

Director's Notes

A number of agencies have already announced cutbacks in transportation spending in 2015 due to the uncertainty of federal funds for transportation. These cuts directly affect EIG members.



Ed Rendell, former Governor of Pennsylvania, stated: "By doing nothing, we are hurting our economy, endangering our public safety and diminishing the quality of life of our citizens." Ed is chairman of the bipartisan infrastructure coalition along with former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and ex-Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Transportation funding is complicated by local and national election politics, and involves issues such as increased gas taxes, tax reform, repatriation and earmarks through the complex network of our federal government.

EIG continues to work closely with Barbara Burchett at CRSI on an implementation plan that can be shared with plants and their employees. At the upcoming EIG meeting in Tempe, specific steps will be presented on how to engage your politicians.

EIG Meeting - Tempe

EIG will be meeting in Tempe on March 10 at 10 am. Please let EIG know if you have not received an agenda for the meeting.

Elections for steering committee members will be held along with a presentation of the first Epoxy Interest Group Service Award that "Recognizes individuals that have contributed time, effort and support to further the use of Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Steel."

Please let EIG know if you did not get a copy of the agenda or minutes from the Fall Business meeting.

IDOT Training

Nearly 50 people attended the 2015 IDOT training session in Springfield IL.

The six-hour session included presentations from Ed Hughes from IDOT and Dr. Danielle Kleinhans from CRSI,

along with Dr. David McDonald from EIG. The presentations included updated information on the new requirements from the CRSI Standards and ANSI program.

Many thanks are extended to Tom Greenfield and Freddy Rocha from ABC Illinois, for assisting with the hands-on section of the training.



World of Concrete, Las Vegas, NV

I am grateful to the number of people who assisted with the booth for EIG at the World of Concrete. Many thanks are extended to the following for helping staff the booth:

Marshall Bonds – CMC Inc.

Bill Maniaci – Simcote Inc.

Jim Riemenschneider – Akzo Nobel

Andy Stevenson – Akzo Nobel

Thomas Greenfield – ABC Coating Company, Illinois

Fred Rocha – ABC Coating Company, Minnesota

Brent Toller – Western Coating

Fritz Herrmann – Western Coating

Steve Hall – 3M

Carrie Sayers – ABC Coating Company, Michigan

Sylvia Rocha – ABC Coating Company, Minnesota

Marcelo Acuna - ABC Coating Company, Inc.

Other exhibitors at WOC included Outokumpu, Atlantic Galvanizing and MMFX. Several exhibitors were also exhibiting FRP reinforcing steel, stating high strength and "self-extinguishing" properties. EIG handed out a number of copies of the CRSI document on the benefits of reinforcing steel.



Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) Fly-In

If Washington were a rational place, a major measure to rebuild roads, bridges, ports and airports would be a slam-dunk. Then why should you attend the TCC fly-in?

Efficiently meet with your representatives

Meet with the representative staff member specifically responsible for transportation

Develop a relationship with your local representatives

Show that transportation funding has a wide-spread interest

Talk about how transportation affects your business

The TCC fly-in will be held on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15. There will be a briefing on Tuesday morning from 9-11 a.m. at the Hyatt. Plans are underway for a CRSI luncheon meeting from 11:30-1:30. The TCC conference begins at 2:30.



ASTM

A main-committee ballot was held for ASTM A775. This ballot received eight negatives that will need to be resolved in Anaheim in May. Three relate to repair material thickness (5 vs 7 mil), while others relate to minor editorial changes and the inclusion of ASTM D3963 in the specification. PennDOT had negatives on the inclusion of retests for holidays, and several on the patching repair materials.

A sub-committee ballot was also presented to reduce the amount of CD testing from every eight hours to every 24, and this received one negative from PennDOT. Chris Hahin from IDOT suggested that the CD

test should be made supplemental, rather than mandatory. The other ballot item related to inspection requirements, which will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

NACE Corrosion 2015

The NACE corrosion meeting will be held in Dallas, TX. Technical Exchange and Task Groups of interest to EIG include:



- TEG 053X - Reinforced Concrete: Design, Evaluation, and Remediation
- TG 055 - Reinforced Concrete: Review and Revise as Necessary SPO308-2008
- TG 057 - Reinforced Concrete: Corrosion-Resistant Reinforcement
- TG 290 – Reinforced Concrete: Design Considerations for Corrosion Control

TG 057 has circulated a ballot that closes on March 17, 2015 and TG 290 is still negative ballots. Please let EIG know if you wish further information.

Quote

Absorb what is useful. Discard what is not. Add what is uniquely your own."

-- Bruce Lee

Date	Event
March 9 – 13	CRSI Technical Meeting, Tempe, AZ
March 15 - 19	Corrosion 2015, Dallas TX
April 12 – 16	ACI, Kansas City, MO
April 14 – 15	Legislative Fly-In, Washington, DC
April 19 – 23	AASHTO Sub-committee on Bridges, Saratoga Springs, NY
April 20 – 23	National Concrete Consortium, Reno, NV
April 30 – May 2	PCI Committee Days, Chicago, IL
May 4 - 6	CRSI Spring Meeting, San Antonio, TX
May 18 – 21	NTPEP, Scottsdale, AZ
May 18 – 21	ASTM A01, Anaheim, CA
June 7 – 10	IBC, Pittsburgh, PA
June 15 – 18	ASTM D04, Anaheim, CA