



Preservation Engineering Technical Committee Meeting Minutes November 18, 2009

Addressed to the APT Preservation Engineering Technical Committee (PE Tech. Comm.)
Membership

This is a brief summary of the PE Tech. Comm. meeting that took place at the APT-LA Conference on November 4 and 5, 2009. On Wednesday the committee met from 3:00 pm to about 5:30 pm and on Thursday the committee met from 8:00 am to about 9:00 am. The following persons were present at the Wednesday November 4 meeting.

John Dumsick (Co-Chair)*	Robert Silman Assoc.
Tim Crowe (Co-Chair)*	Wiss Janney Elstner Assoc.
Jonathan Barnett	Simpson Gumpertz & Heger
Nick Artim	Heritage Protection Group
Mike Schuller	Atkinson-Noland Assoc.
John Matteo*	Robert Silman Assoc.
David Look	David Look Research
Andy Ferrell	NCPTT
Craig M. Bennett Jr.*	4Seinic
John Wathne*	Structures North
Rick Ortega	
Kelly Streeter*	Vertical Access
Eric Jokinen*	Jokinen Engineering
Pat Morrissey*	Com Spec Assoc.
Larry Graham	Wiss Janney Elstner Assoc.
Derek Trelstad*	Robert Silman Assoc.
Robert Young	University of Utah
Carolyn Searls*	Simpson Gumpertz & Heger
Myles McDevitt*	Gov. of Canada
Michael Lynch*	Kaese & Lynch
Curt Drake	Heritage Architecture
William Ellinger III	Ellinger Architects
Charles Bransby-Zachary	GB Geotechnics
Bob Hunnes	Equicomp Inc.
Doug Porters	University of Vermont
Ron Anthony*	Anthony & Assoc.
Anne Sullivan	Sullivan Preservation
Marilyn Kaplan	Preservation Architecture
Ernie Conrad	Landmark Facilities
Maurice Schickler*	
Steve Kelley*	Wiss Janney Elstner Assoc.

* Indicates person attended Thursday November 5 meeting also.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. Introductions were made (co-chairs, members)
2. A brief overview of PE Tech Comm 2009 Annual Report was presented, this report has been previously forwarded to the membership. If anyone is in need of a copy, contact one of the Co Chairs.
3. The following three initiatives were suggested for inclusion in the PE Tech Comm's strategic plan by Anne Sullivan, (APTI- President)
 - a. Endeavor to create technical workshops with an overall objective of about one workshop per year.
 - b. Continue to create Practice Point write-ups for APT Bulletin.
 - c. Create "Road Workshops" that could travel to various destinations. Initial contact has been made to enable proceedings for the creation of a Wood Workshop in Taliesin, Spring Green, Wisconsin.
4. A motion was presented by Steve Kelley for the PE Tech Comm to commit to having a work shop at each annual conference. The motion was seconded by Rick Ortega and passed unanimously by the committee. The following task group will work with the conference committee for APT-Denver that is to take place in 2010.

Steve Kelly
Rick Ortega
Larry Graham
5. It was discussed that a review of past publications be reviewed to determine what topics have not been covered in the APT Bulletin for both articles and practice point write-ups to help ensure that these topics are complete and current. Derek Trelstad noted that his recent article in the APT Bulletin can serve as a base to work from as part of this effort.
6. It was discussed that the workshops endeavor to obtain recognition be NCEES or other appropriate authorities to confirm that continued education credits can be extended to engineers. At present APT has only coordinated this effort through AIA for architects. The concept was presented to help give participants confidence in completing license renewal applications and to enhance marketability of the workshops to the engineering community. Mike Schuller stated that this would be an appropriate task for the Education Committee to pursue and stated that the PE Tech Comm. can let them take care of this issue.
7. Several additional initiatives were discussed as a group and explored in greater detail during breakout sessions. Six breakout sessions were held and are briefly summarized below:
 - a. **Publications** breakout - Rick Ortega contact person
 - i. Will work on Iron and Steel write-up in upcoming bulletin
 - ii. Work on Paper Bibliography

- iii. Work on linking bibliography with searchable database
 - iv. Continue efforts on practice points
- b. **PE Tech. Comm. - Reaching out to other organizations** - John Dumsick
Contact person
- i. Extend efforts to connect with universities.
 - ii. Previous initiatives indicated that this effort may also include other professional organizations as well
- c. **Wood workshop** - Ron Anthony stated subsequent to the meeting that he would like to take the lead on effort.
- i. Anne Sullivan stated that Taliesin (Spring Green, WI) showed interest in having a wood workshop at their campus, the specific time framed (one or two days) was not yet resolved.
 - ii. Ron Anthony stated that he had a program that was recently presented by APT and that this program can be summarized and presented to Taliesin although the workload for the Denver conference and geographical logistics necessitate having local presenters. It is anticipated that an Architect, Engineer, wood scientist, and contractor may be an appropriate team for this seminar. These positions have not yet been filled.
 - iii. It was also discussed that the session can include a field trip to help on site diagnostics and field conditions that need to be resolved for remediation concepts. If a field trip is to be included it will likely require two days.
 - iv. Anne stated that she would present the concept and determine the type of seminar Taliesin was interested in and if they had a preference for a one day or two day seminar.
 - v. It is anticipated that this effort would be coordinated with the local APT Chapter.
 - vi. At present we are looking for volunteers to make Spring Green presentations.
 - vii. Mike Schuller added the enclosed write-up regarding this break-out session.
 - viii. **Denver workshop** - Ron Anthony will be working on conference but subsequent to the meeting stated that the task group should communicate thoughts and plans for the workshop with Bob Ogle or Mike Schuller.
 - 1. Possible issues related to foundations may be appropriate given the atypical soil conditions encountered in this region

- c. John Dumsick noted that the issue of Co Chairman has not yet been resolved. The motion was made to make Tim Crowe co chair of the committee and passed unanimously.
 - d. The issue of additional committee officers was discussed that resulted in the following two unanimous motions:
 - i. There will not be a treasurer in the committee.
 - ii. There will be a third Co Chair with a priority of this position be given to a Canada representative at this time. Currently Myles McDevitt is considering this position.
 - iii. The position of the third co chair is to be resolved within the committee by the December 31, 2009.
2. The discussion of committee correspondence distribution was discussed as follows:
- a. The creation of a distribution list was suggested to help confirm that all persons are being included in communications. Tim Crowe noted that we have a sizeable distribution list at this time but it is likely not complete or current. Thus, the Co Chairs request that committee members encourage interested parties to send emails to John and Tim to help refine this list.
 - b. It is intended to post Meeting minutes on the APT website under PE Tech Comm.

This concludes the notes from discussions held on Thursday morning.

If there are any items that committee, members would like to add to this record, they should send them to both committee chairs for redistribution.

Sincerely,

Tim Crowe and John Dumsick