 - *The balance of the checking account at August 31, 2021 was \$46,016.27.*
 - c. 2021 Member Dues
 - *Executive Secretary Craig reported Construction Testing Services, Krazan & Associates, Inc., and Testing Engineers, Inc. have not paid dues for 2021. Reminders were emailed to each of the firms on August 20th.*
4. Committee Reports
 - a. ASTM – Chris Pollack
 - *No report*
 - b. SEAONC CQA – Jim Auser
 - *No report*
 - c. FAQs – Colin Stock
 - *No report*
 - e. Caltrans JTCP – Jim Auser
 - *No report*
 - f. DSA – Augie Smarkel
 - *President Smarkel reported he had not had any recent contact with DSA or Eric France. However, he noted his firm has had yet another project with failing rebar. Involved were a particular manufacturer's #5 coil bars, provided by a local rebar fabricator. Most of the failing rebars showed intermittent flattened deformations (on opposing sides), leading him to believe it may be an extruder or other mechanical processing issue.*
 - g. Membership – Chair TBD
 - *Member Elizabeth Clarke indicated she would be interested in serving as the Membership Chair. She indicated interest in determining what interest the members and draw them back to participation in the Council. President Smarkel explained he and several Board members had been working on drafting a survey targeted to provide that information. Following discussion, Member Elizabeth Clarke was appointed Membership Chair, and President Smarkel would retain control of the membership survey efforts.*
 - h. Communications – Tim Rodriguez
 - *No report*
 - i. Professional Development – John Atkinson
 - *No report*
 - j. Programs – Colin Stock
 - *No report*



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5. Old Business

- a. Member Survey – Augie Smarkel
 - See *Membership Committee report above*
- b. Succession Planning – Augie Smarkel
 - *President Smarkel re-introduced Stephanie Wessel, also employed by Mid Pacific Engineering. She will be assuming the Executive Secretary position when Miki Craig steps down at the end of the year.*
 - *President Smarkel noted he would be requesting money be budgeted next year to compensate Miki Craig for consultations when needed during the initial transition of the Executive Secretary position.*
- c. ICC Preferred Provider Program – Augie Smarkel
 - *President Smarkel reported he had registered CCTIA with ICC as a Preferred Provider, and the Council was not able to provide CEU's for in-person or online educational program. He noted he would like to put on a session just to see how it goes, and suggested a soil classification program he was working on. Executive Secretary Craig inquired if he or his firm had paid the fee to ICC, of which he was unsure. He will follow up on this item.*
 - *President Smarkel noted Director Linas Vitkus had offered to provide some of his in-house training programs for the Council's use.*
 - *President Smarkel indicated he would like to start this effort with a goal of one program per quarter in the next year.*

6. New Business

- a. Nominations for 2022 Officers and Directors – October Meeting
 - *President Smarkel reminded attendees the October 28th meeting would be focused on nominations and budgeting for the 2022 calendar year. The Board of Directors will meet at 2:00 pm, followed by a general meeting at 3:00 p.m. Attendance to both sessions is encouraged.*
- b. AWS Structural Bolting Inspection Endorsement
 - *Member Wilson Ye reported AWS is now offering a high strength bolting add-on endorsement to its Certified Welding Inspector program. Once successfully completed, it would attach to, and cycle with, an inspector's CWI recertification. He wondered if this endorsement could replace the ICC Structural Bolting Inspector certification in the future, and if the Council should exert some effort to make that happen. Executive Secretary Craig reminded him that it was the local jurisdictions who determine which inspector certification programs were acceptable to them to demonstrate competence, and they have been reluctant to adopt programs from entities competing with established ICC certifications.*
- c. ACI Masonry Lab Testing/Field Testing Technician vs. ICC Structural Masonry Inspector Certifications
 - *Member Wilson Ye noted ICC's masonry certification does not have a practical (hands on) examination as a part of its program. AASHTO/CCRL may be requiring certifications including both written and practical components during audits for accreditation. He noted AASHTO had recently accepted his firm's in-house program for the practical exam (which AASHTO had previously reviewed and approved for use) with an external written exam as satisfying ASTM C1093, but E329 requires external examination (written and practical) for the lab supervisor. ACI's Masonry Lab Testing Tech and Masonry Field Testing Tech both have a practical portion as part of their program, but certification sessions are not frequently offered at this time. He pondered if DSA might replace the ICC certification with the ACI certification in future.*
 - *Secretary/Treasurer Jeffry Cannon offered the following commentary to the question via email as he was unable to attend the meeting:*

“The ACI Masonry Field Testing Technician certification is what the field supervisor must have. We just went through this during our recent CCRL inspection. This is required by CCRL now if you are trying to get C1093 and E329. If you can find an equivalent certification, that would be accepted, however there must be both a written and a practical (hands on) portion of the exam. To CCRL's knowledge, only the ACI cert has this at this time. The DSA and ICC masonry certs do not include a practical portion, so they cannot be accepted. The laboratory supervisor must have the ACI Masonry Laboratory Testing Technician certification.”



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- *President Smarkel remarked that if CCTIA members would like to push back on this issue, he would be happy to reach out to AASHTO to present the Council's concerns and questions.*
- *Executive Secretary Craig noted the local ACI Chapter scheduled certification programs based on expressed interest or need. It provided two sessions each of the Masonry Field Testing Technician and Masonry Lab Testing Technician programs in 2021. As there is more interest in these certifications now, the Chapter will provide a greater number of sessions in 2022.*

7. Adjournment

a. Time

- *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Smarkel at 3:59 p.m.*

b. Next meeting

- *The next meeting will be October 28, 2021, via Zoom. The Board will meet at 2:00 p.m.; a general business meeting will follow at 3:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Miki Craig
Executive Secretary