

Tom Reading

Mike Willman Honored with Tom Reading Achievement Award *By Steve Wobken*

The Tom Reading Achievement Award is an award given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the concrete industry. Tom Reading had a distinguished concrete career. He earned his Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering in 1936 and his Masters degree in 1939. That same year he joined ACI National and went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1965, he was elected to the Board of Directors at ACI and served on seven committees. He also served on seven technical committees and chaired three of them. In 1988, Tom Reading helped form the Nebraska Chapter of ACI and served on the board from 1989 to 1991. Tom Reading became the first recipient of the Tom Reading Achievement Award in 1991.

The Award's evaluation criteria includes: Significance and impact of service, Contributions to the Profession, Advancement of Technology, Technology Transfer, and Duration of Service. It can be awarded annually but since 1991 there have been 10 recipients with this year's winner making it eleven. This year's winner is **Mike Willman**.



Outgoing ACI Nebraska President Steve Wobken presents Mike Willman with the Tom Reading Award

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New ACI Nebraska President Michael Gerdes Recognizes Past Leadership, Looks Forward

The Annual Banquet and Awards of Excellence Presentation held on February 12 in Omaha at the Thompson Center on the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus was well attended. A total of 75 attendees were registered for the event.

I would like to recognize and thank our Past President **Steve Wobken** for his service to the Chapter. Congratulations are in order for the recipients of Awards of Excellence. I want to thank our presenters and especially **Jereme Montgomery** for the visual presentations.

Three \$1,500 scholarships were awarded at the banquet. Over 20 attendees participated in two rounds of a family feud style game with cash prizes for all. It was interesting that the team of

composed of the three scholarship recipients and their guests also were game winners. Lafarge Cement donated roses, in the thought of Valentine's Day, for the ladies attending.

Switching gears from the banquet, a strength of our Chapter is our numerous volunteers throughout the state of Nebraska that support the Chapter from aiding with technical certification training and exam programs to those serving as Officers and Directors. It is important to recognize the companies behind the scenes. As a volunteer group, we all have full time jobs and serve the Chapter with the approval, commitment and blessing of our employers. It is clear that numerous private companies and local public agencies support our goal for industry training and technician certifications.

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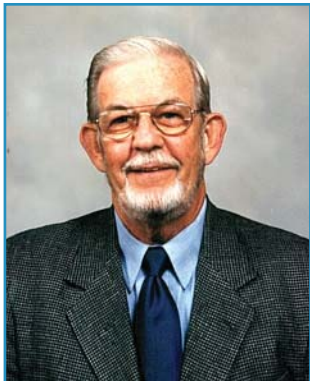
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Unfortunately, it is difficult to list all the companies and public agencies that support our Chapter. The following entities are some that came to mind over the past year: **Ash Grove Cement Company, Ayars & Ayars, Consolidated Concrete, Crete Ready Mix, CXT – LB Foster, Grace Performance Chemicals, Lafarge, Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association, Nebraska DOR, Overland Concrete, Southeast Community College, Stephens & Smith and Thiele Geotech.**

“A challenge for the Chapter is bringing in the next generation of members and volunteers. In my role as President over the next year, a goal will be to increase membership with a focus on participation from a younger generation.”

If interested in serving the Chapter on an individual basis or by support of associates from your company, we welcome participation at all levels. We can always use assistance during the certification performance exams held at locations throughout the state. We are also always on the lookout for individuals willing to serve as Officers and Directors.

We attempt to maintain a diverse industry spectrum for those serving as the Chapter's Officers and Directors. Those serving come from private companies and public agencies. Our Officers and Directors work in various industry related areas such as education, construction, engineering, materials producers and suppliers, precast firms, concrete producers and industry marketing.

To provide some background for Officer and Director roles, the bylaws of the Chapter were structured so those serving pass through a series of positions with specific roles and responsibilities. For example, Officers will perform roles such as oversight of membership, arranging programs and treasurer duties. From my own perspective, the structured progression of roles and responsibilities is critical to understanding how the Chapter functions. If interested in serving the Chapter, please feel free to contact me or any of our group of volunteers.

Michael Gerdes

WILLMAN HONORED . . . *continued from page 1*

Mike Willman started at Gerhold Concrete in 1981 and worked there for 28 years. During his time there Mike became involved with ACI both on the national level and with the Nebraska Chapter. He has attended national conventions and participated with various technical committees.

