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President’s Letter

As I start my term as President of the Indiana Chapter, I can’t help but reflect on the influence my recent predecessors, Scott Hall, Brian Stater, and Dave Elmer, have had on the chapter. Each of these guys contributed to the growth and development of our chapter in unique ways, always with tireless dedication and commitment to the betterment of the chapter and our members. They are indeed big shoes to fill, and with the help of Vice-President Jack Springer, our long-time Secretary/Treasurer Tom Grisinger, and the individuals that make up the Board of Directors, we definitely feel that we are up to the task!

Summer is a busy time in the Indiana construction market, and the chapter has been busy as well. We started the month of June with our Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at River Glen Country Club in Fishers, and later that week co-sponsored the Indianapolis Indians Baseball Family Fun Night at Victory Field with IRMCA and ACPA. Planning is well underway for a timely Concrete Curing and Sealing Program later in the summer, and multiple certification dates have been set for the remainder of 2010. And we’re definitely excited about the Casino Night being planned for later this fall. Keep your eyes open for more details on these events as they develop. I would also like to encourage our members to get involved by volunteering your time or resources to any event that you feel passionately about, or suggesting ideas for future programs that you believe would benefit and excite our membership.

I wish you all a safe and successful construction season, and appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President for the 2010/2011 term.

Mike Rose
President – Indiana Chapter ACI

Upcoming Events

- August 2: Proper Use of Curing/Sealing Compounds During Placement of Concrete
  3:30 p.m. – Bowen Engineering Corporation Conference Room
- August 22: Indiana Nature Conservancy Building Tour (co-event with IRMCA)
- October: ACI Fall Convention, Pittsburgh, PA
Annual ICACI Golf Outing Recap

The ICACI Annual Scholarship Golf Outing was held on June 7, 2010 at River Glen Country Club in Fishers, Indiana. The weather was cool, sunny and perfect for grippin’ and rippin’. Forty golfers challenged the course and their day on the links helped the Indiana Chapter raise funds for its scholarship program for deserving students pursuing careers in construction.

The team of Scott Barry, Darrin Litteral, Darrell Litteral and Justin Lowder emerged victorious on the day, but the real winners will be student scholars in Indiana. Your Indiana Chapter American Concrete Institute awards scholarships every year for deserving engineering and construction management students from universities across Indiana. It is our goal to encourage young people to enter the world of concrete design and construction. All proceeds from the golf outing will go directly to help fund our Scholarship Program. The success of last year’s event allowed us to award $6,000 in scholarships at our Annual Meeting on April 14, 2010.

Golfers Tom Grisinger, Randy Robertson, Scott Hall and Roger Stern are all smiles in the clubhouse on a beautiful day for golf.
Scott Barry and Justin Lowder from the winning team.

Randy Robertson and Jeff Kelly engaged in a fierce putt-off battle, with Randy pulling off the win. (What’s that cooler doing on the course??!)
Curing and Sealing Informational Program on August 2

On August 2, 2010, the Indiana Chapter – ACI will hold an informational afternoon program on “Proper Use of Curing and Sealing Compounds During Placement of Concrete.” Unfortunately, just about everyone who has been in the industry for any length of time either knows of, or has been involved with a project with a less than stellar slab performance. One extremely important factor in producing good flatwork is proper curing and this program will explore this topic. The presentation will also discuss new VOC laws taking effect in 2011. Look for a forthcoming flyer in your email or contact any of the Board of Directors for further information and a registration form (only $10 and refreshments will be available).

New Chapter Directors Begin Terms of Service

Tom Hart and Ryan Decker began their 3-year terms as members of the ICACI Board of Directors in June. Elected by the membership, the two new members fill the position of outgoing director Randy Robertson and the vacated position of Jack Springer who was elected Vice President of the Chapter.

The Board wishes to thank Randy for his tireless service to the Chapter. Randy’s energy and commitment have been invaluable in successfully hosting the recent Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet, this year’s Concrete 101 program and many other Chapter activities. He has truly modeled the spirit of service and it will take much effort to equal the energy he brought to the Board.

Our newest members certainly bring great credentials and experience and the rest of the Board are looking forward to working with them. Below are short bios for each:

**Ryan Decker**
Ryan is the Corporate Quality Assurance Manager for F.A. Wilhelm Construction. He has 12 years of experience in the construction industry. In that time, Ryan has been involved with may large complex projects around the state including the Duke Energy IGCC power plant in Edwardsport, the Cayuga/Cinergy Generating Station, the Honda manufacturing plant in Greensburg, the Multi-Disciplinary Science Building at Indiana University-Bloomington and the Indianapolis Airport Midfield Terminal. Ryan is a LEED Accredited Professional and received his Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from Purdue University in 1998.

**Tom Hart**
Tom is a Project Executive for Messer Construction. He started with Messer in 1997 after graduation from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. During his career he has managed numerous large complex projects, including the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport Parking Garage expansion (a 700,000 sft post-tensioned parking structure) and the University of Cincinnati Calhoun Street Parking Garage (a 600,000 sft conventionally reinforced parking structure). Tom is certified by the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) for unbounded post-tensioned construction and serves as an instructor for Messer Construction’s post-tension training classes.
ICACI Hosts Elemix Presentation

On May 7, 2010 the Indiana Chapter – ACI held an informational seminar at Bowen Engineering’s corporate office. Approximately 30 people were in attendance to hear the featured speaker Larry Chappell. Larry is the business development manager for Nova Chemicals and their Elemix lightweight additive.

The purpose of this seminar was to introduce the membership to Elemix, a new concrete additive that brings a variety of benefits a concrete mix. In summary, the product is designed to be blended with normal and lightweight aggregates to reduce concrete density and provide a consistent and stable mix design that does not require air entrainment or additional handling or finishing techniques. Additional benefits of the Elemix additive include: enhanced pump ability, reduced threat of delaminating hard troweled finished floors, enhanced consistency and testing attributes, excellent freeze thaw durability without air entrainment, and reduction in green shrinkage cracking and retained shrinkage cracking.

For more information on testing and current studies being performed on Elemix contact Larry Chappell – Business Development Manager at 724-799-1459. Thank you to Larry for introducing us to his new product.

Article by Justin Lowder – Indiana Chapter ACI

IRMCA/ACPA/ACI Family Fun Night a Winner

The weather cooperated and a great time was had by all at the Annual ACI Baseball Family Fun Night at Victory Field on June 11, 2010. The event was sponsored in cooperation with IRMCA and ACPA. ACI members and their families arrived early to enjoy a picnic buffet and some cold suds prior to rooting on the Indianapolis Indians to a dominant 10-3 victory over the Pawtucket Red Sox. Additional entertainment included post-game fireworks and a pre-game flyover by one of the 16 remaining operational World War II B-17 bombers. The event provided an easy atmosphere for members and their families to gather one last time before succumbing to the demands of summertime.
Upcoming Certification Dates

The dates below are for upcoming ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician, Level 1 programs that will be held in Indiana in 2010:

July 23-24 – Indianapolis
September 10-11 – Indianapolis
November 5-6 – Indianapolis

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

Certification Program Policy Change: Examiners and Supplemental Examiners (Proctors) will now be 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.

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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.concrete.org, then click on the “Chapters” tab and select “Indiana”.

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