

American Concrete Institute
Committee ACI 314 — Simplified Design of Concrete Buildings

October 18, 2004

Dear members of ACI Committee 314:

First, I want extend a warm welcome to this new committee to all of you.

You must have received a letter from ACI Headquarters informing that you have been elected to the Committee.

The Technical Activities Committee – TAC – of ACI International created this new committee during their summer meeting. They approved the following title and mission:

Title: Committee 314, Simplified Design of Concrete Buildings

Mission: Develop and report information for the simplified design and economical construction of concrete buildings of limited height

This is certainly a challenging task. We will meet for the first time during the San Francisco, California, Convention on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at the Union Square 15 Room of the Hilton San Francisco Hotel.

We will devote a great part of the meeting to discuss how to accomplish our task. The concern that current codes and regulations for the design and construction of reinforced concrete may be too complex for buildings of limited height has been voiced by many engineers throughout the world for many years. The challenge is develop procedures that may be used to design and build these buildings without taxing the structural engineer and the builder with unnecessary complexities.

There are many issues associated with the results, whatever they may be, of our task. During our first meeting we should discuss all the possible avenues of work and their corresponding implications. Please be sure to bring all the ideas you have with respect to how to accomplish our task. We have scheduled during our meeting a set of short 10-15 minute presentations of related work by people that were involved in their drafting. If any of you have relevant related experiences and are willing to present them, please let me know to include them into the proposed presentations.

I will be looking forward to see you in San Francisco.

Best regards,

Luis E. Garcia
Chair Committee ACI 314

Enclosures: Agenda for San Francisco and Committee Rooster

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ACI 314 Committee Meeting — San Francisco CA Convention
Union Square 15 Room at the San Francisco Hilton
Wednesday, October 27, 2004 — 8:30 to 11:30 AM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review agenda
3. Mission and Membership
4. Short presentations on related work
5. Discussion on future tasks
6. Definition of Task Groups and tentative schedule
7. Next meeting
8. Other business
9. Adjournment

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Rooster

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