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MCIA Today

Spring 2012

Welcome New Board Members

► **2012 President of the Board is Tim Cost of Holcim**

New members of the MCIA Board of Directors were elected last fall and began serving a three-year term January 1, 2012. Directors include:

- Grady Gunn, Lehigh Cement
- Steve Cleghorn, McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing, Inc.
- David Stockstill, Huey Stockstill Inc./ Metro Concrete

Elected as officers for 2012 were:

- Tim Cost, Holcim (US) Inc. – President
- Mark Jarrett, B & B Concrete Company, Inc.– President-elect
- Paul Duff, Delta Industries – Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome and thank you for your service to our organization and industry.

► **MCIA board member and past president David Robison of Delta Industries in Jackson has been elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland.**

Record Participation at Capitol Day

Thanks to the 32 MCIA members who attended our 2012 Capitol Day event. Despite a busy day at the State Capitol, we were able to enjoy lunch with our legislators and speak with 14 Senators and 53 House of Representatives members. This

was an important opportunity to inform our elected officials on the advantages of concrete for government-funded projects and to make them aware of the issues facing our industry. In all, 115 participants made Capitol Day productive and successful.

Senate Hearing on Life Cycle Costs (SB 2302)

MCIA recently participated in a hearing held by the Senate Committee on Accountability, Efficiency, and Transparency, chaired by Senator Nancy Collins of Tupelo. The hearing was to discuss the merits of amending Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, by providing that under the current public procurement laws, the “lowest and best bidder” on a project may be determined to be the bidder offering the lowest life cycle cost, and to define life cycle costs in statute.

Harry Lee James testified on behalf of MCIA in support of the legislation. Also testifying were Kevin Upchurch, MS Department of Finance and Administration; Randy Battey, MDOT; and Rob Farr, Cook Douglas Farr and Lemons, Ltd., representing the MS Construction Coalition.

Although the bill will likely not pass this session, it did bring attention to an area of the public purchasing laws that warrant further attention.

► **May 31 - June 3, 2012**
► **Destin Beach, Florida**

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Register Online for the 2012 Convention

The 2012 Summer Convention will be held jointly with the Alabama Concrete Industries Association (ACIA) May 31 - June 3 at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa in Florida.

The conference schedule and online registration are available at www.mississippiconcrete.com. Make your plans and reservations now to attend this great out- ing and networking event.

Attend the ACI Symposium April 19

- ▶ **ACI Symposium registration deadline is Monday, April 16.**

“Concrete and Cement Solutions for 2012 – Doing More with Less in Construction” is the theme of the annual symposium of the Mid-South Chapter of the American Concrete Institute.

The symposium will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with the program running from 9:00 to 3:30. Lunch will be provided. Cost

is \$50 for ACI Mid-South Chapter members and \$75 for non-members.

Six presentations by experts in the concrete field will provide insight into the latest research and methods. Topics will include concrete bridge decks and parking lots, fly ash, thermal measurements for soil cement quality, and Portland-limestone cements for enhanced performance.

High School Essay Contest Winners

- ▶ **1st Place (\$1,000)**
Yassmin Hegazy
Madison Central High School
Madison, MS
- ▶ **2nd Place (\$300)**
Jennifer Morrison
Oak Hill Academy
West Point, MS
- ▶ **3rd Place (\$200)**
Chandler Claxton
Harrison Central High School
Gulfport, MS

‘Concrete First’ Resources and Presentations

MCIA is challenging architects, engineers, and elected officials to consider concrete first when choosing a paving material for parking lots.

Although concrete has always been the first choice in terms of performance, traditionally it has been seen as beyond the budget of many projects. Many factors are changing concrete’s relative cost and expanding its benefits, making concrete a viable choice for more projects.

MCIA serves as an information resource for its members and their prospective customers who are exploring paving options. MCIA, along with your local ready-mix concrete supplier, is available to offer a

1.5-hour presentation in a Lunch-and-Learn setting in your office at no charge. Discussions center on the relatively new document, *ACI 330R-08: Guide for the Design and Construction of Concrete Parking Lots*, which has been widely accepted by the engineering and concrete communities as the “gold standard” for the design of concrete parking lots.

Engineers can earn Professional Development Hours (PDH) credit for attending this presentation and architects can earn AIA credits.

MCIA can help you make the case for concrete, which is low cost, long-lasting, and made with local materials.

- ▶ www.mississippiconcrete.com for details on training classes and to register.

Upcoming Training Classes

All regularly scheduled classes can be found on the MCIA website, www.mississippiconcrete.com. The pilot class that was held last March in Tupelo for MDOT Class 1/ACI Grade 1 Field Testing Technician is now a regularly-scheduled class, along with the spring and fall classes in Pearl. There is also a pilot Class 1 scheduled for Hattiesburg in late September. Check the MCIA website for updates.

MDOT Class 1 (ACI Grade 1 Concrete Field Testing Technician):

- March 28-29, MS Law Enforcement Officers’ Training Academy/ Whitfield Maintenance Facility, Pearl

MDOT Class 3:

- May 1-3, Muse Center, Hinds Community College, Pearl

ACI Strength Testing Technician:

- June 12-13, MDOT Central Lab, Jackson

Welcome New MCIA Members

Digital Engineering
Waveland, MS
consulting engineering and testing services

Jordan Kaiser & Sessions, LLC
Natchez, MS
consulting engineering and testing services

Beck Industrial, LLC
Converse, TX
truck mixers, mixer parts and concrete batch plants

Simmons Erosion Control, LLC
Lake, MS
concrete and site work, electrical, and erosion control

J.J. Ferguson Sand and Gravel, Inc.
Greenwood, MS
ready-mix concrete