Mike has been instrumental in ACI training for Nebraska. He has been teaching ACI Grade I and NDOR plant certification classes since the mid 1990s. Mike also serves as the chairman of the Technical Committee for the Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association.

Mike is currently doing sales and service for Grace Construction Products. He continues to be a resource for the industry and a valuable asset to his customers.

The following are some quotes from letters of recommendation submitted on Mike's behalf:

"Mike has been a friend to the entire concrete industry for many years. He is everything that you would want in a friend, he is loyal, honest, funny and he will work as hard on your project as he would on his own."

"Mike knows no strangers. He is the consummate host whether it's on a project site, at an ACI Certification training program or providing exquisite cuisine and cold beverages at a Nebraska tail-gate. Mike ALWAYS makes certain that everyone else is taken care of and has what they need before thinking of himself. He is the most unselfish person I know."

Mike's daughters were there for the evening to show support for their Dad.

ACI Awards and Installation Banquet



The Banquet was held at the Thompson Center on the University of Nebraska Campus in Omaha on Saturday February 12, 2011. As members and guests arrived they were welcomed by **Michael Gerdes** with a warm handshake, Michael welcomed the ladies with a rose, compliments of Lafarge Cement. The roses were in Concrete cylinder molds on the registration desk, appropriate for the occasion.

The evening festivities began with a spirited version of "Family Feud", where two teams of five people played the familiar TV Show version. One of the first five contestants included the team composed of our three scholarship winners and their friends. They were caught a little off guard and were behind quickly, but they recovered just as quickly and won the first game and collected the prize of \$30 per contestant, a small fortune to a student. After another round

of Family Feud. Dinner was served, most people had Prime Rib and a decadent Chocolate desert.

The after dinner events followed when **Dick DeLorm** presented Scholarships to **Tessa Phillips**, An undergraduate at UNL in Civil Engineering, **Jonathan Fischer**, A graduate Student At UNL in Civil Engineering and **Matthew Lepper**, a graduate Student in Construction Management at UNL. (See article on Scholarships in this newsletter, page 9).

Presentations followed when **Jereme Montgomery** and **Larry Schmidt** took turns in recognizing the people and firms involved with Awards for Outstanding Achievement for the use of Concrete In the State of Nebraska. You'll find this year's award winners beginning on page 4 of this newsletter.

Steve Wobken thanked the 2010 Board and Officers for their support and noted the board members who were leaving: **Larry Schmidt**; **Dale Mueller**; and **Randy Lane**. Steve then introduced the incoming President, **Michael Gerdes**, and passed the gavel. In turn, Michael Gerdes presented a Past President's plaque to Steve to hang over his desk at Ashgrove.



Michael introduced the newly elected Officers:

Newly Elected Officers of ACI Nebraska

President	Michael Gerdes
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CXT, Grand Island, NE

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Paulson Inc., Cozad, NE

Dick Odell
Odell Concrete Placement Inc., Lincoln, NE

Awards of Excellence

The Nebraska Chapter of the American Concrete Institute annual Concrete Awards Program was held on February 12, 2011. The purpose of this competition is to recognize outstanding work in concrete construction and practices within the State of Nebraska.



Projects must be noteworthy for their use of concrete. The concrete may be precast, pre-stressed, cast-in place, tilt-up or concrete masonry. Special uses of concrete or innovative concrete construction techniques will be recognized. There are two categories: Outstanding Achievement and Award of Excellence.

In order to be eligible, projects must have been completed before November of the contest year. Completed applications are due each year by mid-December. Judging is done by a panel of professionals from various disciplines within the concrete industry. Awards consist of plaques and certificates to be presented to the owner, designer (Architect and/or Engineer), general contractor, concrete contractor and concrete supplier.

Outstanding Achievement Award

Schuyler School (K-3)

Owner:
Schuyler Community Schools

Designer:
Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates, Inc.

General Contractor:
Construction Services Inc.

Concrete Contractor:
Tilt-up Concrete, Inc.

Concrete Supplier:
Arps Ready Mix

Schuyler Community Schools utilized tilt up construction to meet rural Nebraska school district's budgetary and schedule requirements for their new elementary school. Construction of the new school involved erection of approximately 50 tilt-up concrete panels just under 16 feet tall. They used a pre-engineered, structural steel building core with a

combination of standing seam metal roof and EPDM rubber roofing. The project was funded by a 6.9 million dollar bond which took multiple efforts to achieve final voting approval.

