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# MCIA Today

Winter 2013

## 2013 MCIA Board and Officers Elected

- ▶ **New MCIA President:**  
Mark Jarrett  
B&B Concrete Company, Inc.
- ▶ **President-elect:**  
Paul Duff  
Delta Industries
- ▶ **Secretary-Treasurer:**  
Tripp Hammett  
Hammett Gravel Company, Inc.

New members of the MCIA Board of Directors were elected at a January meeting and began serving a three-year term.

New directors are Jed Stevens, The Blain Companies; David Bosarge, MMC Materials; David Collins, Holcim (US) Inc., Les Howell, Delta Industries; and Wade

Jenkins, Truckworx. Officers for 2013 are Mark Jarrett, B & B Concrete Company, Inc., President; Paul Duff, Delta Industries, President-elect; and Tripp Hammett, Hammett Gravel Company, Inc., Secretary-Treasurer.

## Disaster Resilient Construction Workshop Held

On November 7, 2012, MCIA and the U.S. Green Building Council – MS Chapter jointly sponsored a workshop on Disaster Resilient Construction at the Capital Club in downtown Jackson. The workshop was presented by Seattle-based Tien Peng, Senior Director of Sustainability, Codes, and Standards for the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), and was the first of its kind held in Mississippi.

Fifty-three participants from all disciplines concerned with this subject listened

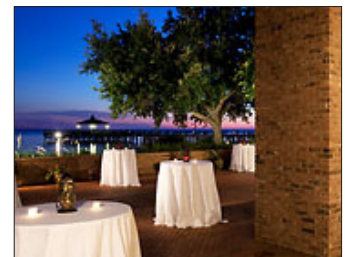
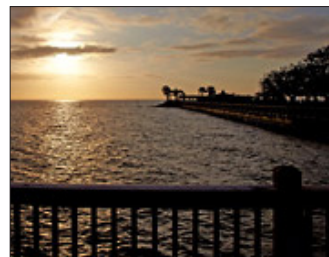
to industry leaders on this topic. Attendees were welcomed by NRMCA Chairman Dave Robison (Delta Industries) at the beginning of the workshop. The Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshall, Mike Chaney, gave a brief update on the importance of disaster resilience, which was especially meaningful as Hurricane Sandy had devastated the northeast coast earlier in the week.

For more information on this important topic, Mr. Peng can be reached at [tpeng@nrmca.org](mailto:tpeng@nrmca.org), or at 206-913-8535.

## Save these Dates!

**April 11** – ACI Mid South Chapter Symposium

**June 26-29** – MCIA 2013 Summer Convention, Grand Marriott Resort and Spa, Point Clear, Alabama



Grand Marriott Resort and Spa, Point Clear, Alabama

## 2013 ACI / MDOT Classes Announced

All regularly scheduled classes can be found on the MCIA website: [www.mississippiconcrete.com](http://www.mississippiconcrete.com).

There are four opportunities to take MDOT Class 1/ ACI Grade 1 Field Testing Technician, as we now have regularly scheduled classes in Tupelo (spring) and Hattiesburg (fall), as well as two in Pearl.

The Tupelo class is held at the Belden Center, Itawamba Community College (ICC), Belden, MS. The Hattiesburg class is held at the MDOT District 6 facility. Pearl classes are held at the MS Law Enforcement Training Academy (MLEOTA) facility with performance testing at the adjacent MDOT maintenance facility.

- ▶ [www.mississippiconcrete.com](http://www.mississippiconcrete.com) for details on training classes and to register.

- ▶ Copies of the presentations made at the workshop can be found on the CMRC website: <http://www.civil.msstate.edu/cmrc-reports.html>

### High School Essay Contest Winners

- ▶ **1st Place (\$1,000)**  
**Will Hickman**  
Brookhaven  
Academy,  
Brookhaven, MS
- ▶ **2nd Place (\$300)**  
**Erin Hadley**  
Tupelo High School,  
Tupelo, MS
- ▶ **3rd Place (\$200)**  
**Olivia Davis**  
Germantown  
High School,  
Madison, MS

## Portland – Limestone Cement Subject of Workshop

MCIA, along with Holcim (US) and the MSU College of Civil and Environmental Engineering's Construction and Materials Research Center (CMRC), presented a Portland – Limestone Cement (PLC) workshop on January 23 at MSU. More than 50 participants learned about the latest developments and research on this material, which has been accepted by both AASHTO and ASTM.

Information on PLC production, specifications, use, and performance was presented in the morning session by Tim Cost (Holcim). The afternoon session, presented by Isaac L. Howard, P.E., Ph.D., focused on the PLC research conducted in conjunction with the MSU Davis-Wade Stadium expansion project. The workshop concluded with a discussion on PLC benefits for project owners.

## MCIA Voices Support for Transportation Funding

Highways, bridges, and other transportation projects are a mainstay for the concrete industry, and a strong transportation system benefits all Mississippians. MCIA is therefore an active participant in discussions by our state's elected officials on transportation policy and funding.

This past November, MCIA took the opportunity to voice its support for transportation funding to both the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

On November 7 and 8, 2012, Senator Willie Simmons, Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, held a hearing at the state capitol during which MDOT officials reported on the status of the many programs under their oversight and the need for additional funding. Other representatives of the construction industry underscored the need for additional funding for the state transportation system. One focus of the hearing was to determine industry support for a possible fuel tax increase. Business leaders spoke on the impact of transportation to Missis-

issippi's economy.

MCIA Executive Director Harry Lee James was invited to participate in the hearing, and spoke about the benefit of investing in transportation infrastructure—especially the importance of addressing Mississippi's deficient bridges.

The discussion continued on November 22, when MCIA hosted six members of the House Transportation Committee—including Chairman Robert Johnson and Vice-Chairman Steve Massengill—at a meeting on the USM campus. The group toured a local ready mix concrete plant and a concrete whitetopping project in the Hattiesburg area. They then returned to the Ogletree House on the USM campus where they were joined for lunch by Southern District Transportation Commissioner Tom King. The group discussed the concrete industry in Mississippi and its impact on the economy, as well as the need to increase funding for transportation, particularly for rehabilitation and reconstruction of locally-owned bridges.

## Welcome New Members!

**Gregory Construction Services, Inc.**, Columbus, MS – concrete contractor

**Engineering Solutions Inc.**, Tupelo, MS – consulting engineering services

**Lee's Precast Concrete, Inc.**, Aberdeen, MS – residential and commercial precast concrete elements