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ASCC ANNOUNCES AWARDS



DAN BAKER

Dan Baker, CEO, Baker Concrete Construction, Monroe, OH, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC), Saint Louis, MO, on September 24, 2015, at the organization's Annual Conference in Dallas, TX. The Lifetime Achievement Award is ASCC's highest honor, acknowledging recipients for their body of work within the industry and their service to ASCC.

Baker served on the Board of ASCC and has made significant contributions to both ASCC and its education and research foundation. He was the first subcontractor to serve as President of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) in 2001, emphasizing educating contractors and providing them opportunities within the Institute.

In 1991, Baker made a strong statement to his peers and to the construction industry in general by officially naming safety as Baker's number-one value. "Dan has influenced thousands of people and had a profound impact on concrete contracting," said Bev Garnant, ASCC Executive Director. "It is our great pleasure to present him the ASCC Lifetime Achievement Award."

Concrete contractors with exemplary safety records for 2014 were also recognized on September 24 by the Safety & Risk Management Council of the ASCC, Saint Louis, MO, at the association's Annual Conference in Dallas, TX.

W. Burr Bennett Awards for Safety Excellence were given to Specialty Contractor Keystone Structural Concrete, LLC, Houston, TX, and General Contractor Barton Malow, Southfield, MI. These awards are presented in partnership with CNA, Chicago, IL, to contractors that place the highest priority on safety. Entries are judged on 3 years of safety performance indicators, values, and trends; a self-assessment checklist of company safety practices; and detailed descriptions of safety plans and culture.

Additional awards based on the incident rate for 2014 were presented to general and specialty contractors in four categories.

General Contractors receiving the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award for the lowest incident rate were Walbridge, Detroit, MI (over 500,000 work hours); The Korte Construction Co., Highland, IL (110,000 to 500,000 work hours); and California Engineering Contractors, Inc., Pleasanton, CA (under 110,000 work hours).

Specialty contractors receiving the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award were T.B. Penick & Sons, Inc., San

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Diego, CA (over 200,000 work hours); Bass Commercial Concrete, Little Rock, AR (68,000 to 200,000 work hours); and Albanelli Cement Contractors, Inc., Livonia, MI (under 68,000 work hours).

Fifty-four contractors received awards for zero lost time due to accidents and the same number were recognized for having lowered their incident rate from the previous year. Seventy-one contractors received certificates for achieving an incident rate below the national average.

Three companies were recognized for outstanding fleet safety records: Citadel Contractors, Inc., Apex, NC, 467,483 miles with zero accidents; Lloyd Concrete Services, Forest, VA, 950,000 miles with zero accidents; and Jordan Foster Construction, El Paso, TX, 2,314,000 miles with zero accidents.

The ASCC Safety & Risk Management Council educates contractors on all aspects of safety relating to concrete contracting and insurance matters. The Council also provides oversight on safety publications and events.




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ICC MEMBERS ELECT 2015-2016 BOARD OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

International Code Council (ICC) members elected Board Officers and Directors during the association's Annual Business Meeting at the 2015 Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA. Alex "Cash" Olszowy, Building Inspection Manager for the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government in Lexington,

KY, was elected President of the ICC Board; Georgia State Fire Marshal M. Dwayne Garriss was elected Vice President; and Mission Viejo, CA, Building Official Jay Elbettar was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Olszowy has served with Lexington Fayette since 2003, where he develops and recommends revisions of policies and procedures concerning the regulation of codes and ordinances in the jurisdiction.

The former Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board served on numerous committees, is a Life Director of the Code Administrators Association of Kentucky, and was a Director of ICC Region V.

Olszowy said the theme of his presidency will be a continuance of initiatives to develop and mentor the next generation of code officials. "Who will you challenge, recruit, educate, promote, engage, and encourage to lead our association and our profession?" he asked conference attendees. "Our membership will survive, but in order to thrive, its sustainability resides in our commitment to mentor and volunteer."

Garriss is a past Chair of the ICC Fire Service Membership Council Governance Committee and has served on two exam development committees, the Codes Correlating Committee, and the Joint Fire Service Review Committee.

Elbettar manages and directs the Mission Viejo, CA, building division through Charles Abbott Associates, including plan check, inspections, counter operations, and permit issuance. From 1997 to 2010, he was the Director of Building and Safety for the city of Newport Beach, CA, and has served on numerous ICC Board committees.

Members also elected representatives to sectional and at-large positions on the ICC Board:

- Stuart D. Tom was elected as a Sectional Director. He is the Fire Marshal for the city of Glendale, CA;
- Jim H. Brown, Deputy Building Official for the city of Gillette, WY, was also elected as a Sectional Director. Brown previously served as an at-large representative;
- Brenda A. Thompson, Manager of Building Inspections for the Clark County, NV, Department of Building & Fire Prevention, was elected to fill Brown's vacant at-large position;



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- Jerry R. Mallory, Building Official and Fire Marshal for Johnson County, KS, was elected as a Sectional Director; and
- William R. Bryant and Greg Wheeler were re-elected to at-large positions. Bryant is the Code Enforcement Administrator for Anne Arundel County, MD; Wheeler is the Chief Building Official for the city of Thornton, CO.

