

ACI Low-Carbon Concrete Code

The ACI Technical Activities Committee approved a new technical committee: ACI Committee 323, Low-Carbon Concrete Code. The committee's mission is to "develop and maintain code requirements for low-carbon concrete."

The committee will meet at the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2023 in San Francisco, CA, USA, with Matthew Adams, FACI, as the inaugural Chair. If you are interested in the work of this committee, you are encouraged to join.

ACI President Tours the Gulf Region

In December 2022, ACI President Charles Nmai had the opportunity to tour the Gulf Region, attending the BIG 5 Event in Dubai, UAE, before traveling to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for meetings with the Saudi National Building Code, the Gulf States Organization, and the leadership team at NEOM.

The Gulf Region tour ended in Jordan, where partner agreements were signed with the Royal Scientific Society of Jordan and the Iraqi Ministry of Construction, Housing, Municipalities and Public Works, in conjunction with a workshop on "Assessment and Rehabilitation of Existing Concrete Structures" organized by the Jordan Concrete Association. The workshop was held at the Princess Sumaya University for Technology in Amman and was highlighted by a brief address from Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan of Jordan.



ACI President Charles Nmai, ACI staff, and HRH Princess Sumaya with workshop participants

The ACI Snell Lecture

The ACI Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Student Chapter is hosting its second annual "The ACI Snell Lecture" on April 12, 2023, at 12 p.m. CDT. This event is being held at SIUE and virtually via Zoom.

During this lecture, ACI Past President and Fellow Mike Schneider will present "The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) Columbus, Ohio." This presentation will

cover the planning and construction of the concrete frame for this unique structure. The featured challenges of the project include architectural off the form concrete, building a concrete frame with no dimensions, and building a complex concrete structure with curved walls and sloping voids.

For more information and to register, visit <https://acimissouri.org/meetinginfo.php?id=221&ts=1675122919>.

DCC Awards 2023 Call for Entries

The Decorative Concrete Council (DCC), a specialty council of the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC), announced its International Project Awards 2023 Call for Entries.

Entries are invited in the categories of cementitious overlays, cast-in-place stamped, stained and dyes, polished concrete and overlays, cast-in-place special finishes, countertops/furniture/firepits, vertical/façades, concrete artistry, multiple applications, architectural cast-in-place concrete structures, project video, and decorative resinous coatings.

The deadline for entries is April 28, 2023. Entries are judged equally on aesthetics, craftsmanship, functionality, creativity, and safety.

The awards will be presented at the ASCC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, USA, on September 27, 2023, at the organization's awards dinner.

For more information, visit <https://asconline.org/Decorative-Concrete/Awards-Program>.

International Codes Development Process Changing to Continue Building Code Modernization

The International Code Council (ICC) is revising its code development process. The changes will take effect in 2024-2026 for the development of the 2027 International Codes (I-Codes) and will move the development process to an integrated and continuous 3-year cycle.

In the new timeline, year one will include two Committee Action Hearings for Group A Codes; year two will include two Committee Action Hearings for Group B Codes; and year three will be the joint Public Comment Hearings and Online Governmental Consensus Vote for both Group A and B Codes.

The addition of the second Committee Actions Hearings in years one and two will foster a more in-depth vetting of code change proposals, allowing an opportunity for the committee members to review and evaluate the original proposals and consider the submitted responses. This will also provide more opportunity for proponents to build consensus for their code change proposal and ensure the best version of their intended improvement to the existing codes.

With combined Public Comment Hearings in the third year, voting members can vote on all suggested changes to the next edition of the I-Codes at one time. The updated process also provides more opportunity for proposed new referenced standards to be developed and finalized on a consistent timeline regardless of the group (A or B) with which they are associated.

ASCC Officers for 2023-2024



Klemaske

Chris Klemaske, Sundek National Accounts, Grand Prairie, TX, USA, was elected as President of the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC), St. Louis, MO, USA, for 2023-2024. Elected Vice Presidents included Paul Albanelli, Albanelli Cement Contractors; Anthony DeCarlo Jr., TWC Concrete, LLC; Cory Lee, Martin Concrete; and Maizer Oujidani, The Conco Companies.

Aaron Gregory, Gregory Construction, was re-elected as Treasurer. Ray Merlo, Merlo Construction Co., and David Somero, S&S Concrete Floors, were re-elected Directors. Newly elected Directors are Jeff Coleman, Coleman & Erickson, LLC, and Matt Poppoff, Poppoff Inc.

