Notes From The Director

The PCANY Spring 2019 meetings have been scheduled for Thursday, May 9th. Our regular membership meeting will be from 9:00 to Noon in AGC Conference Room in Albany. NYSDOT will join us in the afternoon starting at 1:30.

Anyone is welcome to join us Wednesday evening before the meeting for an informal Dutch treat dinner at the Barnsider Restaurant on Sand Creek Road. We typically meet for cocktails at 6PM.

Warmest Regards,

Ronald E. Thornton, P.E.
Elephant Crossing Tunnel—Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Syracuse, NY

Submitted by Jay Abbey of Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp

The Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse is expanding their Asian Elephant Preserve from 4.5 acres to over 6 acres and replacing the current boardwalk with a new visitor walkway. The elephant crossing features a precast tunnel where visitors can walk overhead. The tunnel, consisting of 120 pieces 8’ wide x 16’ high, was cast with a mid-seam joint to facilitate shipping.

The project was funded by Onondaga County with support from Friends of the Zoo and is expected to be complete by spring of 2019.

Project Credits:
Owner: Rosamond Gifford Zoo
Engineer-of-Record: VIP Architecture
Specialty Precast Engineer: Delta Specialty Precast Engineers
Precast Manufacturer: Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp
Precast QC Technician Qualifications

By: Ronald Thornton, P.E.

In order to be considered as approved producers of precast concrete products for NYSDOT projects, each precast-er must submit and adhere to a comprehensive QA/QC plan. Included in the QA/QC Plan are the qualifications for technicians who perform various inspection and testing activities. NYSDOT Materials Procedure 09-02 states that “A QCT-1 is required to be on site for each production shift where work is being performed for the Department...” The qualifications for QCT-1 include ACI Grade 1 certification and completion of either NPCA Production and Quality School (PQS), Level 1 or PCI Level 1 & 2 Quality Control and Assurance School. PQS Level 1 covers as-ppects of concrete batching & mixing, reinforcement, production practices, and quality control.

The above qualifications are the minimum required. However, most precasters go far beyond the minimum by of-fering ACI Certification and advanced PQS courses to several employees leading to Master Precaster designation. Some businesses ask “What if we spend money training our employees and they leave?”. The Precast says “What if we don’t invest in training our employees and they stay?”

Please feel free to contact our office or any of our precast producer members with questions about personnel qual-i fications. All of our members and contact information may be found in the PCANY Buyer’s Guide located on our website at www.pcany.org.
ABCD Annual Dinner & Bridge Awards
The Association for Bridge Construction and Design will fold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 16th at the Red Osier Landmark Restaurant in Stafford, NY. Sponsorships are being accepted. Contact Mike Davidson (mdavidson@jmdavidsoneng.com) or visit www.abcdwny.org for information.

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