During the pre-construction phase, the designer and general contractor worked closely with the school district in an effort to significantly reduce the cost of the project and make the project more appealing to taxpayers. Thus, the team turned to tilt-up concrete panels as the building envelope to offer economic and efficient benefits. The end result was a 57,000 square foot elementary building to reach the school districts \$95 per square foot budget and also meeting the timeline requirements... \$30-\$40 per square foot under market cost for new elementary schools. In addition to the 57,000 sf building the project also consisted of 40,000 sf of concrete paving giving the taxpayers a low maintenance, durable and thus sustainable parking lot.

One very unique aspect of the project was the utilization of Self Consolidating Concrete for the Tilt-up panels. Self Consolidating concrete which is currently a standard for precast concrete structures, gave the school a high quality concrete look, as well as reduced onsite costs by eliminating labor to consolidate the structural concrete



panels by traditional means. With the experience of the tilt-up contractor, the exterior walls were and completed in less than 2 months. Allowing other trades to start earlier and thus finishing earlier. This project is a unique model for school districts. The new Schuyler school is something that is very functional and very durable, and proves that you can get a quality facility without having to spend \$140 a SF.

Since this project has been completed, Schuyler Community Schools has received a government bond to expand an additional 33,000 sf for the 4th and 5th graders...which will also be tilt-up concrete construction. Also, during the pre-construction phase the general contractor and school superintendant attended a tilt-up breakfast seminar hosted by ACI Nebraska.



Front row (L to R):
Dorli Jo Vrboc
(Schuyler School)
and Nancy Lottis
(Tilt Up).
Back row (L to R):
Max Mumford
(ARPS), Ryan Stens,
(Joseph Hewgley), and

Outstanding Achievement Award

Memorial Stadium -North Entrance

Owner:

University of Nebraska

Designer:

BVH Architects

General Contractor:

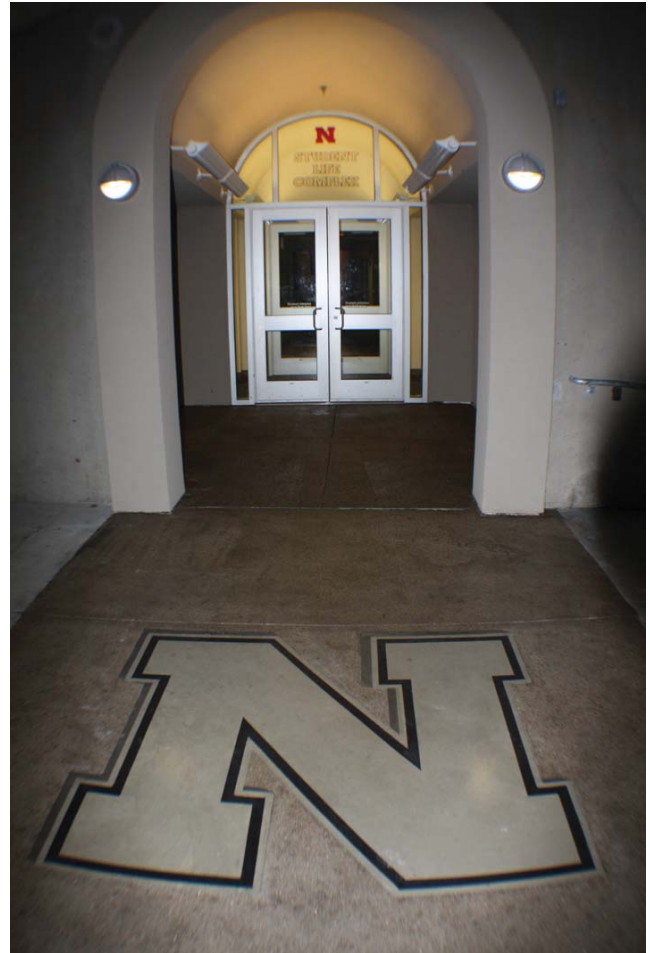
Sampson Construction

Concrete Contractor:

ToddRose Decorative Concrete, Inc.

Concrete Supplier:

Ready Mixed Concrete Co., Lincoln



One thing that stands out in our economy is the fact that everyone is looking for a value, a way or means of making their dollars go further. Those of you in the decorative concrete industry have known this for years, that on a construction project, the value of decorative concrete presents itself over and over again, a simple concept called "value engineering."

