

## EDITORS-IN-CHIEF OF ACI JOURNALS NAMED

ACI has formed Editorial Boards to oversee the *ACI Materials Journal* and the *ACI Structural Journal*. Each Editorial Board will comprise an editor-in-chief and four research expert members. The focus of the Editorial Boards will be on making and keeping ACI's serial publications the preferred publishing venue for academic researchers in the field of concrete. The Boards' initial missions will include identifying new topics for commissions and special editions, advising on the direction for the journals, making suggestions for both subject matter and potential authors, providing content by writing occasional editorials and other short articles, and overseeing journal quality.

Jason Weiss, Oregon State University, serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *ACI Materials Journal* Editorial Board, with Board members Zachary Grasley, Texas A&M University; Maria Juenger, University of Texas at Austin; Kamal Khayat, Missouri S&T; and Michael Thomas, University of New Brunswick.

Robert Frosch, Purdue University, serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *ACI Structural Journal* Editorial Board, with Board members Catherine French, University of Minnesota; Michael Kreger, University of Alabama; David Sanders, University of Nevada, Reno; and James Wight, University of Michigan.

"The formation of the Editorial Boards for the *ACI Materials Journal* and *ACI Structural Journal* will further support the advancement of concrete technology and

concrete construction worldwide," said Khaled W. Awad, ACI President. "By selecting and publishing the most current research with the greatest impact on concrete design and construction, ACI Editorial Boards will provide access to professionals around the world to the latest information on concrete and its uses. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the world-renowned experts who accepted to serve on the Boards for their passion and dedication to support ACI in advancing concrete knowledge globally."

The *ACI Materials Journal* and *ACI Structural Journal* have been publishing research on properties of concrete materials and design of structural concrete since ACI began publishing journals back in December 1912. The goal has always been to ensure that those who design and build with concrete have access to the most current and cutting-edge research and information on concrete. In many cases, research published in ACI's journals directly impacts the codes, specifications, and practices published by the Institute and other standards developing organizations.

To date, more than 4700 papers have been published in the print and digital editions of the *ACI Materials Journal* and *ACI Structural Journal*. Subscriptions to the digital editions of both journals are included with ACI membership.

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This issue (Volume 115, No. 1) marks a new era in the evolution of the *ACI Structural Journal*. ACI began publishing in 1905 with the *Proceedings* of the First Convention of the National Association of Cement Users, which was held in Indianapolis, IN. For the next century, ACI has continued to advance the profession through dissemination of concrete knowledge and research. This is no small feat and shows the dedication of ACI to advance technical knowledge in the field of concrete. Having such a long history is quite remarkable, considering the changes that have occurred in technology and society over the 115 volumes of the *Journal*. To date, ACI has published more than 9000 papers and discussions between the *ACI Structural Journal*, *ACI Materials Journal*, and the *ACI Journal Proceedings* (which predated the separate *Structural* and *Materials Journals*). These publications have influenced building codes, design specifications, and construction practice and resulted in a more economic and safer built environment. The goal has always been to ensure that those who design and build with concrete have access to the most current and cutting-edge research and information on concrete.

As time has progressed, the *Journal* has seen numerous changes from preparation (manuscripts prepared by typewriters being submitted through the mail to electronic preparation and submission) to dissemination (hard-copy mailings to electronic distribution). Management of the *Journal* has also evolved over the years. Starting with this issue, both the *ACI Structural* and *Materials Journals* will be overseen by an Editorial Board. The Editorial Board is comprised of an editor-in-chief and four research expert members. As Editor-in Chief of the *Structural Journal*, I am honored to be joined with an outstanding Editorial Board that includes Catherine French, Michael Kreger, David Sanders, and James Wight. I am sure that that these individuals are known to you based on their excellent research and contributions to both the profession and the Institute.

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publish for academic researchers in the field of concrete. The Boards' initial missions include identifying new topics for commissions; special editions; and advising on the direction for the journals, making suggestions for both subject matter and potential authors, providing content by writing occasional editorials and other short articles, overseeing journal quality, and more.

I am very excited about the opportunities that this new management structure will provide. This is the first time in the history of the Institute that an Editorial Board has been formed. As Editor-in-Chief, I plan to explore ways that we can further strengthen and enhance the reputation of the *ACI Structural Journal* true to ACI's tagline "Always Advancing." It is often said that "change is the constant," and that is no different with scholarly publications. Changes are continually occurring in the means and methods of publication and the manner of dissemination due to electronic and social media. The *ACI Journals* will continue to evolve to remain relevant in this ever-changing world. I believe this is an exciting time to explore new approaches, allowing us to continue to advance the state of knowledge and improve the built environment.

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p.s. A couple of interesting notes:

1. Amazingly, ACI has scanned every publication going back to Volume 1 in 1905. ACI members can download for free any of the more than 9000 papers and discussions through the ACI International Concrete Abstracts Portal: <https://www.concrete.org/publications/internationalconcreteabstractsportal>.

2. Information regarding submitting manuscripts is covered in detail through the Publications Portal: <https://www.concrete.org/publications/acistructuraljournal>.