

# ACI Officer Nominations for 2016-2017

Schneider for President, Lange for Vice President, and four new Directors

The nominee for ACI President in 2016-2017 is **Michael J. Schneider**, Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer, Baker Concrete Construction, Inc., Monroe, OH. If elected during membership balloting later this year, he will serve a 1-year term as ACI President that begins at the conclusion of The ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition – Spring 2016 in Milwaukee, WI, and ends at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2017 in Detroit, MI. Schneider will succeed **Sharon L. Wood**, Dean of the Cockrell School of Engineering and the Cockrell Family Chair in Engineering #14 at The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. Wood's 1-year term as ACI President and Schneider's 2-year term as ACI Vice President will expire at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2016.

**David A. Lange**, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Narbey Khachaturian Faculty Scholar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, has been nominated for the position of Vice President. If elected by the membership, Lange would fill the vacant seat that Schneider previously held and begin a 2-year term as a Vice President at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2016. **Khaled Walid Awad**, the Chairman and Founder of ACTS, Beirut, Lebanon, is the Institute's

other current Vice President. His 2-year term began at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2015 in Kansas City, MO, and ends at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2017.

The Committee on Nominations also recommended four individuals to serve on the Board of Direction, each for 3-year terms commencing at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2016. They are:

- **Frances T. Griffith**, Center for Training Transportation Professionals, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR;
- **R. Douglas Hooton**, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada;
- **Neven Krstulovic-Opara**, ExxonMobil, Spring, TX; and
- **Antonio Nanni**, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.

Pending the final election results, these four would replace the following Board of Direction members, whose terms will end next year: **Dean A. Browning**, Project Director, Charles Pankow Foundation, Vancouver, WA; **Cary S. Kopczyński**, Senior Principal and CEO, Cary Kopczyński & Co., Inc., Bellevue, WA; **Kevin A. MacDonald**, Vice President of Engineering Services, Beton Consulting Engineers LLC, Mendota Heights, MN; and **David M. Suchorski**, Senior Technical Services Manager/Sales Manager, Ash Grove Cement Company, Des Moines, IA.

ACI Board members who will continue to serve during 2016-2017 include: **JoAnn P. Browning**, Dean and David and Jennifer Spencer Distinguished Chair, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX; **Cesar A. Constantino**, Director, Business Development for Separation Technologies, LLC, a Titan America Business, Deerfield Beach, FL; **Alejandro Durán-Herrera**, Professor and Head of the Concrete Technology Department at the Facultad de Ingeniería Civil of the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Mexico; **Augusto H. Holmberg**, General Manager, Instituto del Cemento y del Hormigón de Chile (ICH), Santiago, Chile; **Kimberly Kayler**, President and Founder, Constructive Communication, Inc., Dublin, OH; **Fred Meyer**, Colonel and Deputy Head, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY; **Michael M. Sprinkel**, Associate Director,

## Web-Based Balloting

ACI uses web-based balloting for the annual election of ACI officers. ACI members with a current e-mail address will receive an e-mail notification when the ballot is open, along with a link to access the ballot from the ACI website. Secure website protocols ensure that only one ballot is cast per voter.

ACI members without Internet access may request a hard-copy ballot to be returned to ACI headquarters by the due date. All requests can be directed to Barbara Doerr, Executive Assistant, ACI, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331; telephone: +1.248.848.3756.

Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research, Charlottesville, VA; and **Roberto Stark**, President, Stark+Ortiz, S.C., Mexico City, Mexico.

When Wood's term as ACI President concludes, she will automatically assume a position on the ACI Board of Direction as a Past President member. In doing so, she will replace **James K. Wight**, ACI President in 2012, who will no longer be one of the three Past Presidents of ACI serving on the Board. Wood will serve with **Anne M. Ellis**, ACI President in 2013, and **William E. Rushing Jr.**, ACI President in 2014, as stipulated by the Institute's Bylaws.

The nominees for ACI officers in 2016-2017 are:

## President



Schneider

**Michael J. Schneider**, FACI, is the Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer at Baker Concrete Construction, Inc. He has been with Baker Concrete in Monroe, OH, for over 37 years. He started at Baker as a Project Manager in 1978 and helped open Baker's Houston, TX, office in 1982. During his career, he has been involved in a multitude of projects ranging from high-rise offices to automotive plants to mainline concrete paving.

