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Memorandum

To: Members of ACI Committee 348
From: Hani H. Nassif, Committee Chair
Re: **ACI Committee 348 Structural Safety**

Dear Members and Friends,

Please find enclosed the minutes of our meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The minutes were prepared by Sofia Diniz, which is acknowledged with thanks. Also, please find enclosed a copy of the agenda for our upcoming meeting in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to be held on Monday, March 31, 2003. Our meeting will take place in the Grouse Room, between 5:00-6:30 pm.

Thanks to Andy Nowak for presenting his work on the development of load and resistance factor for ACI 318 during the committee meeting. A copy of their presentation is included with the minutes and is also available on the ACI website under committee 348.

An important item is to organize the two sessions on Load Models and Material Statistics for Washington, DC, in Spring of 2004. Both sessions are extremely important given the new development in code calibration practices and the emergence of new high performance concrete and construction material. It is my intention to include peer-reviewed and selected papers in a special publication that will be organized with the help of Sofia Diniz. A call for papers and a potential list of speakers will follow and the preliminary program will be mailed to ACI by the time we will meet in Vancouver. I encourage all members to be involved in this effort and submit papers for both sessions and help with the review process of the papers.

I look forward to seeing you in Vancouver.

cc: Om Dixit, TAC Contact
Daniel Falconer, ACI Staff

ACI Committee 348

Structural Safety

Monday March 31, 2003, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Grouse Room, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, BC, Canada

AGENDA

Call to order

The agenda items are:

1. Introduction
2. Minutes of the meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, Monday, October 22, 2002.
3. Development of rational strength reduction factors for ACI 318 (Nowak)
 - a. Current status
 - b. Progress reports
4. Load Models (Diniz/Nassif)
 - a. Special Publication.
 - b. Call for Papers and Review process.
5. Statistics for Concrete Construction Material and Data Bank
6. Current & Future sessions:
 - a. "Material Properties and Resistance Factors for Buildings and Bridges," New Session for Washington, DC, Spring 2004, (Nassif/Diniz)
 - b. New session on "Load Models for Concrete Structures" for Washington, DC, Spring 2004, Spring 2004. (Diniz/Nassif)
7. Membership updates
8. New business
9. Next Committee meeting
10. Adjournment