

ACI Staff Nehasil and Morrison Elected as ICT Honorary Fellows

John Nehasil, ACI Senior Managing Director of Certification and Chapters, and **Michael Morrison**, ACI Director, Certification Program Development, were elected as Honorary Fellows of The Institute of Concrete Technology (ICT) on April 11, 2024, at its 45th general annual meeting at the Hillscourt, Birmingham, UK. Honorary Fellowship is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to concrete technology.



John Nehasil (left) with Colin Nessfield, ICT President, after being honored as an ICT Honorary Fellow



Michael Morrison (left) after being recognized as an ICT Honorary Fellow

ACI to Host Fourth Annual “24 Hours of Concrete Knowledge”

Registration is open for the fourth “24 Hours of Concrete Knowledge,” a free, virtual conference organized by ACI. Beginning at 2 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on July 9, 2024, the event will bring together members of 24 chapters and partners of ACI to present the latest research, trends, and studies from their countries to the concrete world. The conference will conclude 24 hours later.

“ACI’s global reach is on display throughout the 24 Hours of Concrete Knowledge Conference,” said Frederick H. Grubbe, ACI Executive Vice President. “To gain firsthand knowledge on what is happening in the worldwide concrete industry, tune in to the exciting presentations, discussions, and

remarks that cover happenings and perspectives from Hong Kong to Baghdad to Mumbai. This is a ‘can’t-miss’ event!”

“Positive proof that ACI is always advancing,” said Michael J. Paul, ACI President. “This year’s 24 Hours of Concrete Knowledge promises to be our best one yet as experts from around the world share their insights about the most abundant manufactured material on earth.”

Along with Maria Juenger, ACI Senior Vice President, Paul invited all who are interested in learning more about concrete construction, design, and repair to join ACI this July. Roughly 1 month after the 24 Hours of Concrete Knowledge is completed, all 24 hours of presentations will be available on-demand to registered attendees.

Participating ACI International Chapters include China, Republic of Colombia, Egypt, Guatemala Chapter and Institute of Cement and Concrete from Guatemala (ICCG), India, Iraq, Northwest Mexico, Singapore, and Southeast Mexico.

Participating ACI International Partners include Asociación Científica Técnica de Hormigón Estructural (ACHE), ALCONPAT Internacional, Concrete Institute of Australia (CIA), Concrete NZ Learned Society (New Zealand), Federación Interamericana del Cemento (FICEM), Fédération internationale du béton (*fib*), Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO), Ghana Institution of Engineering (GhIE), Housing and Building National Research Center (HBRC), The Institute of Concrete Technology (ICT), Instituto Brasileiro do Concreto (IBRACON), Japan Concrete Institute (JCI), Korea Concrete Institute (KCI), RILEM, and Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (UIPE).

NRMCA Announces New Chief Operating Officer

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) named **Deborah Malone** Chief Operating Officer of the Association. Malone will be responsible for running NRMCA’s day-to-day operational activities that help drive value for membership and align with NRMCA’s mission. She will also be working across the organization to help identify and develop new revenue streams.

Malone has more than 30 years of association experience, much of it with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). She began her career at NAHB supporting its grassroots lobbying efforts as a member of NAHB’s Federal Government Affairs Team. Prior to joining NAHB, Malone directed the membership, lobbying, and operations needs of other Washington, DC, USA-based trade associations. Her 30-year career at NAHB has provided her with experience in many critical association efforts, including implementing programs designed to advance the Association’s legislative

priorities; growing the organization's global presence and membership; and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Association's technology needs. Malone was NAHB's Chief Operating Officer for nearly 20 years, providing her the opportunity to work with the leadership at both the member and staff levels on a broad array of association priorities, including NAHB's governance process, strategic planning efforts, and all capital and facilities operations.

In her professional career, Malone also has served as the Secretariat of the International Housing Association, which is comprised of associations from around the world that recognize the positive impacts of housing and are dedicated to advancing residential construction.

Save the Date for PCA Sustainability Summit 2024

The second annual Portland Cement Association (PCA) Sustainability Summit will take place from August 13 to 15, 2024, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. CDT each day, virtually. The PCA Sustainability Summit will delve into key levers toward net zero, including alternative fuels, carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS), and blended cements. Attendees will gain invaluable insights on developments within each portion of the value chain, including initiatives from the concrete and construction industry, as outlined in the PCA Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality.

