The Structural Clay Products Division met in North Canton, Ohio, on May 3. The SCPD coordinates their division meeting with the National Brick Research Center, which is headquartered at Clemson University in South Carolina.

More than 80 people—mostly brick manufacturers and industry suppliers—attended. The half-day technical program covered pending EPA regulations, testing, pigment engineering, and façade and thin brick production. The National Brick Research Center held its membership meeting after the SCPD activities finished.

ACerS president Mrityunjay Singh, who works about an hour away from the meeting’s location, took the opportunity to attend and greet the Division and its NBRC colleagues.

Adhering to SCPD tradition, the second day of the meeting featured a plant tour and lunch. This year’s host was The Belden Brick Company in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The family-owned business was founded in 1885 and is run by Robert Belden, a fourth-generation Belden brickman. University of Notre Dame alumni or fans will be interested to know that Belden Brick has supplied UND with its brick for decades.

Details about the next SCPD meeting are to come. Meanwhile, here are some photo highlights from SCPD 2016.