



**Maher**

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), has been appointed as Interim Executive Director. Maher succeeded Rex Cottle, who has led the NSC since July 2022.

Maher brings years of experience and an impressive 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 today with resilience and innovation.

Deep Foundations Institute's (DFI) membership elected two new members to the DFI Board of Trustees. The newly elected trustees are **Silas Nichols**, Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Infrastructure, and **Kathryn Petek**, Shannon & Wilson, Inc. Nichols is Principal Geotechnical Engineer for the FHWA's Office of Infrastructure responsible for providing leadership and direction for the FHWA National Geotechnical Team. Nichols received his bachelor's in civil engineering from Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA, and his master's in geotechnical engineering from Tufts University, MA, USA. Petek is a Senior Associate Geotechnical Engineer at Shannon & Wilson with over 18 years of experience in design, construction, and research. She received her bachelor's in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, and her master's and doctorate in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA.

Summit Materials, Inc., announced that **Jason Kilgore**, **Charles DePriest**, and **David Loomes** will serve as Executive Vice Presidents of Summit Materials' reporting segments. Kilgore will serve as the Executive Vice President of Summit's West Segment. With a career spanning over 30 years in the construction materials industry, Kilgore has been a cornerstone of Summit Materials' leadership for nearly 15 years. He received his degree in finance from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. DePriest will serve as the Executive Vice President of Summit's East Segment. He brings more than 25 years of extensive experience in finance, operations, and executive leadership to his role. DePriest received his BPA from Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, USA; his MBA from Mercer University, Macon, GA, USA; and is an active CPA and Chartered Global Management Accountant.

Loomes will serve as Executive Vice President of Cement. He has served various industry groups, including the Portland Cement Association (PCA), National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), and CIM, and serves on the Boards of PCA and the American Concrete Paving Association (ACPA).

## Honors & Awards



**Kramer**

**Kimberly Waggle Kramer**, FACI, G.E. Johnson Construction Science Chair and Professor in the G.E. Johnson Department of Architectural Engineering and Construction Science at Kansas State University (KSU), Manhattan, KA, USA, received the Outstanding Architectural Engineering Educator Award from the Architectural Engineering Institute.

Kramer was honored "in recognition of her dedication to employ diverse and innovative teaching methods, and her commitment and contributions in developing KSU's architectural engineering program." Kramer regularly teaches three or more courses each semester in addition to her work as an advisor. She received her bachelor's in architectural engineering from KSU and spent 14 years working as a structural engineer before returning to the college as a faculty member in 2003. In addition to her work with students, she remains a licensed structural and professional engineer in a variety of states and continues to engage with private industry as a consultant with KDK Engineering, LLC, which she co-owns.



**Stark**

ACI Honorary Member **Roberto Stark** received the 2024 Cemex Lorenzo H. Zambrano Award, recognizing his lasting impact on the construction industry in Mexico, his commitment to sustainability, and his dedication to training the next generation of engineers. With over 45 years of experience in structural engineering, Stark graduated as a civil engineer from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, Mexico, in 1978. A year later, he joined the university as a professor, where he continued to teach courses on concrete structures and structural analysis. Stark received his master's and doctorate in structural engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, USA. He is also an active member of several committees within ACI and the Mexican Society of Structural Engineering. In 2023, Stark received the Roberto Meli Medal for Practice and Innovation from the Mexican Society of Seismic Engineering.