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The Texas State University Concrete Industry Management (CIM) Patrons Board Foundation announced its Board leadership for the 2025-2027 term.

Robert Van Til, Executive Vice President, Knife River Central Region, was named Chairman, and **Stephen Wild**, Vice President and General Manager, Heidelberg Materials South Texas Concrete, was appointed Vice Chairman.

Van Til has held senior leadership positions at multiple national materials suppliers. From 2010 to 2020, Van Til was Founder and Managing Partner of River Aggregates, LLC. He received his MBA from Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA, and remains involved in the Texas Aggregates and Concrete Association (TACA) and the Texas Asphalt Pavement Association (TXAPA).



Wild

Wild has more than 30 years of industry experience spanning leadership roles in Florida, Nevada, and Texas in the United States. For the past 12 years, he has held various executive positions in Texas. Wild is a member of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) and TACA. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA.

Craig Hargrove and **Avi Kamrat** were both appointed Co-Presidents of Hoffmann Architects + Engineers (Hoffmann).

Hargrove has served as Director, Architecture and Manager of the firm's New York, NY, USA, office for more than 20 years. Under his leadership, Hoffmann developed relationships with clients, including Columbia University, the State University Construction Fund, the Ford Foundation, Pfizer, and Scholastic. Hargrove often shares his industry knowledge through guest lecturer positions, publications, seminars, and media appearances. He taught high school students through the ACE (architecture, construction, engineering) Mentor Program of America and designed the firm's summer internship program for recipients of the Hoffmann Scholarship. He is a graduate of the New York Institute of Technology. Since 2020, Hargrove has served on Hoffmann's Board of Directors.

Kamrat served for more than 20 years as the firm's Director, Administration and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He oversaw the firm's administrative apparatus and was involved in the implementation of a bespoke client relationship management system as well as financial software and file management improvements. A graduate of Brandeis

University, Waltham, MA, USA, Kamrat has served on Hoffmann's Board of Directors since 2018 and joined the Executive Committee in 2011.

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) appointed **Carolyn Brennan** as Chief Operating Officer. In this role, Brennan will oversee DBIA's revenue-generating departments, including conferences, membership, certification, and education, ensuring strategic alignment with the organization's long-term vision and continued growth. Brennan joins DBIA with nearly two decades of leadership experience in the built environment. Most recently, she served as Senior Vice President of Membership at the Urban Land Institute (ULI), where she led initiatives that expanded ULI's global member base and contributed to the organization's revenue. During her 17-year tenure, Brennan helped to advance member engagement strategy, operational performance, and digital transformation. Brennan brings her expertise in member-focused strategy, cross-departmental collaboration, and technology integration to DBIA's leadership.

Honors & Awards



Albahtiti (photo courtesy of Jason Halley/Chico State)

ACI member **Mohammed Albahtiti** is one of five California State University, Chico, CA, USA, faculty members receiving the university's Professional Achievement Honors, which recognize exemplary teacher-scholar achievement on campus. Since joining the university in 2017, Albahtiti has contributed to the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program by enhancing students' academic experiences, driving interdisciplinary innovation, and securing grant funding that benefits the university, community, and industry. He has also led the development of precast concrete courses and helped establish the National Precast Concrete Association's (NPCA) student competition. Albahtiti has co-authored nearly 20 peer-reviewed journal articles and reports and shares his expertise at academic conferences nationwide. He has led CIM students in local service-learning projects, including building concrete Habitat for Humanity homes in Paradise, CA, and the Chico Islamic Center parking lot project, and has served as an advisor for the university's Women in Concrete and ACI Student Chapter. In 2023, Albahtiti received the Early Career Community Engagement Award from the Office of Civic Engagement. He received his MA and doctorate degrees in civil engineering from Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, USA. *Credit: California State University, Chico*