

ACI Publishes Printed Version of ACI CODE-318-25: Building Code for Structural Concrete

ACI announced that the printed version of ACI CODE-318-25: Building Code for Structural Concrete—Code Requirements and Commentary is now available. ACI CODE-318 presents the requirements for the design and construction of structural concrete that are necessary to ensure public safety. As ACI's flagship standard, ACI CODE-318-25 sets the foundation for structural concrete design and construction in buildings and nonbuilding structures. Developed through an extensive consensus process, the document addresses all major structural systems, including cast-in-place, precast, shotcrete, plain, nonprestressed, prestressed, and composite construction. The latest edition introduces significant updates, including a sustainability appendix that reflects modern construction practices, revised requirements for post-installed reinforcing bars, and enhanced provisions for shear friction. Additional updates include improvements to deep foundation requirements across all seismic design categories and clarified guidelines for cantilever and basement wall shear design.

"As the global reference standard for structural concrete, ACI CODE-318 has been adopted into building codes in the United States and in more than 75 countries," said Michael Tholen, ACI Senior Managing Director, Technical Operations. "The printed release of ACI CODE-318-25 makes this essential standard even more accessible to jobsite professionals, university classrooms, and engineering firms worldwide."

The 2025 edition is already accessible through the ACI 318 PLUS platform and is now available for purchase through the ACI Store. A PDF edition is also available. To learn more about ACI CODE-318 and ACI 318 PLUS, visit concrete.org/ACI318.

PTI Opens Registration for 2025 PTI Committee Days

The Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) announced that registration is now open for the 2025 PTI Committee Days. This event will take place September 30 to October 3, 2025, at the Kempinski Hotel Cancún in Cancún, Mexico. Attendees will take part in committee meetings focused on developing and improving essential standards and direction for the post-tensioning (PT) industry. These meetings are collaborative spaces where members review technical information, discuss updates to existing documents, and work together to address emerging challenges in the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with experts, share perspectives, and help shape the coming years of PT. The event also includes networking opportunities, such as the President's Reception with PTI President Coy Williams. PTI

members and industry professionals are encouraged to secure their spots early. The hotel reservation cutoff date is September 15, 2025. For more information and to register, visit www.post-tensioning.org/events/committeedays.aspx.

CIM Program's National Steering Committee Announces New Executive Director



Maher

The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program announced that **Nicole Maher**, former Chief Operating Officer at the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), was appointed Executive Director. She succeeded **Rex Cottle**, who had led the NSC since July 2022. Maher brings extensive experience and a proven record

of leadership in the concrete industry. Since 2013, she has also served as Secretary and Treasurer for the NSC. Her forward-thinking vision aligns with CIM's mission to strengthen the concrete industry through education, empowering the next generation of leaders to tackle challenges with innovation and resilience.

"Being part of the CIM program for the past several decades has truly been a passion project," commented Maher. "Watching it grow and evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic concrete industry has been incredibly rewarding. I'm honored to fulfill this role and help drive the program forward, building on the strong foundation laid by those who came before me."

To learn more about the CIM program, visit www.concretedegree.com.

Dominik von Achten Appointed President of GCCA



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Dominik von Achten, Chairman of the Managing Board of Heidelberg Materials, has been elected as President of the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA). Achten was officially confirmed as President at the GCCA Global CEO Gathering and Leaders Conference in Mexico City, Mexico. He has been GCCA Vice President since 2023 and succeeds the

outgoing President, **Fernando Gonzalez**, whose term concluded after 2 years, and who recently retired as CEO of Cemex. Achten is calling for a renewed joint focus from all GCCA members, both in the developed world and emerging economies, as well as for key partnerships and progress with

governments and policymakers around the world to put in place the policy enablers and systems to advance the industry's transformation and build a sustainable future. Achten has worked for Heidelberg Materials since 2007 and brings a depth of experience in the cement and concrete industry. He has served as Chairman of the Managing Board of Heidelberg Materials since February 2020, following his appointment as Deputy Chairman in 2015. He previously held senior leadership roles across North America and western and southern Europe. Prior to joining Heidelberg Materials, he was Partner & Managing Director at The Boston Consulting Group.

Carol Haddock Elected 2027 President of American Society of Civil Engineers

Carol Ellinger Haddock was elected as President of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for the 2026-2027 term. Haddock is currently Vice-Chair of ASCE's Committee on America's Infrastructure, which released the 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure in March 2025. She previously served on ASCE's Board of Direction from 2016-2019 and has served in a variety of leadership roles in ASCE's Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI). Haddock has been a licensed professional engineer in Texas since 1997. She is currently a Professor-in-the-Practice at Rice University in Houston, TX, USA, and a Senior Program Advisor at Black & Veatch Corporation. She previously served as Director of Houston's Department of Public Works from 2017 to 2024. She will serve ASCE as President for a 1-year term and will also spend 3 years advancing initiatives in the roles of President-Elect, President, and Past-President.