In addition, ASCC Specialty Councils took the following actions:

The Decorative Concrete Council (DCC) elected Rich Cofoid, The Euclid Chemical Company, Cleveland, OH, USA, as Council Director. Elected Council Director-Elect was Michael Campbell, Trademark Concrete. Jeff Keyes, Solomon Colors, Inc.; Victor Klemaske, T.B. Penick & Sons, Inc.; Ronaldo Traballo, Bomanite Southeast Asia Pte, Ltd.; and Jeremy Wilkerson, Structural Services Inc., were elected as Directors. Diedre Dann, Sundek National Accounts, and Rob Sousa, Modern Concrete, are newly elected Directors.

The ASCC Safety & Risk Management Council (SRMC) elected Heather Baines, North Coast Concrete, Cleveland, OH, as Council Director for 2023-2024; and John Messing, Joseph J. Albanese Inc., as Council Director-Elect. Jason Anglin, Christman Constructors, Inc.; Joe Garza, DPR Construction; Joe Rock, Concrete Strategies; Willie Seiler,

Keystone Structural Concrete; and Jason Sisk, Wayne Brothers Companies, were re-elected Directors. Greg Miller, Webcor Concrete, was elected as Director.

John Fauth was elected as Secretary of the Manufacturers' Advisory Council (MAC) Board. David Aiken, CEMEX; Mindy Kruggel, Transshield/TopCure; and Kris Nagy, Caterpillar, Inc., were re-elected Directors.

The Concrete Polishing Council (CPC) elected Ryan Klacking, Syncon, Inc., Livonia, MI, USA, as Council Director, and Tom Binkowski, Barton-Malow, as Council Director-Elect. Re-elected Directors were Bill Bencker, ACE/AVANT; Bruce Ferrell, PROSOCO; John Haines, Hyde Concrete; and Clif Rawlings, SASE.

Elected new Directors were Steve Parker, Applied Flooring, Inc.; Jameon Schwarz, Pro Concrete Design; and Rick Zingale, Centennial Surface Technology.

ACPA Announces New Board Members

The American Concrete Pumping Association (ACPA) announced the election of its Executive Board at the ACPA Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation on January 18, 2023, in Las Vegas, NV, USA, during World of Concrete 2023. Nominated to serve a 1-year term, the newly elected Executive Board members are: President, Wayne Bylsma, Cherokee Pumping, Inc.; Vice President, Art Fink, CF&T Concrete Pumping; Secretary, Eric Duiker, CanCrete Equipment; Treasurer, Nathan Germany, Tri-Way Concrete Pumping, Inc.; and Past President, Gary Brown, R.L. McCoy, Inc.

ACPA also announced the results of recent elections for the following board positions.

Pump Directors include Dennis Andrews, Andrews Equipment Company, Inc.; Scott Barnhill, BURNCO Texas; Clint Price, Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping; and Tyler Wood, McClure Concrete, Inc.

Regional Directors include Region 1, Lee Roy Thompson, Champion Concrete Pumping, Inc.; Region 3, Nick Avella, Modern Concrete Pumping Services, LLC; and Region 5, Carl Walker, Central Concrete Pumping.

Distributor Director is Eric Duiker, CanCrete Equipment.

Manufacturing Directors include Bill Dwyer, Putzmeister America, Inc., and Bill Murray, Schwing America, Inc.

In Remembrance

ACI Honorary Member **John E. (Jack) Breen** passed away on February 14, 2023, at the age of 90. He attended Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, USA, on a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship, receiving his civil engineering degree in 1953. He received his master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri. He then received his PhD from The University of

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Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA, where he taught for many generations. Breen received various university and national awards for his teaching.

Breen made many significant contributions to structural concrete research, winning several awards for published papers, including the 1972, 1979, and 2008 ACI Chester Paul Siess Award; the 1993 ACI Wason Medal for Most Meritorious Paper; and the 2002 ACI Design Award.

He was a leader in the development of design and construction standards and a consultant for both structural concrete buildings and bridges. Breen was elected to both the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences. He was widely recognized internationally, receiving the 1990 FIP Medal, the 2000 IABSE International Award of Merit, and the 2002 *fib* Freyssinet Medal. In addition, he received the 1981 ACI Joe W. Kelly Award, the 1987 ACI Arthur R. Anderson Award, and the 1994 ACI Alfred E. Lindau Award.

He was a past Chair of ACI Committee 318, Structural Concrete Building Code, and Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 441, Reinforced Concrete Columns.

ACI member **John R. Wilson** passed away on January 10, 2022, at the age of 91. He received his BS in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, USA, after which he served as an Officer in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Following his military service, Wilson received his MS in civil engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA, and produced a thesis which explored the effects on concrete of high energy impacts from sources such as nuclear blasts. He obtained his professional engineer license in 1964.

Wilson's career ranged from research to field engineering to his

consulting business, Wilson Technologies, where he served as a mentor to countless engineers in the concrete industry. He served as a

Certification Examiner for the ACI National Capital Chapter. He was also a lifetime member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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