For more information, visit www.cementprogress.com.

TMS Forms Existing Masonry Standards Committee

Based on a successful Existing Masonry Summit held earlier this year, The Masonry Society (TMS) Board of Directors approved the creation of a new committee, the Existing Masonry Standards Committee, to develop and maintain standard requirements for the assessment, repair, rehabilitation, restoration, retrofit, and preservation of existing masonry buildings. Heather Sustersic, Colby Company, LLC, was appointed to lead the new committee as Chair. Members are solicited and will be considered through August 1, 2024.

For more information, visit <https://masonrysociety.org/committees/technical/existing-masonry-standards-committee/>.

TMS Names Ann Guiberson as Executive Director

The Masonry Society (TMS) appointed **Ann Guiberson** as its next Executive Director. Guiberson succeeded retiring Director Phillip Samblanet. She is an accomplished Executive Director with a solid foundation in association resource development, community engagement, and strategic leadership.

Guiberson brings more than 28 years of experience working with nonprofit membership organizations. Previously, she served as President and CEO of the Associated Builders and Contractors Rocky Mountain Chapter. She was also Executive Director of the American Water Works Association Rocky Mountain Section. Additionally, she spent 14 years as the Northeast Regional Affairs Director for the United States Golf Association. During her time serving nonprofits and associations, she developed expertise in strategic communications, educational leadership, administrative management, and governance.

CIM National Steering Committee Appoints Interim Executive Director

The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program announced that **Nicole Maher**, the former Chief Operating Officer at the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), was appointed as Interim Executive Director. Maher officially assumed her new role on May 1, 2024, succeeding Rex Cottle, who has led the NSC since July 2022.

Maher brings a wealth of experience and a track record of leadership within the concrete industry. In addition, she has served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the NSC since 2013. Maher's vision for the future aligns with CIM's mission to advance the concrete industry through education, preparing the next generation of leaders to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century with resilience and innovation.

USGBC Announces 2024 LEED for Cities Leadership Program Cohort

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has announced the 2024 cohort of 12 cities selected to participate in its LEED for Cities Local Government Leadership Program. The program helps local governments set goals, collect data, and validate performance against sustainability and quality of life metrics using the LEED for Cities rating system, revolutionizing the way cities and communities are planned, developed, and operated to improve their overall sustainability and quality of life.

LEED for Cities and Communities is a key component of regional climate action plans. Program participants evaluate access to green spaces, public health indicators, climate action and resilience, and environmental justice. The cities participating in this year's cohort represent diverse communities across the country, each facing unique challenges and using tools such as LEED to meet the needs of their residents.

Through Bank of America's support of the LEED for Cities program, more than 100 local governments have validated processes on sustainability, resilience, and equity goals since

its inception. The program attracts diverse participants from local governments using the framework to engage stakeholders and initiate plans to those seeking recognition for their accomplishments against established goals.

The program provides peer-to-peer networking opportunities, technical assistance, and access to educational resources, covering fees for USGBC membership, registration, and certification reviews for participating governments.

The 2024 cohort of U.S. cities represents a combined population of nearly five million people. The cities are: Boca Raton, FL; Carrollton, TX; Coral Springs, FL; El Paso, TX; Gainesville, FL; Gary, IN; Jacksonville, FL; La Crosse, WI; New Orleans, LA; Overland Park, KS; Philadelphia, PA; and St. Petersburg, FL.

In addition to the national leadership cohort, the Local Government Leadership Program includes regional leadership summits intended to deepen engagement with local governments on a range of green building and sustainable

development topics. It has also established LEED for Cities Accelerators to assist local governments new to LEED for Cities with collecting data, benchmarking sustainability performance, and navigating the certification program.

Cities and counties are at the forefront of climate change, bearing the brunt of preparing for and adapting to more extreme weather events. To support local governments, the federal government has provided funding opportunities through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to help localities with their resilience planning. Because the Local Government Leadership Program helps officials organize their environmental data, localities that have participated in the LEED for Cities and Communities program have had more success in winning grants and funding to support their work. Certification helps local governments achieve meaningful results, such as attracting new economic activity, reaching global climate goals, improving air and water quality, and enhancing quality of life for all.



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