

**EIG Business Meeting
Tempe Mission Palms – Tempe, AZ**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Attendees

John P Simmet – Simcote	Jim Riemenscheinder – Akzo Nobel
Danielle Kleinhans – EIG	Tom Greenfield – ABC Coating
Andy Stevenson – Akzo Nobel	Tony Eilts – Harris Rebar
Tyler Arnone – Teme, Inc.	Freddie Rocha – ABC Coating
Wes Wojski – Simcote	David Wasz – BL Downey
Adam Simmet – Simcote	Fritz Herrmann – 3M
Jeff Estep – Western Coating	Caba Cer – Akzo Nobel
Steven Huang – Axalta	Alfonso Garcia – ABC Coating
Rob Phillippi – Axalta	Fred Rocha – ABC Coating
Steve Hall – 3M	Sylvia Rocha – ABC Coating
Meghan Hodge – Axalta	Marcelo J Acuna – ABC Coating
David Acuna – ABC Coating	Marcelo G. Acuna – ABC Coating
Jonathan Sowins – Valspar	Carrie Sayers – ABC Coating
Sandra Goebel – Valspar	Cyndi Garcia – ABC Coating
Pete Fosnough – Harris rebar	Rose Allen – ABC Coating

1. Anti-Trust

Chair JP Simmet called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and made attendees aware of Anti-Trust requirements of CRSI meetings.

2. Welcome

Chair Simmet welcomed all EIG members and Danielle Kleinhans as the new Managing Director for EIG to the meeting.

3. Introductions

All present introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Pete Fosnough to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Dave Wasz. The agenda was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Fall 2015 Minutes

A motion was made by Pete Fosnough to approve the minutes from our November 1, 2015 meeting, seconded by Sandra Goebel. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Steering Committee Review

A list of the current steering committee membership was reviewed. There are 9 current members. A request was received prior to the meeting from Steve Hall to serve on the steering committee. A motion was made by Andy Stevenson for Steve Hall to serve on the steering committee, seconded by Fritz Herrmann. The appointment was approved unanimously.

7. Managing Director's Report

Kleinhans reported information related to the 2015 budget as well as the 2016 budget and proposed activities. Questions regarding the cost of salary were raised, specifically whether it is currently being split between CRSI and EIG. Kleinhans indicated that she believed the full salary was being charged to EIG even though she was continuing to perform activities for CRSI. Kleinhans will confirm and inform Chair Simmet.

A request was made to add port authorities to the list of target contacts and to explore meetings that focus on county engineers. When information was presented about the still unpublished research report from SK Lee, a request was made for him to potentially present to the group at the Fall meeting.

Regarding the proposed list of meetings to attend, information was shared as to the organization of the National Concrete Bridge Council (NCBC). Kleinhans currently serves as Chair and indicated that the membership would be agreeable to her continuing as Chair. However, CRSI has the membership on the council and Greg Halsted has been asked to attend the meetings going forward. This issue will be discussed at the council's next meeting in July. A request was made that Kleinhans pursue adding EIG to the membership of NCBC.

8. Old Business

a. Fabrication Certification

A brief summary of the status of the certification programs was given. Members present expressed that it was the role CRSI to promote the programs and that discussion would be held the next day at the Epoxy Fabrication meeting.

b. Research funding for 2016

Ideas were discussed for areas where EIG could fund research. The recent requirements by PennDOT for patch materials was brought forward for discussion. Jim Riemenschneider presented a test program that could be pursued to prove the compatibility of the various patch and coating materials. The testing program would cost roughly \$90,000 and consist of approximately 72 samples/panels.

Riemenschneider has a proposal from WJE. Rob Phillippi also indicated that we should pursue trying to modify the language of ASTM D3963 Annex 2. There was a motion by Riemenschneider, with a second by Goebel that a task group consisting Kleinhans and one member from each powder supplier (Phillippi, Goebel, Hall, and Riemenschneider) set up a meeting with PennDOT to discuss the issue. The TG should (1) try to persuade PennDOT not keep the requirements, or (2) discuss minimum testing requirements to prove compatibility. Kleinhans will call a meeting of the TG.

Phillippi presented another idea for research to fund. A test for damage resistance could be pursued. The gouge test from the pipe industry had been proposed previously, but there are others to consider namely the cold stone chip test or the mason jar test.

There was a motion by Fosnough, with a second by JP Simmet that the same task group identified above (plus whomever from the powder suppliers could assist) look at potential test methods. A comment was made that perhaps this is more suited for another committee within CRSI, perhaps Durability. The TG will report back at the next meeting.

c. ASTM specifications

Fosnough reported that the D3963 standard may transition from the D committees to the A01 committee. Additionally, the cathodic disbondment testing requirements may be removed from A755 and A934 very soon. The next meeting is in early May in San Antonio. Kleinhans reported that she has joined the A01 committees already and will attend the San Antonio meetings.

d. Other old business

Kleinhans reported that the CRSI FAQ TechNotes on epoxy-coated and dual-coated reinforcement have been completed and are available for download on the CRSI website. Kleinhans also passed around copies for the group. The group inquired whether they can also be posted on the EIG website. Kleinhans will inquire as whether there is any IG or CRSI rule prohibiting this.

9. New business

a. Member support at exhibiting events

Fosnough proposed that members also attend events where EIG is exhibiting so that Kleinhans can attend additional activities at the event and the responsibilities of the exhibit would still be covered. This worked well at WOC. The group agreed that Kleinhans will circulate a Doodle poll or sign-up sheet for event with enough advance notice to allow for attendance. Kleinhans will distribute a spreadsheet outlining the potential activities for 2016 so that members will have a very early review of upcoming potential events. Kleinhans thanked the group for their support.

b. 2017 Calendar proposal

Fosnough proposed and Kleinhans added additional description about a potential calendar of epoxy projects for 2017. Dimension Fabricators calendar was cited as a good example of quality. It would require member support in providing photos and details about the projects. A task group was formed to assist with the effort, consisting of Carrie Sayers, Fosnough, Silvia Rocha, and Fritz Herrmann. Assistance from Leader Graphics will be needed. Sayers will chair the TG and Kleinhans will call a meeting to begin discussion and efforts.

c. Feedback on important items

Kleinhans asked whether the continued focus on 'green' or A775 was the desire of the group. The group indicated that 'purple' or A934 should be included as relevant/appropriate perhaps in proportion to the markets (the epoxy FAQ TechNote is a good example with photos of both).

d. Suggestions for organizational tweaks

A suggestion was made that additional efforts could be made to coordinate the group members outreach to DOTs. The group indicated that there is a file listed the prioritization of state DOTs. Kleinhans will look in the EIG files. Perhaps a common presentation for use by members could be created so that the message is consistent. Kleinhans will explore how this can be accomplished. The group inquired as to the efforts of the CRSI region managers with respect to the DOTs. Kleinhans relayed that it was her understanding that they were not focusing on DOTs but would undoubtedly have some contact.

The group indicated that they liked that current newsletter schedule (monthly for members and quarterly for anti-corrosion times).

Kleinhans called for any additions to the distribution list for the Interest Group. Please email or call to add people to the list or to inquire whether you are or our colleagues are on the list.

10. Adjourn

Kleinhans thanked the group for their warm welcome and expressed her excitement to work together to guide the efforts of EIG.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm by Chair JP Simmet.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Kleinhans
March 17, 2016