A primary tenet of value engineering is that basic functions be preserved and not reduced as a consequence of pursuing value improvements, such as reduced costs, an improved final product, and easier maintenance. Decorative concrete has become the logical choice for many construction projects because it delivers great value. This is what's considered on popular applications where decorative concrete offers real benefits in terms of performance, cost savings, and aesthetics.

On this project...A high profile owner, a designer, and general contractor approached a decorative concrete contractor with a stenciled and exposed aggregate project that was opposite of anything the sub contractor had ever seen. The owner wanted the logo of the "N" in plain gray concrete and everything around the logo exposed aggregate. Then to create a 3-D effect they wanted stained concrete. The only requirement was no saw cuts or barriers to help create that "3-D" effect. With high expectations from the owner, the concrete subcontractor knew this would be extremely challenging.

Going into this job the installer was convinced they could not achieve the designers goals of no saw cuts...how do you achieve a crisp 3 dimensional effect without borders? Although the photos look simple the requirement to install an "all at once" pour was not so easy. To achieve this vision, this reinforced exposed aggregate slab took a combination of stenciled creativity and multiple stains to match the project team's "vision" or should we say "husker vision". Without the experience of the subcontractor, advancement of admixtures and quality practices this project would not have been successful. But with the combination of everyone's efforts this project literally stands out as one of a kind.



(L to R): Mike Deily (BVH Architects), Keith Heiser (Todd Rose Construction), Todd Rose (Todd Rose Construction), and James Hamlette (R/M Lincoln).

Outstanding Achievement Award



This project totaling over 440,000 sf sits high on Omaha's western horizon, the new Methodist Women's Hospital is an inspiration for women's health. The 116-bed facility and a companion medical office building sit on 33 acres just inside the entrance to an upscale suburban neighborhood. The front lobby, reminiscent of a fine hotel or a spa lobby features a ceiling-high water feature and custom-made, circular drum light fixtures. A glass staircase leads from the lobby to the second floor and the lit stair tower becomes a beacon at night as the hospital.

Meticulous gardens and sweeping landscape design enhance healing and become part of a calming, nurturing experience.

The design team featured precast concrete panels with embedded thin brick for the exterior of the hospital and medical office building. The precast supplier has ACI certified concrete testing technicians to perform spread, air content, fresh unit weight, and concrete temperature testing to the self consolidating concrete according to ASTM standards. Test cylinders from each pour are broken to determine compressive strength at release, 7 days, and 28 days.

The concrete mix for Methodist Women's Hospital and Medical Office Building was designed to reach approximately 8,000 psi at 28 days with a water to cementitious materials ratio of 0.39 and 6 percent air entrainment.

The team had several goals for this project including durability, speed of construction, and an aesthetically pleasing skin. When asked why they decided to design using precast concrete, the architect said, "We were interested in precast because of the durability, but the biggest issue was being able to close the building in quickly." According to the designer this positive attribute of precast concrete proved to be a valuable asset. "The enclosure of the building coincided with the end of the building

season," and "the project schedule would have been adversely affected had we not used precast concrete."

Another designer also offered insight regarding aesthetics and building performance, "By

using the embedded thin brick system, we were able to create a very clean look without through wall flashing and weep holes that always seem to clutter up a traditional brick structure. To sharpen the look further, a stack bond pattern was used with the tiles to lessen the impact of the vertical joints between panels."

By utilizing precast with this brick system "You also eliminate the possibility of moisture problems in a cavity, which can happen in a typical brick veneer system."

Methodist Women's Hospital and Medical Office Building

Owner:
Methodist Health Systems

Designer:
HDR, Inc.

General Contractor:
Meyers Carlisle Leapley

Precast Supplier:
Coreslab Structures (Omaha), Inc.



(L to R): Don Gousden (Methodist Hospital), Brian Holsey (HDR), Todd Culp (Coreslab).

ACI Annual Golf Event

May 20, 2011

Beatrice Country Club

Approximate Start:
11:00 am

Outstanding Achievement Award

Decorative concrete is the process that takes concrete beyond its perceived image as just another functional construction material and transforms it into an attractive, vibrant and patios. The transformation of concrete into decorative concrete is achieved through the use of a variety of materials that may be applied during the pouring process or after the concrete is cured, which is what the Duncan Residence included.

