

Register for the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2026 in Rosemont/Chicago, IL, USA

Registration is open for the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2026, on March 29-April 1, 2026, in Rosemont/Chicago. The official hotel for the ACI Concrete Convention is the Hyatt Regency O’Hare Chicago, and all ACI Convention events will take place there. Known as the world’s gathering place for advancing concrete, the event will bring together engineers, contractors, educators, manufacturers, and material representatives to discuss and collaborate on concrete codes, specifications, and practices. Attendees will benefit from technical and educational sessions that feature the latest research, case studies, and best practices, along with opportunities to earn professional development hours (PDHs).

The ACI Convention will highlight companies, projects, and research, and will include networking events where attendees can connect with professionals in the concrete industry. Other activities will include 300 committee meetings, more than 60 technical sessions, and an industry trade exhibition. Committee meetings are open to all attendees, and select programming will be accessible on demand for remote participants. Convention highlights include:

- **Opening Session:** The Opening Session is the official start to the ACI Convention and will begin with a welcome address by ACI President Maria Juenger. Next, the Institute will recognize new Honorary Members, Fellows, and 50-year members for their contributions to the concrete industry. Immediately following the Opening Session, attendees are invited to the exhibit hall for the Opening Reception;
- **FRP Composites Student Competition:** This competition challenges student teams to design, construct, and test a fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP)-reinforced concrete structure that achieves the lowest cost-load ratio. Teams must consider materials, fabrication, transportation, and sustainability factors, and submit a presentation detailing their design approach, calculations, predicted failure mode, and ultimate load in compliance with contest rules. Winners will be announced at the Student Awards Program on Monday, March 30;
- **Concrete Mixer:** Join ACI attendees and guests for the Concrete Mixer, an evening of networking and entertainment. An assortment of food and beverages will be available;
- **Student and Young Professional Networking Event:** The Student and Young Professionals Activities Committee (SYPAC) invites all students, young professionals, and convention mentors to a casual networking exchange following the Opening Reception. Prizes will be awarded during icebreaker activities; and

- **President’s Reception:** ACI President Maria Juenger invites all convention attendees to the President’s Reception, an opportunity to network with committee chairs, chapter presidents, and international attendees. An assortment of food and a hosted bar will be available.

Registration is open online, with discounted rates available until March 27, 2026. For more information about the ACI Concrete Convention and to register, visit aciconvention.org.



ACI Expands Digital Badges for Members with the Addition of Student and Young Professional Badges

In December 2025, ACI introduced a suite of digital badges designed to recognize and highlight the service of its individual members and voting committee members. The initiative aligns with ACI’s ongoing goal of enhancing the ACI member experience, modernizing member engagement, and providing professionals and students with unique ways to showcase their contributions to the concrete industry.

ACI has also introduced digital badges for additional membership categories, including Young Professionals and Students. Effective immediately, all ACI Student Members and Young Professional Members can download digital badges associated with their membership status. The Membership Badge link is located on the ACI website under “My ACI” and is accessible on the right side of the screen, near the user’s Member Guide and Printable Member Certificate.

Post-Tensioning Institute Celebrates 50 Years in 2026

The Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) will celebrate its 50th anniversary throughout 2026. Founded in 1976, PTI has spent five decades advancing the quality, safety, and use of post-tensioned concrete construction. The year-long celebration will honor the institute’s history of innovation and its contributions to the construction industry. A key focus of the anniversary festivities will be the 2026 PTI Convention,

scheduled to take place in Long Beach, CA, USA. The convention will feature a special 50th anniversary gala, a “Hall of Innovation” interactive exhibit showcasing the evolution of post-tensioning technology, and limited-edition giveaways for all attendees.

“This anniversary is a chance to honor the visionaries who laid the groundwork, the members who drive PTI’s mission forward, and the innovations that continue to shape the future of post-tensioning,” said Coy Williams, President of PTI.

In addition to the convention, there will be celebratory events and materials all year long, including a monthly “Did You Know?” social media series looking back on the history of PTI and the post-tensioning industry, exclusive webinars and podcasts featuring industry pioneers, interviews with PTI leaders and long-standing members, an article in the PTI *JOURNAL*, and a special-edition 50th Anniversary logo. These activities are designed to reflect on the institute’s legacy and build excitement for its future. The anniversary celebrates

the dedication of its members and their role in promoting the benefits of post-tensioning.

Concrete Industry Unites for Record-Breaking CIM Auction at World of Concrete

The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program announced that its annual auction, held in conjunction with World of Concrete on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, raised more than 2.325 million USD in gross proceeds—a new record for the event.

“Once again, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the concrete industry for their outstanding support in making this auction a record-breaking event,” said Ben Robuck, Chairman of the CIM Auction Committee. “We are also deeply thankful to the CIM Auction Committee members for their tireless work and dedication, which were instrumental to this year’s success. The value of donated items and the enthusiastic participation made this year truly exceptional.”



