

Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

Jimmy's Conference Center, Vadnais Heights, MN
Friday, December 8, 2017

The 2017 CPAM annual membership meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome from CPAM Executive Director Matt Zeller. After he announced new members since last year's meeting, meeting attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Zeller then offered a recap of the year, noting that 2017 was a "down year" with 2018 looking better. MnDOT is making a concerted effort to let more concrete projects. The county side had another strong year with 2018 looking good too, with a forecast of close to one million square yards.

He next spoke of the recent deaths of two long-time members, Eno Olson (Shafer Contracting Company) and Donny Shonyo (PCi Roads), noting their contributions to the concrete paving industry. Zeller concluded his presentation by stating that "we have the best concrete pavement in our country."

Zeller then introduced this year's guest speaker, CPAM's new member Tom Olson with Olson Construction Law, P.C. Olson has over 30 years of experience representing roadbuilders throughout much of the country. He has significant experience analyzing why concrete roads crack and suffer other performance problems through no fault of the contractor. He told attendees that his role is to "help you resolve issues fairly and reasonably on the job site." It's important to figure out why; for instance, why did random cracking occur? What part of the contract requirements did the contractor fail to meet? If the criteria were met from a build standpoint, the contractor is not responsible for cracking due to improper design. He closed by saying that issues should be able to be resolved on the job site vs. the courtroom.

Zeller then turned the meeting over to Sam Gramling, President of CPAM's Board of Directors, who called the official meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Gramling noted that last year's membership meeting minutes were approved by Gary Oster (Cemstone), Dave Meyer (Continental Cement Company) and Bill Carlson (GRT), and available on the CPAM website. This year's meeting minutes will be reviewed by Alex Ugalde (Diamond Products), David Castleberg (Ready Mix Concrete) and Jake Steinberg (Highway Materials, LLC). Once approved, they will be available on the CPAM website.

Matt Zeller then presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Sarah Bazey, CPAM Treasurer. Matt noted that CPAM was in good standing. Gramling added that although 2017 was a lean year and the budget showed negative, through the hard work of CPAM staff, we ended in the black.

Gramling continued the business meeting, noting there was no old business. He then began new business by noting retiring board members Steve Gerster and Mike Kelly, thanking them for their time served. The Nominating Committee Report followed. A ballot with nominations for the CPAM Board of Directors for 2018 was reviewed by attendees, and the floor was opened for any additional nominations or changes for the open board positions. No changes or additional nominations were offered. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the entire slate of nominations. Voting was conducted by voice vote, and the ballot was approved with nominations "as is."

President Gramling then transferred the presidency of CPAM to President-Elect Todd Callahan by the traditional passing of the gavel. President-Elect Callahan entertained a motion to adjourn the business meeting as his first order of business. Motion made, seconded and approved. The business meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

A drawing for door prizes followed, ending at 2:45 p.m.