President’s Letter

Time marches on and my term as President is at an end. It doesn’t seem possible that it has already been five years since I joined the ICACI Board. I appreciate those that encouraged me to run for a position. It has been a great experience to meet and work with so many dedicated professionals.

In particular, I’d like to thank Past Presidents Dave Elmer, who encouraged me to run, Brian Stater, who helped me get up to speed that first year, and Tom Grisinger, who has been a constant source of guidance and encouragement. Together with Past Presidents Scott Hall, Mike Rose, Jack Springer and all the other Board members that have served during my tenure, we have done our best to maintain the level of quality of ICACI’s educational, social and certification programs.

I encourage anyone interested in concrete design, production or construction to consider getting involved with ICACI, and even running for the Board in the next election cycle. As I mentioned during the most recent elections, a position on the Board is a great way to serve our industry and engage on a regular basis with professionals from across the spectrum of the concrete construction world. It is through the time and talents of our members that we are able to present relevant programs, provide continued training and certifications, annually evaluate and recognize the most outstanding projects in Indiana, and award Scholarships to the next generation of practitioners and leaders in our industry. Serving on the Board is a great experience (and it looks good on your personal resume as well)!

Finally, I’m gratified to have helped in the creation of our new Chapter website… it’s a great portal to find out what’s going on and get involved. Log on and take a look:

www.indianaaci.org

To incoming President Ryan Decker, I wish you success in taking over the reins and leading ICACI forward to bigger and better things.

All the best,

Don Corson
ICACI President
Upcoming Events
October 9, 2013: Annual Scholarship Golf Outing – Plum Creek Golf Course

Koontz Lake Dam / State Road 23 Road and Bridge Takes Top Honors at ICACI Awards Banquet
By Don Corson – ICACI President

ICACI held its 2013 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on April 10 at the Marriott North Hotel in Indianapolis. Ten projects received awards for excellence in concrete. Top honors went to Koontz Lake Dam / State Road 23 Road and Bridge.

The Koontz Lake Dam, located at the western end of Koontz Lake in Starke County, Indiana was in very poor condition and could only pass a small percentage of the required design storm event. A very unique and innovative labyrinth spillway system was constructed to pass the required flows while also carrying a new State Road 23 highway bridge over the top of the spillway. The project was constructed without any adverse impacts to the public and minimized the impact to wetlands and private property. This complex project required a team approach between the owners (IDNR and INDOT), Contractor (Northern Indiana Construction), Engineer (Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C.), and various utility companies to keep the project on schedule and within budget.
In addition to the Project of the Year, nine additional projects were recognized for outstanding performance in concrete construction as indicated below. *(All team photographs are courtesy of Jim Reid / Anchor media.)*

**Commercial 1 – Building 98 at Park 100 Roller Compacted Concrete Dock Pavement**

*Team Members from Left: Andy Robinson, Kyle Delello, Scott Hall*

**Institutional and Cultural: NCAA Headquarters Expansion**

*Team Members from Left: Derek Carlson, Greg Lacy, Doug May, Chris West, Miguel Betancourt*
Public Works - East Lake Dam Improvements

Team Members from Left: (Back Row) Chad Arnold, Jeremy Ross, Brett Richards (Front Row) Harold Rothkopf, Tim Nagler, David Hayes

Residential - Eltzeroth Outdoor Living Area

Team Members from Left: Scott Perkins, Rick Miller

Special Structures - Tipton Municipal Utilities Water System Improvements

Team Members from Left: (Back Row) Jeff Heard, Mark Herber, Clay Woodruff, Josh Morris (Front Row) Chip Bradway, Tim Riggen
Sustainable Concrete Construction - 62nd and Michigan Septic Tank Elimination and Drainage

Team Members from Left: (Back Row) Jayson Watt, Doug Ramsier, Chuck Norman, Scott Hall (Front Row) Craig Cordi, Tim Lawson

Transportation 1 - West Jackson Street Bridge 513

Team Members from Left: (Back Row) Brett Myers, Max Meiser, Dan Beaty, Tony Miller, Craig Schroyer, Brandon Arnold (Front Row) Larry Robinson, Todd Donaty, Angie Moyer, David Day

Transportation 2 Co-Winner - Green Screen Parking Structure

Team Members from Left: (Back Row) Mike Sheek, Mitch Davison, Brad Laucher, Dan Weinheimer, Gary Keymon (Front Row) Bob Hatfield, Michael Marciano, Laura Jones, Jared Plank
Summers, Harper-Smith and Comstock Awarded ICACI Scholarships for 2013-2014 School Year

Bradley Summers (IUPUI), Aura Lee Harper-Smith (Valparaiso University) and Caleb Comstock (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology) were announced as winners of $3,000, $2,000, and $1,000 scholarships, respectively, at the 2013 ICACI Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Each year, the Indiana Chapter of ACI offers scholarships to deserving students at Indiana colleges and universities pursuing careers in the construction industry. Sophomores and juniors are invited to submit applications. The ICACI Board of Directors evaluates all entries and awards scholarships to the winning applicants at the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Application information for the 2014-2015 school year is available online at www.indianaaci.org.