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The auction featured a wide array of high-value items donated by industry leaders. A silent auction was held prior to the live auction that also set new records for funds raised and featured a variety of items such as cement, fly ash, aggregate, concrete saws, drills, safety equipment, training sessions, reference books, and software subscriptions, as well as sports, golf, and vacation travel packages, demonstrating the industry's generosity and support.

In addition to the extensive list of donated items, numerous organizations made financial contributions to this year's auction to help advance CIM programs around the United States. This support enables the program to continue providing a business-intensive education to students across the country.

Slag Cement Association Announces Next Board of Directors President

The Slag Cement Association (SCA) announced **Herb Moeckel** of Ozinga as its next President. Moeckel previously served as SCA's Vice Chair and has been a member of the association's Board of Directors for 8 years. An industry leader in cement and supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs), Moeckel is Vice President and General Manager of Ozinga Cement, a division of Ozinga responsible for the procurement, sales, and distribution of domestic and imported cement, slag cement, fly ash, and silica fume. Prior to joining Ozinga in 2017, Moeckel spent 18 years in the fly ash industry with ISG Resources, Headwaters, and Boral. During that time, he held roles as a technical sales representative and area director, overseeing operations across Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Illinois in the United States.

Jan Prusinski, FACI, of Skyway Cement Company concluded his 2-year term as SCA President in 2025. During his tenure, Prusinski hosted the association's annual Slag Cement Schools, oversaw the recognition of more than 25 concrete projects through the Slag Cement in Sustainable

Concrete Awards, and welcomed four new member companies to the Association.

The Slag Cement Association thanks both Moeckel and Prusinski for their dedication and leadership in advancing the association's mission to serve as a source of knowledge and technology transfer supporting the growth of slag cement.

American Concrete Pavement Association Announces New Board of Directors Chair



Cleary

The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) announced **Patrick Cleary**, Senior Vice President, U.S. Cement Commercial at Amrize, as Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2026. Cleary brings more than two decades of commercial leadership, strategic vision, and industry experience to this role. An experienced executive with a background in sales and marketing, Cleary currently serves as Senior Vice President, U.S. Cement Commercial at Amrize, a position he has held since June 2025. Previously, Cleary spent 23 years at Holcim US, including 7 years as Senior Vice President of Cement Sales. Throughout his career, he has been recognized for driving growth, building high-performing teams, and strengthening partnerships across the construction materials sector. Cleary received his MBA in marketing from the University of Washington's Foster School of Business, Seattle, WA, USA, and his BS in biology from Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN, USA.

In Remembrance



Radjy

ACI member **Farrokh "Farro" Radjy** passed away January 27, 2025, at the age of 84. Radjy was a scientist and entrepreneur who helped change how the concrete industry understands and manages material performance, bridging material science and information technology when quality control was largely reactive, fragmented, and paper-driven.

Founder and President of Quadrel LLC, Radjy earned over 30 U.S. patents in concrete technology. He received multiple degrees from the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, and Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA, where his PhD research helped lay the groundwork for advances in calorimetry, early-age performance modeling, and digitalized quality control. Throughout his career, he applied academic rigor to solve real-world, producer-centric problems.



Prusinski (left) and Moeckel (right)

Radjy invented the Heat Signature Method for Adiabatic Calorimetry for concrete trial batching. By measuring heat of hydration, his method enabled engineers to predict maturity, thermal cracking risk, and in-place strength during mixture design rather than relying on retrospective field testing. He also championed digital transformation in quality control. By synthesizing mixture, material, batch, cost, and test data into a single platform, he worked to redefine quality management for concrete producers in the early 2000s.

Radjy contributed to ACI and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) through committee service, technical lectures, and mentorship. He served as Chair of ACI Committee 235, Electronic Data Exchange (discharged), and as a member of ACI Committee 231, Properties of Concrete at Early Ages, and now discharged Committees 126, Database Formats for Concrete Materials Properties, and 226, Fly Ash, Other Pozzolans, and Slag.

Ira Pearce, FACI, passed away on March 5, 2025, at the age of 94. His career and decades of dedicated involvement with ACI left a lasting impact on colleagues, committees, and the advancement of concrete engineering practice.

Pearce received his BSCE degree in 1957 and joined Duke Power (now Duke Energy) in Charlotte, NC, USA. Over the next 32 years, he established himself as a respected engineer, ultimately retiring as Principal Engineer in 1989.

He frequently attended ACI Concrete Conventions, as well as countless meetings over the decades. During the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2017 in Detroit, MI, USA, he was formally honored for 50 years of continuous ACI membership.

Pearce served as a member of ACI

Committees 301, Specifications for Concrete Construction, and 351, Foundations for Equipment and Machinery. His contributions to ACI

Committee 351 date back to 1968, in which he was honored for at the ACI Concrete Convention – Spring 2017. He was elected an ACI Fellow in 1988.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The ACI Foundation is seeking your nominations for anyone who has made outstanding contributions to the concrete industry.

There are currently three awards open for nominations:

- Robert E. Philleo Award
- Arthur J. Boase Award
- Jean-Claude Roumain Innovation in Concrete Award

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Deadline is
July 1, 2026

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