



ARIZONA PERMIT TECHS MINUTES

"Promoting Communication and Uniformity"

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MISSION

To represent the interest of the Building Departments, promote professionalism and share information with Building Departments and Professional Organizations across the State of Arizona

Arizona Permit Techs
is a Committee of AZBO
(Arizona Building Officials)



Date: Wednesday December 12, 2018

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Place: Simpson Strong-Tie
154 S. Kyrene Rd Chandler AZ

Attendance: (10)

Dawn Nadeau, Town of Gilbert
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MEET 'N GREET

Meeting began at: 10:15 a.m
Self-Introductions & Welcome- Ella Ochoa, Vice Chair
Featured Topic: **Tour of Simpson Strong-Tie Facility.**

We welcomed and thanked our hosts of Simpson Strong-Tie, Territory Managers, Brett Cotten & CJ Dal Pra. Also available for the tour and hands-on demonstrations were Jason, Paul and Ruben. Mr. Cotten gave a brief summary and history on how Simpson Strong-Tie started business. Mr. Simpson Barclay was the founder from 1956. There are 4 regions of the business, Arizona being in the Southwest Region. The business also has Global outreach, so their products are used world-wide. The facility located in Chandler Arizona is a brand new constructed building that is approximately 32,000 square feet, and has been in full production for about 6-8 months now. CJ announced that the latest/newest version of their product catalog would be released in January.

Items of discussion included connectors, anchors, and epoxy. There are over 10,000 different products. "Strong Walls" were also shown and explained. A hands-on experience grabbed the attention from us as we utilized some of their tools which gave a better understanding of how their products tie into our daily duties of inspections. A tour and walk through were given of their warehouse and production areas. After the tour, lunch was provided along with snacks upon arrival.

Thank you again to Simpson Strong-Tie for their time and providing snacks and lunch, we greatly appreciated all of it! ☺

Business meeting:

Ella and Tabitha reminded our attendees that we still have one vacant Member position on our board. If anyone has any interest or questions, they can reach out to any of the board members.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be a half-day session to be held in March at Town of Gilbert- TBD. This topic will be aimed at Fire Safety and the Fire Code. Keep your eye out for the agenda. Ceu's are still to be determined.

As a reminder, our meetings are not just for Permit Techs (or like job titles/responsibilities) anyone is welcome & encouraged to attend. This is **our** organization and it will only succeed with **your** participation.

Plan Review study sessions with Sharon Bonesteel:

Of the 20 seats we had initially hoped to fill, we actively have 12 permit techs attending the plan review study sessions. We have been meeting every other week for approximately a 10 week period. Goal of this training is to then take the ICC test! 😊 Courtesy of Integrity Electrical Services of Tempe AZ for offering us their training room to make this possible.

Job Postings:

There are job postings that can be viewed via the AZBO website. Please visit the website at: <https://www.azbo.us/>

Reminders:

- We'd like to remind everyone that in order to be considered a "member" of AZBO, and/or the Permit Tech Committee: you must be a member of one of the following Chapters;
 - *Central Arizona Chapter
 - *Southern Arizona Chapter
 - *Grand Canyon ChapterIf you have any questions, please inquire with any of the board members.
- AZBO Spring institute 2019 will be in Tucson. Keep an eye out for the registration & brochure information that will soon be posted on the website at: <https://www.azbo.us/>

AZPT LOGO ITEMS @ CAFÉ PRESS:

Permit Tech logo items can be purchased anytime via the website at: <http://www.cafepress.com/azbo> and delivered to your doorstep! AZBO logo items are also available using the same link.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

Please share these Minutes with your co-workers. If anyone would like to be part of the Committee please contact us with their email address.

Your ideas and participation are greatly appreciated! Please feel free to contact any board members with any suggestions.