This project is what decorative concrete is all about. The most widely used construction material in the world being able to be manipulated and transformed in such a way that achieves a client's goal, whether that goal is durability, initial cost, aesthetics, functionality, or design. This project was noted as one of the most challenging projects of the concrete contractor's career in decorative concrete. With a homeowner with high expectations, a high-end builder, and a prestigious design firm that wanted the durability of concrete without looking like everyday concrete. The team had a vision to get the look of limestone mantles but applying that look to exterior paving. It took over half a dozen mock ups before final approval to achieve the aesthetics and durability that the client was after.



(L to R):
Keith Heiser
(ToddRose
Construction),
Todd Rose,
ToddRose
Construction),
James
Hamlette (R/M
of Lincoln).

The bands and border of this driveway and courtyard are exposed aggregate and the center panels are polished concrete. That's right polished exterior concrete. To keep costs under control, the team utilized a "wet on wet" placement procedure with first pouring conventional concrete and held it $\frac{3}{4}$ " lower and then before final set, the contractor poured a $\frac{3}{4}$ " concrete topping with special rose colored aggregate with white Portland cement.

Duncan Residence

Owner:
Todd and Connie Duncan

Designer:
The Clark Enersen Partners

General Contractor:
Brester Construction

Concrete Contractor:
ToddRose Decorative Concrete, Inc.

Concrete Supplier:
Ready Mixed Concrete Co., Lincoln



In order to keep the project under control, the team coordinated over 20 pours for this 3600 sf driveway and courtyard. The following day after each pour the contractor had to commence polishing the interior panels from the previous days pour, by hand. The driveway also incorporated multiple slopes and elevations for the numerous stormwater inlets to ensure proper drainage.

With the exposed aggregate finish and the contrasting polished interior panels, spectacular effects were achieved at a reasonable cost because few additional materials or tools were required. The project of Duncan Residence is truly remarkable in the decorative concrete world.

Technical Committee Report

By Mike Willman

The 2010 – 2011 training season is well under way.

The ACI Nebraska Chapter sponsored and completed 5 ACI Field Testing Technician Grade I certification programs, and 1 ACI Strength testing certification Program.

The Certification Committee will continue to stay busy in the next two months with a Strength Testing Certification class in March, ACI Flatwork Finisher class in April, and ACI Grade I Field Testing class in April. The ACI Nebraska Chapter is also partnering with the Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association (NC&AA) and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) on the NDOR Field Testing Certification and the NDOR Concrete Plant Certification programs.

See the ACI Nebraska website at www.acinebraska.org or the NC&AA website at www.nebrconagg.com to register or for more information.

Award of Excellence



48ROCK, the Ayars & Ayars, Inc. corporate office, is Lincoln, Nebraska's only privately-held building registered with the certification goal of LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold.

This state-of-the-art building consisted of nearly 10,000 SF of exterior Tilt-up concrete construction, 13,000 sf of 6 inch paving, 3700 sf of concrete sidewalks, 10,000 sf of slab on deck and 10,000 sf of interior slab on grade.

The facility showcases everything Ayars & Ayars, Inc. self-performs, as well as boasting:

- A geothermal HVAC system that encompasses 36 wells under the north parking lot measuring 300 feet deep
- A landscaping plan developed in coordination with park rangers from the Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, NE, using natural plants
- Outdoor lighting of the building is designed to stay on site
- 90 percent of the inside of the building is visible to natural light
- A high-tech conference center that utilizes HD video smart boards
- Recycling centers set-up throughout the building
- A workout and training room including shower to promote employee health and fitness

Front Row (L to R): Todd Krieger (Beatrice Concrete), Ted Lathrop (Ayars & Ayars), Don Ogden (Ayars & Ayars).

Back Row (L to R): Matt Biggs (Ayars & Ayars), Jerod Little (Ayars & Ayars), Ken Taylor (Ayars & Ayars), James Hamlette, (R/M of Lincoln.)

Ayars & Ayars, Inc. self-performed 70-percent of the total work on this project. Their scopes included footings/foundations, concrete flatwork, tilt-wall concrete construction, steel erection, concrete polishing, and carpentry.

48ROCK

Owner:

University Pointe Development, LLC

Structural Engineer:

LJB, Inc.

Project Architect:

Architecture Etcetera, LLC

Design/Build Contractor:

Ayars & Ayars, Inc.

Concrete Supplier:

Beatrice Concrete Company, Inc.

