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ACI Nebraska President's Message

I hope everyone had a good and safe summer. The mornings are dark and cooler. School is back in session (My wife Pam and I have joined the Empty Nesters with both our daughters in college and ACI NE is gearing up for a busy Fall and Winter to serve our members).

ACI will join with the NC&AA promotion at Husker Harvest Days and the 5th Annual Scholarship Fund Shoot both at Grand Island.

Program Chair **Bob Irwin** has a great line up at the Breakfast Programs that should be of interest to everyone.

Mike Willman and his volunteers will soon be starting the certification testing again, watch for the dates. They are doing a great job of keeping everyone current on testing and certification.

The Board is working on putting out a new directory so; if you haven't paid your dues please do so and be listed in the directory.

Thanks to **Ginny and Norm Nelson** for hosting the summer Board meeting at Nelson's Landing. We all had a great time. Norm and Ginny would like to make this an annual event for the Board and all Past Presidents. Thanks again to the Nelsons'.



Tom Busboom
2008 Chapter President

"Remember the ACI Nebraska Chapter is here to serve you, the members. Please take advantage of all the services."

International President's Memo

The following is a condensed version of President Luis E. Garcia's article in the September 2008 ACI magazine
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Nothing is really ever new.



Take the current sustainable development movement. An ancient American Indian proverb states, "Treat the earth well; we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow from our children." This is pretty much our present day definition of sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Today, the focus is on carbon dioxide and the potential for global warming. But the sustainable development is more than just reducing the carbon footprint of concrete and cement. Sustainable development includes the social economic and environmental aspects of how we use our resources.

ACI has been involved in sustainability efforts since 2000 when the Task Group on Sustainable Development was formed and ACI became an early member of U.S. Green Building Council. ACI now has both a Board-level advisory committee and a technical committee on sustainability. And ACI will be hosting a workshop prior to our Fall 2008 Convention in St Louis, Missouri at the request of the chair of ISO/

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TC 71 Subcommittee 9, Environmental Management for Concrete and Concrete Structures, to further explore the issues relating to concrete sustainability and standardization.

We must strive to use concrete in the most sustainable manner, utilizing best practices by the designer and contractor, educating decision makers including architects, engineers, and owners: and reducing the carbon footprint of concrete. ACI's role in this effort will be to 1) identify issues, problems and opportunities; 2) involve ACI members and the concrete industry in the development of technical information and 3) inform ACI members, the Construction industry and the public of concrete's benefits.

“Construction with concrete is essential to developing a sustainable built environment. We need to ensure concrete is used properly and that we improve it's carbon footprint along the way.”



Mike Willman
ACI Nebraska
Technical Committee Chair

Technical Committee Report

The 2008 – 2009 ACI, NDOR, and NRMCA training schedule has been set for the upcoming season. The NC&AA will administer the certification programs again this year in partnership with the ACI Nebraska Chapter and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The programs scheduled for this year are ACI Field Testing Grade I, NDOR Concrete Field Inspector, Level I, ACI Concrete Flatwork Finisher Technician, ACI Concrete Strength Testing Technician, NDOR Concrete Plant Technician, Level II, and NRMCA Pervious Concrete Certification.

ACI Nebraska Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

August 2008

Attending: **Busboom, DeLorm, Gerdes, Wobken, Montgomery, Irwin, Willman, Schmidt** and **C. Lane**.



Michael Gerdes
ACI Nebraska
Chapter Secretary

Meeting Commenced: 1:35 p.m. at Nelson's Landing.

Opening Remarks: Recognition of Anti-Trust Statement under which meeting is conducted.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the May, 2008 meeting were not available. No action taken. Review May and August minutes at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report (**Willman**): **Mr. Willman** presented a Balance Sheet, an Income Statement, an income summary and an expense summary for the year to date. Discussed various items. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the financial reports as presented.

In following with the Boards previous action, **Mr. Gerdes** acted to close the checking account with Wells Fargo and presented **Mr. Willman** a Cashier's Check on the closed account to deposit into the U.S. Bank checking account. A CD and the money market account will be maintained at Wells Fargo until time of maturity or need.

Executive Secretary (**DeLorm**): Request for funds from Chapter for San Antonio, Texas event. Motion to decline request for funds at this time.

