



Technical Committee for Materials

Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2019, APTI Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida

1. Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.
2. Sign-In: A sign in sheet was circulated for those in attendance.
3. Mission Statement: Chris read the mission statement to the group (see below). Reiterated that our goal is to be an information clearinghouse.

Our primary goal is developing a dynamic method for sharing information among preservation professionals through workshops, conference sessions, and cooperative efforts with other preservation organizations.

The committees focus topics include:

- the fundamental properties of building and repair materials
- historical information on material manufacturing and assembly
- sources of historic materials.
- preservation and replication using substitute materials
- meeting national and international treatment standards

4. Update on last year's initiatives
 - a. Wiki Page progress deceleration: Lorraine described the progress made with the database development, and the roadblock encountered when AIC determined it wanted to present a more uniform face with its materials entries rather than having each group do it's own thing. At this deflection point, Lorraine and Chris were in the process of turning their attention to developing the testing workshop for this meeting, and so the process was tabled.
 - b. 2019 Conference Workshop success: Chris described the workshop developed and just completed for the 2019 meeting. The title of the workshop was "Using Testing to Inform the Preservation Design Process." The workshop, which was sold out, used a local building (the Shoreland Arcade) as the subject matter. Speakers included David Wessel, Anne Sullivan, and Emily MacDonald-Korth; Lane Burrit and Brooke Russell facilitated throughout as workshop participants. Participants included a wide range of specialties and levels of expertise, which led to interesting discussions. Thanks to all TCM members that participated in the early stages of outlining the subject matter.

The hope for this workshop was that it could be taken on the road, using different speakers and different subject buildings, adapted to each location.

5. New initiatives

- a. Survey Monkey Survey: To get information about the future directions for the Technical Committee, a Survey Monkey survey was developed and sent to all current TCM members (i.e. anyone for whom Lorraine had an email address that expressed interest in the group). Of the 60 members surveyed, responses were received from 18 members before the conference. New initiative options were based in part on the successful calls that the Technical Committee for Sustainable Preservation has been doing. These involve a 2 hour teleconference with the content summarized by a TC-SP member. The most favored options presented were as follows:

Q1. Treatment review round-table. We anticipate this could take the form of a 1-2 hour teleconference, with topics to be selected by TCM members.

Q2. Materials analysis round-table. Could take the form of a 1-2 hour teleconference along the lines of an “ask-me-anything” interchange with a professional on the topic of a particular kind of analysis. Or could be a conversation about various options for a specific type of analysis.

Q4. Product “ask-me-anything” teleconference. A “lunch-and-learn” type format using the APT Zoom line (a screen-sharing utility), with the option to ask questions. We think this would be great for those who work alone or in small offices.

The other two options presented were a Wiki blast to work on development of the database which was not favorably reviewed, and the idea of developing a list of testing resources, which received favorable reviews, but there were comments suggesting the idea needed development. Lane Burrit volunteered to coordinate this effort.

Discussion:

- It was suggested the Materials Roundtable topics be selected with an eye towards development of Practice Points on the subject.
- There was discussion of how to best coordinate the conversations. Lorraine suggested just using the Zoom conference line.
- There was the suggestion of having multiple networking locations hosted by a single entity to promote person-to-person conversations—apparently APT NE has done this. Publications Committee may be able to facilitate this interaction.
- Apparently APTI has a YouTube channel, and they welcome suggestions of playlists. Perhaps a materials-related playlist could spin off from the roundtable topics also.

6. Discussion of other topics from members.

- a. Overlap with TC-Modern Heritage: Carolyn Searls noted that there has been discussion within the Technical Committee for Modern Heritage about interest overlaps with TCM. Mary Jablonski offered to be the liaison between the two groups.