



American Concrete Institute

MINUTES

Committee C 670 Masonry Testing Technician

Mission:

To maintain, and update programs for use in certification of persons involved in or interested in testing masonry materials in the field and laboratory.

Rio All-Suites Hotel
Las Vegas, NV, USA

Monday, October 15, 2018
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Conga-C

Members:	Chris Robinson (Chair) Jan Prowell Nick Lang Vartan Babakhanian	Phil Samblanet (Sec.) Jamie Farny Werner Hellmer Steve Gray	William Ciggelakis Tracy Grover Wayne Wilson
Guests:	Claire Banner (staff) Forrest Grayson	Rick Van Horn Scott Hougard	James Bristow

- 1.0 Chair's Opening Remarks: Meeting called to order by Chairman Robinson at 3:00 pm. Chair Robinson welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance and asked for brief self-introductions.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes: Secretary Samblanet asked if Section 7 of the minutes was correct, and whether the question was appropriate. Chair Robinson noted that yes, they were correct, and they helped him form the agenda for this meeting. As such, Samblanet moved to accept the minutes as shown. Grover seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without dissent.
- 3.0 Committee Membership: Chair Robinson asked if anyone wanted to change their status on the Committee. Babakhanian noted he had requested membership. Staff could not confirm receiving a membership application. Staff to investigate the issue and respond.
- 4.0 Report on ACI Certification Activity; ACI Staff reported overall certification activity across all 25 current ACI Programs was up 8.1% with 24,869 exams being processed through July

2018. Masonry exam activity was down -50% during this same period with 49 Field and 17 Lab Tech exams being processed. Currently the program has 129 Field and 196 Lab Tech Registered Certifications. 23 Local Sponsoring Groups are approved to administer the exam; although, it is unclear how many have actually offered the exam. In California it was mentioned that OSHPOD and DSA are requiring the certification and the CA ACI Chapter was preparing to offer the ACI Program.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Member Prowell reported comments from last meeting and asked if inspection/accrediting bodies were requiring the full test method be covered in the certification process (i.e. per E329 requirements)? Prowell noted he was not aware of these requirements. Member Ciggelakis noted that everything in the ASTM is required to be demonstrated and tested, otherwise labs can be given a non-conformance if there is not a record (internal and external) of certification. Prowell requested that Ciggelakis send him specifics to review.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Chair Robinson announced that Member Wilson would be taking over as the new C670 Chair at the close this meeting.

6.2 Field Performance Exam Checklist: Member Samblanet asked if the checklist revisions were complete, Chair Robinson confirmed that all the revisions were completed during a conference call held in May.

6.3 CP-70 ACI Masonry Technician Workbook: Concern was expressed over the current format, noting that the bleed tabs were not placed on each section pages as hoped; and this is causing confusion. After considerable discussion, it was agreed to request that ASTM provide the standards so that either variations of gray shading, or bleed tabs for relevant sections be shown on the pages to indicate requirements that are covered in the field, lab, or both certifications.

7.0 Adjournment at 4:00 pm.

7.1 Next meeting: Monday 3:00p-4:30p, C-205 A; Quebec City Convention Centre, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Meeting sign-in sheet