"It takes everyone within ASCE providing their unique contribution while working together for us to achieve our mission and deliver our vision—engineered and natural systems work in harmony for the benefit of humanity," said Haddock. "Not only do we have a mission that is people-based, but we also have a commitment to our members and the general public to their wellbeing and future growth."

Haddock has been an active member of ASCE for more than 30 years. In addition to her service on the ASCE Board of Direction, she served on the ASCE Public Policy Committee, Flood Safety Policies and Practices Task Committee, and in a variety of leadership roles with the ASCE Texas Section, and she was elected as President of ASCE's Houston Branch in 2010. She received her BS in civil engineering from Rice University and her master's degree in public administration from the University of Houston, Houston, TX. She will be inducted as President-Elect at the Annual Business Meeting in October 2025, in Seattle, WA, USA, during the ASCE 2025 Convention.

Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute Releases Key Sustainability Data

The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) announced the release of the 2025 PCI Regionalized Industry Average Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for architectural, insulated, and structural precast concrete products. These EPDs, based on data collected from 62 PCI producer plants, provide transparent, third-party verified data on the environmental impacts of precast concrete products, tailored to reflect data for all PCI regions across the United States. The EPDs support the precast concrete industry's commitment to sustainability and transparency, enhancing PCI member competitiveness in markets increasingly focused on environmental performance.

"The publication of PCI's regionalized industry average EPDs marks a major step forward in our commitment to sustainability and transparency," said Thomas Ketron, PCI Director of Sustainability. "These tools empower producers, designers, and decision-makers with credible, region-specific data to support lower-carbon solutions and informed choices."

University of Florida Wins Concrete Canoe Competition at Civil Engineering Student Championships

The University of Florida Concrete Canoe team won its second consecutive Concrete Canoe Competition at the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE's) Civil Engineering Student Championships at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA, USA, from June 27-29, 2025. This year's student championships was the culmination of 21 regional student symposia held in the United States, China, and India. Those events included three competitions that teach students skills they will use daily in their civil engineering careers: the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, the ASCE Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute Surveying Competition, and the Sustainable Solutions Competition. In ASCE's flagship competition, Concrete Canoe, teams are evaluated by races as well as the final product, oral presentations, and a design paper. This year's canoes were tested at Lake Nacimiento in San Luis Obispo County with slalom and sprint races. The University of Florida team's canoe, "Reptilia," weighed 180 lb (82 kg) and featured intricate artwork on the inside and outside of the boat. The team came in first place in the co-ed sprint race and finished in the top five in the men's sprint, women's sprint, and women's slalom races. "Reptilia" also received second place in the technical proposal and technical presentation portion of the competition and placed fourth in the best final product portion of the competition.

ASCE and California Polytechnic State University

organized the ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships with generous support from the ASCE Foundation, Drill Tech Drilling & Shoring, Inc., Granite Construction, Simpson Strong-Tie, Inc., and others. For more information on the ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships, visit www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/asce-civil-engineering-student-championships.

In Remembrance



Ahal

Dennis C. Ahal, FACI, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the age of 85. Ahal became President of Ahal Contracting Co., Inc., in 1967. In 2000, he became Chairman and CEO before retiring in 2010. Besides concrete flatwork and concrete pump rental, he was the first contractor to pump concrete on a high-rise building in St. Louis, MO, USA, at the AT&T building downtown.

His company was also the first to successfully place decorative imprinted “bomanite” concrete in the St. Louis area. His exemplary work can be found at many area landmarks, including Busch Stadium III, the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, One Metropolitan Square Building, and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Among Ahal’s many distinctions are membership in the ACI Board of Direction, President of American Society of

Concrete Contractors (ASCC), President of the Concrete Council of St. Louis for three terms, Chairman of the Bomanite International Society Advisory Board, recipient of the 2005 ACI Roger H. Corbetta Concrete Contractor Award, and one of the initial inductees in the St. Louis Concrete Council Hall of Fame. Beyond the scope of his profession, Ahal attained many significant accomplishments, including as Chairman of the Ronald McDonald House Golf tournament, President of Forest Hills Country Club, and member of the Missouri Department of Conservation Citizens Advisory Board.

Kyle Adam Poff of Kearney, NE, USA, passed away June 25, 2025, at age 44. Poff worked for Kearney Concrete Company for 25 years and then Ed Broadfoot & Sons Sand & Gravel for 2 months before his passing. He was heavily involved in the concrete industry, receiving various titles and earning many awards during his career. He received the 2012 Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association’s (NC&AA’s) Presidential Award, the 2025 National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) Concrete Cares Award, and the 2021 ACI Chapter Activities Award. In 2013, Poff and his father formed the non-profit Concrete Cares of Nebraska, which has given 800,000 USD in donations to Nebraska families. He served as the NC&AA President in 2016, as the ACI Nebraska Chapter President in 2019, and as Vice President of NC&AA in recent years. Poff was also active with NC&AA and ACI Nebraska Chapter trainings for the past 15 years.

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