Ready Mixed Concrete Co., Lincoln

Construction Details:

Not only did the 590 LF of trench footing mix have recycled material such as fly ash in the mix but Ayars & Ayars, Inc. chose to incorporate nearly 17% by weight of recycled concrete as an aggregate in the footings for this project.

48ROCK is:

- ACI member owned and occupied; the ultimate endorsement. An ACI member building utilizing concrete for their home.
- 48Rock showcases the tilt-wall abilities of their self-performing workforce.
- The "open ceiling" and exposed interior walls provide a working classroom to educate their clients and guests about the construction process, and advantages of tilt-up concrete construction.
- 48ROCK demonstrates their commitment to achieving sustainable design through tilt-wall construction.
- 48ROCK has become a meeting place for numerous business and civic groups.
- Development has become a lynchpin in the re-vitalization of historic University Place, and serves as a cornerstone of the University Place community.



Education Committee Report

Three Receive ACI Nebraska Scholarships

By R.T. DeLorm

The Nebraska Chapter of ACI presented three student awards at the Annual Awards Banquet held on February 12, 2011 at the Thompson Center on the UNO Campus. One undergraduate and two Graduate scholarships were presented. Each of these scholarships carried a \$1500 stipend toward their future education. The student scholarships were based on the students' interest and ability in concrete design, construction and materials.

In addition to \$1,500 scholarship awards, each of the recipients will receive membership in ACI Nebraska.

Tessa Phillips



TESSA PHILLIPS, a sophomore in Civil Engineering, graduated from Omaha North Magnet School in 2009, and was accepted at UNL – Major in Civil Engineering, First Semester 2010, with a minor in International Engineering. She worked as an intern at RDG in planning and design in Omaha for 1 year.

At UNL housing she was recruited as a desk assistant, but after the interview she was hired as a Desk Supervisor. Tessa is a member of the Student Chapter of ASCE-Elected Treasurer and a team member who worked on all phases of the concrete canoe. She is an Engineering Diplomat for the College, a member of the UNL Women's Rugby Team, and worked with the Nebraska Association of Student Councils.

Tessa received strong Letters of support which mention her potential for leadership, her personable demeanor and her ability to work well with others. She also has some global experience, studying abroad in Xian, China.



Jonathan Fischer

JONATHAN FISCHER, graduated from Alma High School and was selected by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as a summer Ranger based on recommendation of his teachers, community and peers. He worked at Harlan County Lake for several years. He was

accepted into the Civil Engineering program in the fall of 2007 and will complete his BS in 2011 and move on to graduate studies. Jonathan is an Honors Student with almost perfect grades.

His evaluators all spoke of his hard work, intelligence and people skills.

Jonathan worked as a summer intern at Hughes Brothers and made an outstanding impression as a very hard worker and seemed happiest when he had a task to do. His near term goal is to work at Hughes Brothers while working on his Master's degree in Civil Engineering. This gives Jon a chance to stay in Nebraska and work in a design-build field.



Matthew Lepper



MATTHEW LEPPER graduated from St. Mary Central High School in Neenah, Wisconsin. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management at Milwaukee School of Engineering, graduating in 2010.

He interned for a year with a general contractor and got involved with building information modeling (BIM) and worked closely with the contractor, applying his sequencing of work to a 4D model.

He is now at the Durham School studying on the UNL campus, working on his master's degree in Construction management with a minor in Business Management and Financing.

His long term goal is to obtain his doctorate and then go into industry to gain more in depth work experience. His desire is to act as a consultant, or expert in the field of sustainable construction and construction management. He would then like to return to academia to teach and be on the cutting edge of research.

Matthew's evaluators commented that he is a "standout graduate student and an excellent candidate to be an industry leader or Faculty member. He demonstrated that he is hardworking and determined to succeed in anything he is involved in."

Membership Committee Report

By Michael Gerdes

I would like to thank our membership for their commitment to keeping the Nebraska Chapter of ACI strong in a continued challenging economy. The recent award of "Outstanding Chapter" recognition for 2010 by the American Concrete Institute acknowledges our chapter's strength. This award recognizes chapters that have attained the highest level of achievement in chapter activities.

Status of 2011 Renewals

The 2011 annual dues renewal forms were mailed in late December of 2010. As a gentle reminder, your 2011 annual dues should have been paid before February 15, 2011. We thank those members whom have already returned their renewal forms and paid their 2011 dues.

