

## 2012/2013 Division & Class Report to the ACerS Board of Directors

Division/Class: Structural Clay Products (SCP)

Current Division/Class Officers: these officers served until May 2013

Chair: Jim Hopkins

Chair-Elect: Greg Grabert
Vice-chair: Bill Daidone
Secretary: John Hewitt

## **Incoming Division Officers:**

**Note:** SCP changed officers at its meeting in May 2013. The division is meeting in March next year and maybe in March in future years and they will discuss when to change officers in coming years.

Chair: Greg Grabert Chair-Elect: Bill Daidone Vice-chair: John Hewitt

Secretary: We are currently looking for a member to fill this role. I will forward the name as soon as

we have secured someone.

Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2012 through Oct. 2013):

We had a very successful Spring meeting in conjunction with the National Brick Research Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, from May 13-15, 2013. We toured the facilities at Interstate Brick Company and our technical program consisted of presentations by 9 speakers at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel.

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2013 – October 2014):

We are planning a meeting in Tennessee in March 2014

## New Initiatives/Opportunities:

We have decided for the near future to hold meetings in conjunction with NBRC. This allows our division to resume yearly meetings and boosts attendance for both SCP and NBRC during these slow economic times.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 26, 2013 meeting:

SCP has struggled to get a commitment for a Fellow to sit on the Panel of Fellows. Most Fellows are either retired or do not want to make the commitment.

We need a mechanism to elevate non-academics to the rank of fellow. Jim Hopkins and Dr. Garth Tayler have given many years to the SCP industry and are both more than deserving of that honor. (note from Marcia: I have talked to Greg about the process to nominate both people. Neither has ever been nominated)

## Issues/Concerns:

A topic that continues to be a concern for our division has to do with the issue of ACerS Fellows. There are actually two issues of concern: (1) getting members of the SCPD elected to the grade of Fellow and 2) not having Fellows in our division to serve on the Panel of Fellows. We feel we are a part of the chicken and egg dilemma. I have brought this to the attention of Dr. Dick Brow and have asked for help in this matter.

Additional Items of Note: none

Financial Statement: attached

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