COMMITTEES

Awards (Wobken/Biggs): No Report

Education (Mueller/DeLorm): No Report

Libraries (Voss): No Report

Membership (Gerdes/Willman): A membership goal of 250 members for 2008 was discussed. At this time, the Chapter has 219 paid members for the calendar year 2008. A membership directory will be issued later this year. **Mr. Gerdes** will send all board members an updated list of members for contacting in regards to unpaid dues for 2008.

Newsletter (DeLorm): Requested articles for the newsletter by August 25, 2008. A concern was expressed that no pictures were available from the spring golf outing

Nominating Committee (Havranek): No Report

Programs (Irwin):

- Breakfast Seminar on October 23, 2008, Concrete Repair and Restoration, Omaha Marriott. Watch for announcement by mail.
- Possible future breakfast presentation: White-topping presentation - by **Bill Cook**
- Possible future breakfast presentation: ACI 301/318 changes – need presenter
- Possible future breakfast presentation: Benefits of ACI membership and ACI Certifications – fall 2008
- Possible future breakfast presentation: Polished Concrete
- Possible future breakfast presentation: Specification changes NDOR
- Possible future breakfast presentation: Infrastructure & Bridges status or I-35 bridge reconstruction
- Focus on programs that enhance membership, be educational in nature, and focus on topics that are applicable to the technical diversity of membership.
- 2008 International Seminar on Construction of Slabs on Ground, one day seminar in Omaha, Nebraska on October 29. (see article, this issue)

Programs - Golf (Lane):

- No fall golf outing planned at this time.
- Co-sponsor with NCAA for Sept. 26, 2008 Trap & Skeet event

Public Relations (R. Lane/Schmidt): No Report

Technical (Willman):

- Certifications schedule for 2008-2009 will be planned within the next month
- Materials Specification review – discussed

Website (Willman/Havranek): Website is up to date and maintained on a very timely basis.

Liaisons: briefly discussed various industry related entities/organizations

ACI: No report

NC&AA: Concrete floors & residential concrete

NCPA (NCCC): Merger of NCCC regional groups

ASCE: No report

SAME: No report

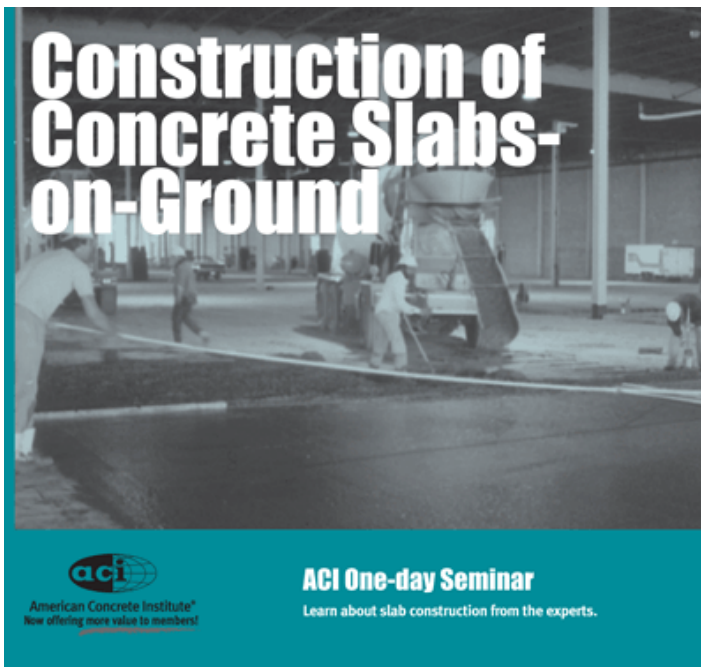
AIA: Contract delivery methods discussed

ASTM: New test methods in subcommittee review process, especially methods for pervious concrete

New Business: None

Meeting Ended: 2:35 pm with motion to adjourn

One Day Seminar, Omaha, Nebraska, October 29, 2008



Construction of Concrete Slabs on Ground
This one day seminar will focus on construction of slabs as reported in ACI 302.1R, "Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction" the purpose of this seminar is to provide contractors and engineers with practical, useful information for construction of concrete slabs on ground. Topics covered will include desirable slab properties, concrete materials, joints and cracks, minimizing curling, reinforcement installation, load transfer systems, achieving flatness and levelness, tolerances, surface treatments, curing and much more.

Complimentary publications include ACI 302.1R and course notes. Register today at www.concreteseminars.com or call Member Services at (248) 848-3815, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5pm ET

Download a Registration form at www.ACINebraska.org

Attendees receive 0.75 CEUs, or 7.5 LUs (worth 7.5 PDHs)



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