Schneider was named a Fellow of ACI in 2006. He previously served on the ACI Board of Direction and as Chair of the Strategic Development Council (SDC) and the ACI Foundation, of which he is currently a Trustee. He received the ACI Roger H. Corbetta Concrete Constructor Award in 2011. He is Chair of the ETC Product Development Committee and a member of the Concrete Research Council (CRC), Financial Advisory Committee, and ACI Committees 117, Tolerances; 132, Responsibility in Concrete Construction; and S801, Student Activities.

He is the current Chairman of the National Steering Committee for the Construction Industry Management Program (CIM). He has been active in the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC) for the past 17 years and served as President during 2005 and 2006. During 2001 and 2002, he was a member of the Board of Directors for the National Center of Construction Education and Research (NCCER). Schneider has served as Co-Chair of the Contractor Task Group for the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's P2P Task Force, and Board member and Past Chair for the Concrete Promotion Council of Southwest Ohio. In 2005, *Concrete Construction* magazine named him as one of the 10 most influential people in the concrete industry. He is a charter member of the Incident and Injury Free Executive Forum, which is dedicated to promoting worker safety in the construction industry. Schneider is committed to eliminating all worker injuries on the jobsite. He was also the 2012 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Spirit of Construction Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.

He received his BS in personnel management from

Miami University, Oxford, OH, and his BS in construction management from the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

## Vice President



Lange

**David A. Lange**, FACI, is Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Narbey Khachaturian Faculty Scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He joined the faculty of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1992. A long-time ACI member, Lange is currently Chair of the Publications Committee and Chair of the Board

Outlook 2030 Task Group. He has served on the Board of Direction and is a Past Chair of the ACI Technical Activities Committee. He is a member of the Financial Advisory Committee, International Advisory Committee, Marketing Committee, and Faculty Network, and ACI Committees 236, Material Science of Concrete; 237, Self-Consolidating Concrete; and 544, Fiber-Reinforced Concrete.

Lange received the ACI Wason Medal for Most Meritorious Paper in 2003. He has been recognized as a Fellow of the American Ceramic Society and he received a J. William Fulbright Scholar Award in 2013. Lange served as Associate Department Head for Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2004-2010. He has directed the Center of Excellence for Airport Technology at the University of Illinois since 2004.

Lange received his BS in civil engineering from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, in 1981; his MBA from Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, in 1984; and his PhD in civil engineering from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, in 1991.

## Board of Direction



Griffith

**Frances T. Griffith**, FACI, is the Associate Director of the Center for Training Transportation Professionals (CTTP), Department of Civil Engineering, at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. CTTP provides training, certification, and continuing education for transportation industry personnel. She has been an active ACI member since 2003 and was named a Fellow in 2014.

Griffith currently chairs the Educational Activities Committee, which recently launched ACI University. She participates in ACI certification programs at the local and national level. She is a member of several certification committees, including ACI Committees C601, New Certification Programs; C610, Concrete Field Testing Technician; C620, Laboratory Technician Certification, where she serves as Secretary; C631, Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector Certification; and C640, Craftsmen Certification Quality Review. She is Past Chair of C630, Concrete

Construction Inspector. Griffith has previously served on the Certification Programs Committee, and in 2014 she received the ACI Certification Award.

Griffith is also a member of the Convention Committee, ETC Product Development Committee, the Student and Young Professional Activities Committee, the Executive Committee Task Group on Mission-Driven International Activities, and ACI Committees 118, Use of Digital Technology; S801, Student Activities; and E905, Training Programs.

She is a 1998 recipient of the ACI Peter D. Courtois Concrete Construction Scholarship and was named the 2001 Mack Blackwell Rural Transportation Center Student of the Year.

Griffith has been a member of the Arkansas Chapter – ACI since 2000, serving on the Board and as President in 2008. She is a member of ASTM Committee C09, Concrete and Aggregates. She participates on the Concrete Field Testing Committee for the Arkansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association and served as Co-Chair for several years.

She received her BS and MS in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1998 and 2010, respectively.



