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ACI Nebraska Chapter New Officers and Board Members

The ACI Nebraska Chapter elected its 2024 Officers and Board of Directors at the Chapter's annual meeting on February 4, 2024. The 2024 Officers and Board of Directors include:

- Officers: Kelly Naslund, President, Ready Mixed Concrete-Kearney; Shawn Wentworth, President Elect, Enterprise Precast Concrete, Inc.; Keegan Nelson, Vice President, Durex Products Inc.; Mark Flott, Secretary, Omaha Public Power District; Michael Willman, Treasurer, W.R. Grace; Tyler Jensen, Past President, Ash Grove Cement Company; and Jereme Montgomery, Executive Secretary, Stephens and Smith Construction.
- Board Members: Chris Corr, Olsson; Michael Gerdes, Thiele Geotech Inc.; Matt Nelson, Lamp Rynearson; Marc Maguire, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Devon Barrett, Lyman-Richey Corporation; and Tyler Fehringer, Hawkins Construction Company.

For more information, visit www.acinebraska.org.



ACI Nebraska Chapter 2024 Officers and Board Members (from left): Jereme Montgomery, Michael Gerdes, Devon Barrett, Tyler Jensen, Kelly Naslund, Michael Willman, Shawn Wentworth, and Chris Corr (not pictured: Keegan Nelson, Mark Flott, Matt Nelson, Marc Maguire, and Tyler Fehringer)

ACI Western University Student Chapter Hosts ACI Ontario Chapter

On February 28, 2024, the ACI Western University Chapter, London, ON, Canada, hosted its first event with the ACI Ontario Chapter to celebrate a shared passion for concrete and construction.

Mike Martin and Maria Camila Castro Garrido, Executive Board Members from the ACI Ontario Chapter, attended, along with other esteemed guests: Ken Coley, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Western University; Ashraf El Damatty, Chair of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department; and Maged A. Youssef, Student Chapter Faculty Advisor.

The meet-and-greet presentations were followed by tours of Western University's renowned research facilities. This event, along with those to follow, aims to foster collaboration and provide students with exposure to professionals in the concrete industry.



ACI Western University Student Chapter meet-and-greet and research lab tour

ACI Texas State University Student Chapter's Concrete Repair Project Submitted by Joseph Grout

The ACI Texas State University Student Chapter celebrated the success of its spring semester service project, where students engaged in concrete repair work at Our Lady of Wisdom, San Marcos, TX, USA. The project gave students the opportunity to participate in a concrete repair project, starting with a safety meeting followed by demolition work. Old, damaged concrete was removed with jackhammers. Rusted reinforcement was exposed, cleaned, and resealed. Students got to participate in hand-patching the wall, setting formwork, and placing concrete for large patches.

This project was made possible by collaboration with Dan Wicht and Aaron Williams from Western Specialty

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Contractors. The project was enriched by Jose Madrigal’s tool demonstrations from Hilti. Allison Carrigan Lea from Master Builders Solutions contributed materials, demonstrations, and breakfast tacos. John Wedgworth II and the ACI San Antonio Chapter facilitated essential personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement. Tom Deming, the Development Director for Our Lady of Wisdom, was thrilled to facilitate this project. This collaborative effort exemplified the spirit of community engagement and hands-on learning, leaving a lasting impact on all involved parties.



ACI Texas State University Student Chapter’s concrete repair project

ACI Carolinas Chapter Seminar

The ACI Carolinas Chapter hosted a full-day educational seminar in Charlotte, NC, USA, on February 7, 2024, titled “More to Concrete Than Compressive Strength.” Attendees gained perspective on the crucial roles that other mechanical properties, durability, and in-place testing play in concrete construction; and how slab construction and safety evaluation of existing structures are about more than just strength. It was a great day of learning and conversation.



Presentations at the ACI Carolinas Chapter Seminar

Events of the ACI IUBAT Student Chapter

The ACI International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) Student Chapter convened a webinar on February 26, 2024, titled “Air Content in Concrete – Issues and Challenges.” The webinar featured Zahid Hossain, Professor of civil engineering at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR, USA, as the keynote speaker. He shared updates on recent research endeavors at Arkansas State University related to air content issues in concrete technology. A diverse audience comprising students and faculty from the IUBAT Department of Civil Engineering participated in the webinar. Additionally, students from various other ACI student chapters joined, fostering cross-border learning and collaboration. Md. Monirul Islam, Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, and Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, IUBAT, chaired the session. Assistant Professor Anisuzzaman Khan, ACI IUBAT Student Chapter Advisor, and Professor Suvash Chandra Paul, also provided guidance and support.

On February 7, 2024, the ACI IUBAT Student Chapter organized a charity event to distribute winter clothing for underprivileged children near the Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The event exemplified the spirit of compassion and solidarity within the ACI IUBAT Student Chapter, reaffirming its commitment to serving the community and fostering positive change.



Participants at the ACI IUBAT Student Chapter charity event

Reactivated ACI Manuel L. Quezon University Student Chapter

Manuel L. Quezon University (MLQU), Manila, Philippines, is returning to the global stage as it seeks reaccreditation for another year of dedicated service to its student chapter. After a pandemic-induced pause, the ACI

MLQU Student Chapter is now diligently working on compiling the necessary documentation for reaccreditation with ACI. This reinstatement signals its commitment to upholding and enhancing the standards of excellence within the university's concrete community. With its dedicated student membership, the organization has successfully brought together a vibrant community of 122 members, encompassing not only passionate students but also chapter officers who play pivotal roles in steering the group toward its goals.

Upcoming events will include a General Assembly and Seminar to introduce ACI to student members, a 4-day ACI Code seminar, a Concrete Quiz Bee, the Earth-Shaking and Bridge-Making Competition, and professional and career development.



Members of the ACI MLQU Student Chapter

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