



**The Industry/University Cooperative Research Center  
for Integration of Composites into Infrastructure (CICI)**

**Industry Advisory Board, Fall 2020 Meeting**

**December 4, 2020**

*Closing meeting minutes*

Time reported is based on EST.

12.01 PM - Center report presentation by Dr. Puppala. Discussion of Rotation of center leadership implemented, IAB Chair, mission, membership fee: benefits of new structure discussed. News from each site was also presented. Refer to the presented slides for details.

12.15 – L.I.F.E forms review by Stephen McGregor. Review of progress ratings, comments, and updates of all site projects: a total of 16 projects. Refer to L.I.F.E. comments and responses for details.

12.16 – TAMU;

12.22 – WVU;

12.31 – UM; #12: John Busel mentioned other standards referring to non-concrete based standards such as FRP used in metal and timber structures. This was noted.

12.40 – UCSU.

12.47 – Comments by Dr. Anand Puppala. Next meeting tentative dates May 26 and 28, 2021, same format (virtual) as this meeting. A save the date will be sent to all IAB members.

12.55 – Breakout session started. IAB discussion (closed door). IAB closed meeting ended at 1.40.

12.42 – Comments by Dr. Vijaya Gopu:

Introduced Vice-Chair of IAB meeting: John Busel.

IAB understands the need for additional time to respond to IAB recommendations from the last meeting due to COVID and recommends providing a plan with a timetable to close items raised by IAB in the past meeting.

Presentations were good and very good content. Suggestion to include the context in future presentations (in the mission of CICI) as well as the specific deliverables.

Websites should include project ‘capsule/summary’ which includes all project information. IAB will recommend a project capsule format, but this should be included in the website for IAB to access as needed. Also, include projects on the website so that they can access if they can’t attend IAB meetings.

IAB will find it useful if an IAB member list with contact details (name and email) is made available including site investigators (faculty, staff, and students). Dr. Anand Puppala mentioned there is a list and will review and update and provide after the meeting.

1.00 - IAB Closed Meeting

CICI Closed IAB Meeting Attendance (12/4/2020)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company/Agency</b>	<b>CICI Site Affiliation</b>
Al Florez	IFI Houston	TAMU
Egor Litvinov	Galen Panamerica	UM
John Busel	ACMA	UM
John Fuess	ThermaFoam	TAMU
John Lostumbo	TenCate, Inc	TAMU
Stewart Kriegstein	Warstone	NCSU
Vijaya Gopu	LTRC	WVU
Yatish Jakatimath	Terracon	TAMU
Zhitao Zhang	LiteForm Technologies	UM
Aniket Borwankar	Simpson Strong Tie	UM
Virek Chikyala	KenallGeo	TAMU
Stephen McGregor	Center Evaluator	CICI

1.50 – Dr. Anand Puppala provided an open floor to introduce recent/new IAB members: Aniket Borwankar (UM); Al Florez, John Fuess-Thermafoam, John Lostumbo, Yatish Jakatimath, Vivek Chikyala (TAMU members) introduced themselves and also extended their excitement on the projects underway, and look forward to continuing their collaboration with CICI.

1.58 – Final acknowledgments and closing comments by each Site Director. Overall, IAB meetings are well received and appreciated, IAB membership and support is welcomed and gratefully appreciated, especially as we are still adapting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Special thanks to Dr. Congress and Stephen McGregor.

2.02 PM – Adjourn

Minutes provided by Francisco De Caso and edited by Surya S C Congress.