

Construction Alliance

*American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri
American Institute of Architects, St. Louis Chapter
Associated General Contractors of Missouri
Construction Specifications Institute, Greater St. Louis Chapter
International Facilities Management Association, St. Louis Chapter
St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers*

Meeting Notes January 20, 2022

Attendees

Jon Danuser, AGCMO (retired)
Mike Deihl, AGCMO
James Delgado, IFMA
Cary Duchene, ACEC-MO
Lisa O'Brien Enger, AIA-St. Louis
Mike Erdtmann, ACEC-MO
Steve Gantner, CSI
Denise Hasty, AGCMO

Todd Jacobs, AIA-St. Louis
Joe Kaiser, AGCMO (retired)
Dennis Lavalley, SLCCC (retired)
Linda Moen, ACEC-MO
Sheila Miranda, AIA-St. Louis
Len Toenjes, AGCMO
Todd Welz, ACEC-MO

After introductions a brief history of the Construction Alliance was provided to attendees. This included its early beginnings, the purpose and scope of the Construction Guidelines produced by the alliance and a summary of why today's meeting was called to potentially reconstitute the alliance into an endeavor that brings value to its participants.

No topic was determined prior to the meeting, so a variety of topics were discussed including the endeavor undertaken by the St. Louis Association of REALTORS® regarding standardization of St. Louis County's building codes across all municipalities, the St. Louis Permitting Collaborative, the status of statewide codes, vaccine mandates and their impacts, materials cost escalation clauses in contract documents and more.

It was suggested associations represented at the table remain diligent about disseminating the information / discussion at these meetings to their membership.

Moving Forward

Due to a standing conflict with the current quarterly schedule of meetings, it was agreed to move the future meetings to the second Thursday of the first month of each quarter. Each meeting will remain a lunch meeting, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM though a nominal fee may be

charged to cover the cost of lunch. No virtual option was offered for today's meeting and attendees agreed that this should remain the case with upcoming Construction Alliance meetings to encourage free and open dialogue.

Potential future issues discussed included

- Specific topic from a Construction Guideline
- Workforce Development / Retention
- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion (DEI) issues Countywide Codes
- Materials Cost Escalation / Supply Chain Issues

As a means of dissemination, the possibility of a podcast being taped in the week after the alliance meeting including a recap by two or three participants of discussions held. AGCMO has the infrastructure in place for these podcasts to be created and developed.

To Do

- D. Hasty will provide updated calendar information to all participants. (Note that more individuals can be added, so long as discussion remains manageable and the group doesn't become unwieldy.)
- In the month prior to each upcoming meeting, D. Hasty will poll a representative of each association to determine a topic. The topic would be announced in advance of the meeting to allow participants the opportunity to gather their thoughts and/or prepare anything they would like to share.

Revised Dates of Meetings

(11:30 AM – 1 PM)

April 14th

July 14th

October 13th