As of February 2011, a total of 176 members have renewed. Unfortunately, that is only about 75% of our recent past members. We are waiting on renewals for another 50 or so past members. A reminder notice was sent in early March to past members that have not yet renewed. The March reminder notice will be the final official notice for 2011 membership renewals.

2011 Membership Directory

The Nebraska Chapter of ACI will soon be printing and distributing the 2011 Membership Directory. Membership directories are published every two years. In order to be listed in the 2011 Directory, it is essential to return your renewal form and payment by no later than April 1, 2011. If you recently changed companies or moved, please contact me directly with your updated contact information so our directory will include the most recent information.

Membership History

The Chapter's membership hit record numbers in 2005 and 2006 with nearly 270 members. Since 2007, memberships have slowly decreased. Even with changes in membership, the chapter maintains a diverse membership of testing technicians, construction inspectors, product representatives,

materials suppliers, contractors, architects, and engineers.

The strength of our chapter membership is closely related to our membership diversity. It is opinion that changes in the economy and many companies operating with fewer associates has affected our membership over the past 3 years. We have also seen several members involved at the time our Chapter was founded have been retiring.



Membership Challenge

Please join us in our quest for further strengthening and regrowing our chapter. The benefits of increased membership will enhance our programs, increase networking opportunities in the industry, and further promote our technical training abilities. The Nebraska Chapter would like to challenge our members to inform our industry associates of the benefits associated with a membership in our chapter. For the minimal cost of \$30 per year for regular associates and \$5 for current students, the chapter offers a variety of educational programs, technical training and certifications, and social activity programs.

For questions regarding memberships or renewal status, feel free to contact me directly at (402) 556-2171 or mgerdes@thielegeotech.com.



Past Presidents

Thank you for your service to ACI Nebraska

Nebraska Chapter ACI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011



Attending: Bob Irwin, Steve Wobken, Jereme Montgomery, Dick DeLorm, Michael Gerdes, Mike Willman, Joe Menard, Aaron Luth, Joel Sedlacek, Dale Kisling.

Meeting Commenced: 7:40am (Mahoney State Park)

Opening Remarks: Recognition of Anti-Trust Statement

Approval of Past Minutes: Reviewed meeting minutes from December 14th, 2010. A motion was made and a second to approve meeting minutes of December 14th, 2010.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer presented Balance Sheet and Income Statement. A motion was made and seconded to approve report. 2011 budget was also introduced to the board. A motion was made and seconded to approve 2011 budget.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Discussion on utilizing ACI post office box address for IRS tax purposes. Not personal or business address.

Committee Reports:

- Awards (Schmidt, Montgomery, Sedlacek, Kisling): Awards program is ready to go for annual banquet. Jereme will bring name sheet for pictures of project winners during awards. Committee to submit projects for newsletter.
- Education (DeLorm): The ACI NE Chapter will be giving out three scholarships presented during the annual banquet. Scholarship winners are:
 - Tessa Phillips (Civil Engineering - UNL)
 - Matthew Lepper (Construction Management,

Graduate Student UNL)

-Jon Fischer (Civil Engineering - UNL)

- Libraries (Montgomery): No additions. No report.
- Membership (Gerdes/Willman): Better numbers for renewals in February.
- Newsletter (DeLorm): Newsletter articles are due March 1.
- Nominating Committee (Irwin): Board is set and voting has closed. New board to be recognized at annual banquet.
- Programs (Gerdes): Annual banquet is ready to go on February 12th.
- Programs – Golf (Menard): No Report
- Public Relations (Lane/Schmidt): Need to put 2011 new board of directors and awards in media.
- Technical (Willman/Luth): Added Grade I certification in Grand Island, February 21-22.
- Sustainability (Wobken/Luth/Montgomery): No Report
- Website (Willman/Irwin): Website has Tony Roberts as VP. Need to notify Jill to correct

Liaisons:

- ACI International- ACI Nebraska Chapter has once again obtained status of "Outstanding Chapter." Seminar March 30, LRA in Omaha.
- NC&AA- Convention is set for February 24-25.
- NCPA- No report.
- PCA North Central Region-No Report
- ASTM- No Report

Old Business- No report.

New Business- Discussion took place on the nomination of Mike Willman for the Tom Reading Award. Also discussion on having an accounting firm sign acceptance agreement.

End of Meeting: A motion was made, seconded and approved to dismiss at 8:41 am





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