Aura Lee Harper-Smith (Valparaiso University) and Bradley Summers (IUPUI) display plaques indicating their ICACI Scholarship awards at the 2013 ICACI Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. (Jim Reid / Anchor Media photo)
ICACI Board Election Results

Ryan Decker of FA Wilhelm was elevated from Vice President to President and John Krupski of American Structurepoint was elected Vice President for 2013/2014. Both will serve a 1-year term. Jeremy Ross of Shelby Materials and Justin Edwards of IRMCA were elected to 3-year terms as Directors on the ICACI Board. Sean Smith of Patriot Engineering and Environmental was elected to fill an interim 2-year term vacated by John Krupski’s election to Vice President.

Leaving the Board following his 3-year term as Director is Tom Hart of Messer Construction. The Board sincerely appreciates Tom’s contributions during his tenure. Bios for newly-elected directors are indicated below.

Jeremy Ross
Jeremy is originally from Morristown, IN in Northern Shelby County. He graduated from IUPUI in 2002 with a BS in Marketing/Distribution Management. For the past eight years Jeremy has been doing ready-mix concrete sales for Shelby Materials. During that time he has been active as a member of various industry associations; Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Indiana Construction, (also Leadership Development Committee), and Indiana Subcontractors. Jeremy is very much looking forward to being a board member!

Justin Edwards
Justin Edwards is currently promotions manager for Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association. Edwards attended Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro, Tenn. and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Concrete Industry Management (CIM). He interned with the Tennessee Concrete Association while at MTSU. His job responsibilities include the promotion of ready mixed concrete in Indiana, training the membership and the community on the latest industry trends/methods and providing the membership an information resource for ready mixed concrete.

Coreslab Structures Plant Tour Held

By John Krupski, ICACI Vice President

On the morning of May 7th, Coreslab Structures in Indianapolis was host to an ICACI breakfast meeting and plant tour. Sixteen attendees had the opportunity to gather for breakfast, a presentation, and a tour of Coreslab’s facility led by Corey Greika.

Coreslab Structures is a full service precast concrete manufacturer specializing in structural and architectural precast components for use in parking garages and commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings. During the tour of Coreslab’s facility, attendees had the chance to witness how a project starts in Coreslab’s in-house engineering department as a plan on paper, moves through the production facility as the
plan is implemented into a product, and finally how the product comes to rest in the storage yard when it is complete. Additionally, Corey was able to show off the on-site batch plant and explain how many variables including type of product, intended use of product, and variations in weather throughout the year affect how each batch of concrete is proportioned in an effort to produce the highest quality end product.

Photos of Coreslab Structures double-tee bed and stored wall panels (photos courtesy of Coreslab Structures).

As many in the construction and design industry make regular use of precast concrete, the information presented and practical knowledge gained during the tour of Coreslab’s facility was invaluable to those who were able to attend. The Indiana Chapter of ACI would like to extend our thanks to Corey Greika for taking the time to present on the topic of precast concrete manufacturing and to Coreslab Structures for opening their doors to our chapter membership.

Upcoming Certification Dates
ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician, Level 1 programs are indicated below.

Indianapolis:
August 2-3
September 13-14

First Day: Review Class; Second Day: Written and Practical Exams

Certification Program Policy: Examiners and Supplemental Examiners (Proctors) are required to be a Member of Indiana Chapter ACI; either through an Individual Membership or under a Company Membership.

For a registration flyer or questions about the program, please contact Eileen Dick ~ phone (317) 872-6302.

The ACI – Indiana Chapter extends a big “THANK YOU!!” to Builder’s Concrete for hosting the Indianapolis area certification programs in 2013.
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Indiana Chapter ACI Website
The Indiana Chapter has a website where you can find information on upcoming events, such as, ACI certification classes, programs, and golf outings. Membership applications, Award nomination forms, Scholarship applications and other information are also available. Please go to www.indianaaci.org.

IC-ACI Tax-Exempt Status
As a tax-exempt organization, the Indiana Chapter American Concrete Institute is required to file an annual Return to the Internal Revenue Service. The Return is available for review by any member of IC-ACI. For information, contact Tom Grisinger, Secretary/Treasurer at 317-409-3218 or tgrisinger@lehighcement.com.