



## Minutes of a Natural Stone Council

Board of Directors Meeting

April 9, 2013

Present: Moe Bohrer, Rob Teel, Will Bybee, Jeff Buczkiewicz, William Swift, Josh Levinson, Bill Halquist, Rick Dilts, Brenda Edwards, Mark Sawyer, Bill Hood, Mike Schlough, Tom Decker, Jim Owens, guests Monica Gawet, Joe Dellacroce, Dave Melum, and Todd Schnatzmeyer, and Executive Director Duke Pointer.

Working with a 9-item agenda, Chairman Moe Bohrer called the meeting to order at 3:04 and read the anti-trust invocation. Bohrer then did a roll call of the Board. The minutes of the previous meeting, held March 12, 2013, were approved as presented (Motion: Dilts, Second: Edwards with unanimous approval).

Buczkiewicz briefly discussed the financial report noting that as of the end of March, revenues were \$ 2,519.00 and expenses were \$ 32,151.00, thus showing a net loss for the period of \$ 30,642.00. Cash on hand as of 3/31/13 was \$ 141,068.52. Duke noted that the pledges, which totaled \$ 41,500.00 at the end of March, were now \$ 49,400.00 including a recent \$ 5,000.00 check from Diaz Stone and Pallet. The report was approved as presented (Motion: Owens, Second: Sawyer with unanimous approval).

Bohrer noted that Pete Roehrig was unable to be on the call, but that he is continuing work on a short article, updating the group on the MSHA pattern of violations which can literally shut down companies. He will distribute it to the Board so that the Associations can send it to their members.

Attention then turned to the Committee Reports. Gawet noted there was not much new to report on MSHA/OSHA, though they now know what the survey should address. The goal is to get the associations to collect data from their members on a quarterly basis. Hood noted that they hope to have the survey done by 5/31 and they are in the process of establishing point people from the participating associations. Halquist will handle the Survey for the ASI, and Decker will do the same for both the NY and PA Bluestone folks. Buczkiewicz will take care of it for the Mason Contractors

Melum discussed the Environmental Compliance Committee, noting the concern about the attempts at rule-making given that there are many variables in the construction industry. As OSHA is reportedly going to cut the silica limits by half, and will try to enforce this, we need to be pro-active. The point was made that there have been many studies on silica but there's no general method of monitoring same. In reality, it's hard to create one standard to fit the entire industry. Buczkiewicz has talked to many brick folks who are concerned with MSHA, who is in process of establishing silica limits as well, thus we may want to talk to them also. Jeff will send Dave the contact information and plans to go to DC soon to address. He will keep us in the loop.

Regards the website, Duke noted that routine updates had been made and that he was getting more comfortable with its workings. When Roehrig's article is done it will be added to the site.

Regards sustainability, the revised version was supposed to be released yesterday but apparently is still unavailable. No one can do anything until Geibig adds the revisions. Moe and Duke will call him for an update. Bohrer noted that the concrete people recently had a conference in Toronto on sustainability that was attended by 200 people, with an additional 100 attending via webinar. We must get this out ASAP, as we are being left behind.

Dellacroce reported on Fund Raising activities, noting that he's trying to schedule a conference call with the Committee. He has had good success so far, and suggested that the Board members call people they know, as this is the best way to get contributions. Many of the granite folks are concerned with the radon issues, thus may not give as much to the NSC as they have in the past, at least in the short term. Joe noted that Adam Diaz had given \$ 5,000.00 and is a bluestone guy who also is in the lumber business. He has lots of experience with sustainability as it relates to lumber and would be a good addition to the Committee. Joe would also like to get him to address the Board. The point was made that we still need to put out a letter with bullet points. Joe has a previously-written letter noting same, but it needs updated and revised, plus it

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didn't get wide distribution when it was first written. Those points will also be brought out in the new video, and the letter should come out at the same time.

Attention then turned to the video, with Duke noting that interviews would take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the ILI meeting in Bloomington, IN and on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Coverings. These will be done in 15-20 minute slots similar to what was done with the previous video. Duke will put together a list of who is available and if necessary will schedule those who can't make either of these to come to Cleveland to finish up.

Duke, in his Executive Director's report, reiterated that the NSC will have a booth at the AIA show in Denver from June 20 to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as at Green Build in Philadelphia in November. There's been some interest expressed for a booth at AIA in Chicago in 2014, but NSC's participation will depend on our financial situation. It was noted that the BSI is having the Tucker Awards at the same time as the Chicago show, and perhaps a group could get together and have a booth.

Regards BIM, Buczkiewicz stated that there would be a webinar tomorrow morning if anyone is interested. He noted that things are moving forward and Phase II is coming.

Bohrer expressed his appreciation to Schnatzmeyer and Dan Rea who are doing a Sustainability presentation at Coverings.

It was noted that the latest issue of the Slippery Rock Gazette has an article on Walker-Zanger and Jonathan. Following the meeting Duke sent the Board a link to the article.

There was no new business.

The next Board meeting will be on May 14, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. (Motion: Owens, Second: Edwards).

Respectfully Submitted:

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Secretary: Jim Owens