Hooton

**R. Douglas Hooton, FACI**, is a Professor and NSERC/Cement Association of Canada Senior Industrial Research Chair in Concrete Durability and Sustainability in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada. His research has focused on the durability performance of cementitious materials in concrete as well as on performance testing and

specifications. His durability research has encompassed most forms of concrete degradation, including sulfate resistance, acid resistance, alkali-aggregate reaction, corrosion, and freezing and thawing, as well as deicer salt scaling.

Hooton is Chair of ACI Committee 233, Ground Slag in Concrete, and Co-Chair of ACI Subcommittee 130-A, Sustainability of Materials, as well as Secretary of ACI Committee 201, Durability of Concrete. He is a member of numerous ACI committees, including 130, Sustainability of Concrete; 221, Aggregates; 225, Hydraulic Cements; 232, Fly Ash in Concrete; 236, Material Science of Concrete; 240, Natural Pozzolans; 329, Performance Criteria for Ready Mixed Concrete; 365, Service Life Prediction; S801, Student Activities; Faculty Network; and Innovation Task Group 10, Alternative Cementitious Materials. He also serves on ACI Subcommittee 318-A, General, Concrete, and Construction.

Hooton was a co-recipient of the ACI Wason Medal for the Most Meritorious Paper in 2015, and he received the ACI Foundation Robert E. Philleo Award in 2013 and the ACI Arthur R. Anderson Medal in 2011.

He is a Fellow of ASTM International, the American Ceramic Society, the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Academy of Engineering. He is a member of several Canadian Standards Association (CSA), ASTM, and

RILEM technical committees. He is Chair of the RILEM Educational Activities Committee; Vice-Chair of CSA Committee A3001, Hydraulic Cements; and Vice-Chair of ASTM Committee 01, Hydraulic Cements.

Hooton is a licensed professional engineer in the Province of Ontario, Canada.



Krstulovic-Opara

**Neven Krstulovic-Opara, FACI**, is the Engineering Associate with ExxonMobil, Spring, TX, leading the structural engineering research (Arctic) group of ExxonMobil's Upstream Research Company. His 25-year professional career spans academic, design, and failure analysis leadership experience.

He has spent 11 years as a professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Northeastern University, Boston, MA; and North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, where, as principal investigator, he led a series of National Science Foundation (NSF) research projects on the development and structural use of "smart" and high-performance fiber composites.

Prior to joining ExxonMobil, Krstulovic-Opara spent 6 years as a Managing Engineer and Lead Designer conducting failure analysis as well as designing numerous liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanks, waterfront, and offshore gravity-based structures. Since joining ExxonMobil, he has been in charge of the structural design and engineering execution for multiple LNG tanks and LNG/NG plants and terminals, including Papua New Guinea LNG and Barzan (Qatar) NG plants. Presently, Krstulovic-Opara heads ExxonMobil's structural research group developing high-Arctic exploration and production facilities, including definition of high-Arctic ice mechanics and the development of novel ice-resistant floating and gravity-based platforms.

Krstulovic-Opara was the Chair of ACI Committee 376, Concrete Structures for Refrigerated Liquefied Gas Containment, from 2005-2012, leading to the development and publication of the first international code for full-containment liquefied natural gas tanks. He is the current Chair of the ACI International Advisory Committee and Executive Committee Task Group on Mission-Driven International Activities; ACI Subcommittees: 376-A, Code, Education & Publication, and 544-E, FRC-Mechanical Properties; and as well as the Secretary of ACI Committee 544, Fiber-Reinforced Concrete. He also serves on the ACI Technical Activities Committee (TAC), TAC Design Standards Committee, Technical Committee Manual Task Group, NACE Task Group, Honors and Awards Committee, and ACI Subcommittee 376-D, Design & Construction.

Krstulovic-Opara received his MCE (dipl.ing.) from the University of Belgrade, Serbia; his MSc from the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, UK; and his PhD from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. He is a licensed professional engineer.



Nanni

**Antonio Nanni**, FACI, is Inaugural Senior Scholar, Professor, and Chair of the Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, and Professore Ordinario, Dipartimento di Strutture per l'Ingegneria e l'Architettura, Università di Napoli – Federico II. He is also an Associate Director with the

Research on Concrete Applications for Sustainable Transportation (RE-CAST) Center at Missouri S&T, Rolla, MO, and the Co-Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for the Integration of Composites into Infrastructure.