MCDONALD RETAINED AS NEW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CRSI

The Executive Committee of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) has appointed David McDonald, PE, FACI, as the 11th President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute, effective immediately. McDonald will continue to oversee daily operations as well as directing future progress of the Institute as he has for the past 3 months as interim president.

Previously, McDonald was Managing Director of the Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI, where his efforts included steering technical and marketing efforts. McDonald's prior experience was a Senior Research Associate at a Fortune 500 organization where he had both personnel and financial responsibilities and as a Consulting Engineer specializing in construction materials. McDonald obtained both his bachelor's and doctorate degrees in civil engineering from the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia.

McDonald has participated in many technical committees, including those within CRSI, the American Concrete Institute, ASTM International, and NACE International. He has published many peer-reviewed documents on durability of construction materials and is well-known in the concrete industry.

He is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois and has participated in management classes from Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University and the American Management Association.

PCA ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN WASHINGTON, DC, OFFICE

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) recently announced the addition of Rachel Derby to its Washington, DC, staff. Derby will serve as Vice President of Government Affairs, focusing on legislative relationships and advocacy.

PCA also announced that effective November 1, 2015, A. Todd Johnston was promoted to Executive Vice-President of Government Affairs and that Collin Long was promoted to Senior Director of Government Affairs.

Derby comes to PCA from the Toy Industry Association (TIA), where she was Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs. In that role, she managed outreach with the White House, Congress, and other regulatory agencies and led the organization's strategies on environmental sustainability, chemical regulations, and social responsibility.

Prior to her work at TIA, Derby was Director of Government Affairs with the National Association of Police Organizations and served on the staffs of former Senator George LeMieux (R-FL) and former Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL).



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She received her Bachelor of Science in marketing from Florida State University.

Johnston, who joined the PCA team in January 2015, will oversee all of the association's government affairs operations, including activities at both the federal and state levels.

Long, who has been with PCA for 3 years, will continue his work of fostering relationships and representing industry interests, primarily in the legislative arena.

ACI HONORS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO THE INDUSTRY

On Sunday, November 8, 2015, the American Concrete Institute (ACI) presented six awards and delivered the next presentation of the Katharine and Bryant Mather Commemorative Lecture Series during The ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition.

The Arthur J. Boase Award, presented by the ACI Foundation Concrete Research Council for outstanding activities and achievements in the field of reinforced concrete, was presented to Andrew W. Taylor, FACI, Associate at KPFF Consulting Engineers, Seattle, WA, for his active and dedicated contributions through research and committee work to the advancement of seismic performance of reinforced concrete structures and to

the development of design guides through application of the results of structural concrete research.

The Robert E. Philleo Award, also presented by the ACI Foundation Concrete Research Council, recognized Ramón L. Carrasquillo, FACI, Founder and President of Carrasquillo Associates, Austin, TX, for his contributions through education, research, and consulting to the advancement of concrete technology.

The Jean-Claude Roumain Innovation in Concrete Award, established in 2010, was presented to Fred R. Goodwin, FACI, Fellow Scientist in the Product Development group of BASF Construction Chemicals, Beachwood, OH, for over 30 years of leadership in the construction chemicals industry, including cement manufacture; research and development; and technical support of grouts, adhesives, coatings, shotcrete, stucco, flooring, and concrete repair materials; and for championing improvement in the concrete and concrete repair industry. Goodwin currently serves as the Chair of ICRI's Technical Activities Committee.

The Concrete Sustainability Award is presented to individuals or teams who have actively highlighted concrete's role in sustainable construction. Julie K. Buffenbarger, FACI, Construction Spe-

cialist for Lafarge Holcim, received the award in recognition of her leadership in concrete sustainability; her guidance as Chair of ACI Committee 130, Sustainability; and her tireless efforts as Co-Chair of many ACI sustainability forums.

The Distinguished Achievement Award was established in 2004 by ACI's Board of Direction to recognize non-member individuals or associations who have made notable contributions to the advancement of the concrete industry through their support of concrete use. Castle Rock Construction Company (CRCC) of Centennial, CO, received this award for providing leadership in the advancement of the concrete industry through innovation, information sharing, and concrete promotion.

The ACI Young Professional Essay Contest Award, sponsored by ACI Committee S806, Young Professional Activities, recognized Shane M. Maxemow, Structural Engineer at Robert Silman, Washington, DC, for his essay titled, "Listen, Learn, and Pass it On." This year's essay topic was, "How can young professionals encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing between all sectors of the concrete industry (that is, contractors, structural designers, materials experts, architects, and testing technicians)?"



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