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MCIA Today

Spring 2013



Grand Marriott Resort and Spa, Point Clear, Alabama

Summer Convention is June 26-29

It's almost here! Join us in Point Clear, Alabama, at the Grand Marriott Resort and Spa for the 2013 MCIA Summer Convention. Catch up on what is going on in the concrete industry while enjoying some sun, fun, and relaxation with friends

and colleagues. There are many things to see and do in nearby Fairhope and the surrounding area, as well as restaurants and shopping close by. Online registration is currently available on the MCIA website: www.MississippiConcrete.com.

Capitol Day Well-Attended

The 2013 MCIA Capitol Day was held on February 21 and was attended by 61 participants, including MCIA members, legislators, and invited guests. While there were no MCIA-generated items being considered in the 2013 legislative session, the topic under consideration that most affects our industry was increasing overall transportation funding. Many funding measures were considered along the way, from simple to very creative and complex,

but none made it past the finish line.

There was a bright spot, however, when \$20 million in funding for the Local System Bridge Program (LSBP) was approved by appropriation as opposed to the use of bonds. This will make it feasible for more counties to advance bridge construction and rehabilitation projects, which can be expected to benefit the concrete industry statewide.

New Site for Tupelo Class 1 Training



New site for Tupelo Class 1 training at Itawamaba Community College

state-of-the-art IT/ AV technology for this class, as well as having ample space outside for the hands-on demonstrations that have become an integral part of this class. While the ICC – Tupelo facility that has been used for the past two years was initially adequate for the class, the new location gives us plenty of room to expand this class in the future. Now if we could just do something about the weather in North Mississippi in early March!

The classroom portion of the 2013 ACI Grade 1 Field Testing Technician Class in Tupelo found a new home at the Itawamaba Community College (ICC) – Belden Workforce Development Center this year. The new center, formerly part of the old Lane Furniture Showroom facility, has



► www.mississippiconcrete.com for details and registration for all training classes (Tupelo and other locations)

Board & Membership Meetings Held in February

An MCIA membership meeting and MCIA board of directors meeting was held in conjunction with the Capitol Day event on February 21 in Jackson. The membership meeting focused on engaging our legislative guests at the luncheon and thanking them for their work. At the board meeting following the luncheon, MCIA President

Mark Jarrett welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation in the event. New board members David Collins (Holcim), David Bosarge (MMC Materials), Les Howell (Delta Industries), Jed Stevens (Blain Companies), and Wade Jenkins (TruckWorx) were recognized and welcomed by fellow board members.

- ▶ **Nominations due by August 30, 2013**
- ▶ **Details, criteria, and entry form to be made available in late June at: www.MississippiConcrete.com**

Hall of Fame/ Lifetime Achievement Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the MCIA Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Awards. These are new awards that will be presented at a winter meeting to be held in early 2014.

Concrete literally lays the groundwork for nearly every facet of life, and the awards aim to recognize the efforts of icons of our industry—past and present—who have been devoted to promoting the use of ready mix concrete, or anyone who has made noteworthy contributions

to the industry. Types of recipients could include engineers and architects who have made the most of concrete's design flexibility, strength, and cost-effectiveness; contractors who have executed ambitious, high-profile projects; companies who have advanced quality control and testing; researchers who have developed new mixes; or owners of major facilities or infrastructure who have demonstrated the vision to select concrete over competing materials.



ACI Mid-South Symposium held in April

2013 ACI Mid-South Chapter Symposium

More than 92 participants attended the 2013 Symposium held on April 11 at the Holmes Community College McGowan Workforce Development Center. The theme of this year's event was "Concrete – What's Old and New Again" as there were topics on fly ash, corrosion, research, and construction. Presenters offered insight ranging from optimizing Mississippi gravel for bridge deck con-

crete to concrete's major role in reconstructing the Panama Canal. Our own Tim Cost (Holcim) spoke on ternary concrete mixtures (those including three different cementitious components).

The symposium is always interesting, informative, and inspiring as we learn of the many advances in our industry and hear from some of the top researchers and practitioners.

MCIA Feeds MDOT Golfers

MCIA served catfish and BBQ chicken to more than 100 hungry golfers and other participants in the 2013 Annual MDOT Golf Outing held April 30 at Live Oaks Country Club near Pochahontas. Both active and retired MDOT employees attend

this annual event for two days of fun, food, golf, and fellowship. Thanks to Stanley Mangum and the MMC Materials Cooking Team, and Robert Freeman of Holcim, for rustling up some excellent food for all to enjoy.



Future Convention Plans Under Way

MCIA is currently negotiating a contract with the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa in Florida for a joint convention with the Alabama Concrete Industries Association (ACIA) in 2014, similar to our

2012 convention. We are also exploring options for doing a tri-state event in 2015, bringing together members of the concrete industry from Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee.

**Welcome
New Members!**

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Birmingham, Alabama

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