Nanni currently serves as Chair of ACI Subcommittee 562-E, Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings, and is a member of the ACI Committee on Codes and Standards Advocacy and Outreach, Educational Activities Committee, and ACI Committees 437, Strength Evaluation of Existing Concrete Structures; 440, Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Reinforcement; 549, Thin Reinforced Cementitious Products

and Ferrocement; and 562, Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings. Nanni was named a Fellow of ACI in 1999. He is a recipient of ACI's Chapter Activities Award and the Delmar L. Bloem Distinguished Service Award.

During the past 30 years, he has researched concrete and advanced composites-based systems as the principal investigator of projects sponsored by federal and state agencies and private industry. Nanni is the Editor-in-Chief of the ASCE *Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering* and serves on the editorial board of other technical journals. He has advised over 60 graduate students pursuing MS and PhD degrees, and published over 200 and 310 papers in refereed journals and conference proceedings, respectively, in addition to co-authoring two books.

Nanni has received several awards, including 2015 Engineer of the Year Award, ASCE Miami-Dade Branch; 2014 IIFC Medal, International Institute for FRP in Construction; ASCE 2012 Henry L. Michel Award for Industry Advancement of Research; and *Engineering News-Record* Award of Excellence in 1997 (Top 25 Newsmakers in Construction). He is a licensed professional engineer in Italy, Florida, Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

## Candidates for the 2016 Committee on Nominations

Twenty ACI members have been selected to run for election for six posts on the Committee on Nominations for the year 2016.

From these 20, six will be elected during membership balloting to join with three Institute Past Presidents in comprising a nine-member Committee on Nominations. This new Committee on Nominations will begin deliberations at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2016.

The three ACI Past Presidents serving on this committee will be **Anne M. Ellis**, President in 2013; **William E Rushing Jr.**, President in 2014, and **Sharon L. Wood**, whose 1-year term as President will conclude at the next spring convention. As the second-year Past President, Rushing will automatically serve as the Chair of the Committee on Nominations.

This new committee will nominate Institute officers for terms starting at the conclusion of the ACI Convention in Spring 2017 in Detroit, MI. Chosen annually, the Committee on Nominations submits recommendations for these positions: President, 1-year term; one Vice President, 2-year term; four members of the Board of Direction, each with 3-year terms; and 20 candidates for the Committee on Nominations, all to serve 1-year terms. The Committee's nominations for the year 2017 are to be submitted to the Executive Vice President before August 1, 2016, as provided in the Institute's Bylaws.

## The 20 nominees for the 2016 Committee on Nominations are:

- Matthew P. Adams, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR;
- Julie K. Buffenbarger, LafargeHolcim, Medina, OH;
- Mark A. Cheek, The Beta Group, Carencro, LA;
- Norbert J. Delatte, Cleveland State University, Broadview Heights, OH;
- Peter Emmons, Structural Group, Inc., Columbia, MD;
- Walter H. Flood IV, Flood Testing Laboratories, Inc., Chicago, IL;
- Beverly A. Garnant, American Society of Concrete Contractors, St. Louis, MO;
- H.R. Trey Hamilton III, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL;
- James H. Hanson, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN;
- Keith E. Kesner, CVM Engineers, Wayne, PA;
- Danielle D. Kleinhans, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Schaumburg, IL;
- Adolfo B. Matamoros, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX;
- Dawn L. Miller, Las Vegas Chapter – ACI, Las Vegas, NV;
- John J. Myers, Missouri S&T, Rolla, MO;
- Charles K. Nmai, BASF Corporation - Admixture Systems, Cleveland, OH;
- Jan Olek, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN;
- Michael J. Paul, Built Form LLC, Wilmington, DE;
- Carol K. Shield, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN;
- Andrew W. Taylor, KPFF Consulting Engineers, Seattle, WA; and
- Paul D. Tennis, Portland Cement Association, Fort Mill, SC.

More information on the 20 candidates for the 2016 Committee on Nominations can be found on the ACI website at [www.concrete.org/nominationcommittee](http://www.concrete.org/nominationcommittee).