Anthony E. Fiorato, FACI, ACI Past President, and an active member of ACI Committee 318, Structural Concrete Building Code, was named the Executive Director of the Slag Cement Association (SCA) earlier this year. “His depth of knowledge about sustainable construction and the role that slag cement can play in advancing green building solutions is a tremendous asset that we believe will enhance the performance and visibility of the SCA,” said Angus Jappy, SCA President. Fiorato served as President and CEO of CTLGroup from 1999 until his retirement in 2007. From 1989 to 1999, he was Vice President of Research and Technical Services for the Portland Cement Association (PCA). He joined PCA in 1973 as a Structural Engineer and served in a number of professional and management positions within the association and its subsidiary, CTLGroup. Fiorato was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2008.

The Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) has appointed Mary Ellen Bruce as Technical Activities Manager. Her duties include supporting DFI’s technical committees by advising and assisting with their publications, seminars, short courses, and other activities. Bruce will also help market DFI. She received her BS in civil engineering from the University of Maryland and her MS in geotechnical engineering from Cornell University. She worked as a geotechnical engineer for Woodward-Clyde Consultants in Baton Rouge, LA, and Paul C. Rizzo Associates and Gannett Fleming, Inc., in Pittsburgh, PA, before founding Geotechnica, s.a., Inc. in 1998. She is a licensed professional engineer.

CTS Cement Manufacturing Corp., Cypress, CA, has named Walter (Jerry) Hoyle as President. He previously served as the company’s Executive Vice President. With more than three decades of experience in the cement industry, Hoyle is recognized as an expert in the industry. His career path includes managerial and operational experience. Hoyle replaces Bill McCormick, who will remain with the company as Senior Executive Vice President. During McCormick’s 12-year tenure as President, he skillfully led CTS Cement to sales growth of more than 500%.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Samuel Yen-Liang Yin, Chief Executive Officer of the Taiwan-based conglomerate Ruentex Group, is the recipient of the 2010 Henry L. Michel Award for Industry Advancement of Research from the American Society of Civil Engineers. The award honors global leaders in design and construction research whose vision and dedication have laid cornerstones for improving the quality of lives around the world. Named by Forbes as Taiwan’s 17th wealthiest man, the engineer and entrepreneur received his award at the 2010 OPAL Gala on March 25 in Washington, DC. An active philanthropist, Yin is also a Professor of engineering at National Taiwan University, where he received an MBA.

James S. Pierce, ACI Honorary Member and Past President, has been honored with the Bryant Mather Award from ASTM Committee C01, Cement. He was recognized for his contribution to C01 standards as Co-Chair of the Joint American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials-C01 Harmonization Task Group. Committee C01 also cited Pierce’s long history of leadership and support. Pierce is the retired Chief of the Water Resources Services Division, Technical Service Center, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO.

Lawrence (Larry) G. Griffis, President of the Structures Division and Senior Principal with Walter P Moore, Houston, TX, was presented with the National Council of Structural Engineers Association’s James M. Delahay Award for 2009. This award recognizes outstanding individual accomplishments toward the development of building codes and standards.

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) honored three longtime industry leaders by electing them honorary members of its Board of Directors. Thomas Chandler, John Novak, and Murray Simpson have each served as Chairman of the Association’s Board of Directors, along with participating in numerous NRMCA committees and industry working groups over the years. Each of them has played key roles in shaping the association’s growth and effectiveness as it has become the leading voice of the ready mixed concrete industry.