Venkatesh Kodur, FACI, was named Chair of the Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE). Kodur is a Professor and Director of the MSU Center on Structural Fire Engineering and Diagnostics, and Associate Chair for CEE graduate studies. He joined MSU in August 2005. He has published more than 350 peer-reviewed papers in journals and conferences and has given numerous keynote presentations. Kodur is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Structural Engineering and Journal of Structural Fire Engineering, and Chair of ASCE’s SEI Structural Design for Fire Conditions Standards. He has won the AISC Faculty Fellowship Award, MSU Distinguished Faculty Award, NRCC (Government of Canada) Outstanding Achievement Award, and NATO Award for collaborative research. At MSU, he has established unique structural fire test facilities and a high-profile research program in structural fire engineering. Kodur received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering at Bangalore University, India, and his master’s and PhD in structural engineering at Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, Canada. He is a member of various ACI committees.

Honors and Awards

The American Society of Civil Engineers’ (ASCE) Board of Direction elected ACI member Gary Y.K. Chock and Kenneth C. Hover, FACI, as part of the Class of 2016 Distinguished Members. ASCE’s highest accolade, distinguished membership is reserved for civil engineers who have attained distinction in some branch of engineering or in the related arts and sciences, including the fields of engineering education and construction.

Chock is an international leader in multi-hazard analysis and planning. He was honored for leadership in structural engineering practice, and tsunami, hurricane, and earthquake preparedness. He is the Chair of ASCE 7 Subcommittee, Tsunami Loads and Effects, where he has greatly contributed to the ASCE 7-16 Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures chapter. Chock is President at Martin & Chock, Inc. He is a member of ACI Committee 375, Performance-Based Design of Concrete Buildings for Wind Loads.

Hover is a research expert on concrete materials. He was honored for research on concrete properties and performance, particularly the freezing-and-thawing resistance of high-strength concrete and for educating and mentoring future structural engineers. Hover is a civil engineering professor at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He was awarded the Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellowship, the highest teaching award from Cornell. Hover is an ACI Past President and a member of various ACI committees.

Lehigh University’s Dan M. Frangopol, FACI, was elected into the Academia Europaea. The goals of the Academia include promoting the value of European scholarship and research, as well as making recommendations to national governments and international agencies concerning matters affecting science, scholarship, and academic life. Frangopol also received an honorary doctorate (Laurea Magistrale ad honorem) from the Politecnico di Milano (Polytechnic University of Milan). Additionally, the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Hunan University, Beijing Jiaotong University, and Chongqing Jiaotong University all recently conferred honorary professorships to Frangopol. These achievements are on top of the Outstanding Projects and Leaders (OPAL) Award for a lifetime achievement in civil engineering education that Frangopol received in March from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and Lehigh University’s 2016 Hillman Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising. He is a member of ACI Committees 348, Structural Reliability and Safety; S803, Faculty Network; and Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 343, Concrete Bridge Design.

ACI member Ed McGuire, President of Bob Moore Construction, received the 2015 Murray Parker Memorial Award from the Tilt-Up Concrete Association (TCA). This award is presented to a contractor who has contributed significantly to the growth of the tilt-up construction industry. McGuire is a leader and expert on concrete and tilt-up construction with over 30 years of industry experience. He has provided executive-level oversight for all construction and field operations for Bob Moore Construction since 1992, managing project management and field personnel, coordinating and negotiating with clients, and overseeing ongoing projects. McGuire is a Past President and Vice President for the TCA Board of Directors. He is Chair of ACI Committee C650, Tilt-up Constructor Certification; Secretary of 211, Proportioning Concrete Mixtures; and a member of 302, Construction of Concrete Floors; 360, Design of Slabs on Ground; and 551, Tilt-up Concrete Construction.