

## Frank Named Executive Director for NEU



Frank

NEU: An ACI Center of Excellence for Carbon Neutral Concrete appointed **Dean A. Frank** as Executive Director. Frank previously served as Director of Validation for NEU and as Program Developer for ACI. He brings extensive experience in sustainability, International Standards Organization (ISO) standards, and certification development of personnel, products, and manufacturing plants. Prior to joining ACI, Frank gained a comprehensive working knowledge of resilience and sustainability as an employee at Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc., the National Precast Concrete Association, Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, and through his consulting company. He also has experience working as an assessor with ISO standards governing the operations of conformity assessment bodies and is a licensed professional engineer in Indiana and Colorado.

## Jordanian Princess Attends ACI Workshop on Concrete

As reported in *The Jordan Times*, HRH Princess Sumaya attended a workshop on rehabilitating concrete hosted by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and organized by the Jordan Concrete Association in cooperation with ACI. The princess, who also serves as President of the country's RSS, said that the country is aiming to reduce its carbon emissions. For more details, visit <https://jordantimes.com/news/local/princess-sumaya-attends-workshop-rehabilitation-concrete-facilities>.

## ACPA Announces New Board of Directors Chair and Vice Chair

The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) announced **Steve Friess** of Milestone Contractors, LP, as the Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2023. **Ernie Peterson** of Ash Grove, a CRH Company, will be the Board's Vice Chair and will serve as Chairman in 2024.

Friess is the Vice President of Concrete Operations at Milestone Contractors, LP. A veteran of the industry for over 35 years, he began his career at Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Inc., in Cleveland, OH, USA. Moving to the McCarthy Improvement Company in the mid-2000s, Friess served as Operations Manager and Southeast Division Manager before taking a position with Milestone Contractors, LP, in 2013.

Peterson is the Vice President of Sales – Midwest for Ash Grove Cement. He has worked for Ash Grove for 25 years in various capacities. He joined Ash Grove in 1992 as a Sales Representative in western Iowa, USA. In 1998, he went to work for Fibermesh, then became the Executive Director of the Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association. In 2002, he re-joined Ash Grove as a District Sales Manager, moving up to Regional Sales Manager and served in that role for 15 years before becoming Vice President in 2012. He was on the Board of Directors for the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center (CP Tech Center) for two terms and is a past President of the Nebraska Concrete Paving Association.

ACPA also elected a new slate of board members, including John Leckie, Indiana Chapter of ACPA; Bryan Beck, GOMACO; Jay Van Hove, Koss Construction

## Congratulations on 45 Years of ACI Service



Raymo

Long-time ACI staff member **Sandy Raymo** recently celebrated 45 years of service at ACI, which is the longest tenure of any staffer in ACI history. She currently serves as Senior Accounting Clerk in the Accounting department. Some of Raymo's responsibilities include entering new inventory for ACI and working with the ACI Resource Centers and the ACI warehouse on inventory cycle counts. She also prints/mails monthly statements to ACI customers.

"I enjoy working with many helpful, friendly people at ACI. I also enjoy working with Certification Sponsoring Groups on problems that may occur and get them resolved," Raymo said.

Raymo graduated from high school in June 1977 and started her first and only job at ACI in July 1977, when she was hired as a Switchboard Operator. After 4 months, she applied for a position in the Customer Service department, where she spent most of her time in different positions.

In 1977, she was the main operator of the telex machine. This was how ACI communicated with international customers at that time—this was prior to the fax machine and email. She also entered membership and publication orders, invoice payments, and returns in the computer, which were received by phone and mail. She handled customer service calls, as well as made corrections when there was a problem.

"I congratulate Sandy on her 45 years of service to the Institute. She is a valued member of the ACI staff, and her wealth of knowledge from serving ACI over the years is invaluable," said Ron Burg, ACI Executive Vice President.

Company; Jake Steinberg, American Highway – a Simplex Company; Greg Pelkey, Shafer Contracting Co.; Tim Nash, Wirtgen America; David Loomes, Continental Cement; and Joe Finnegan, GCC America.

## CRSI Board of Directors Elected

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) announced the election of **Micah Bodily**, Western States/Rocky Mountain Rebar, and **Carrie Sayers**, ABC Coating Michigan, to its Board of Directors for their first 3-year terms. In addition, CRSI confirmed **Robert McClean**, Commercial Metals Company, and **Eugene McManus**, Nucor Harris Rebar, to its Board of Directors for their second 3-year terms.

The full Board of Directors for 2022-2023 includes: Jeff Estep, Farwest Steel Reinforcing Company, Chairman; Brad Cottrell, Commercial Metals Company, Vice Chairman; Adam Simmet, Simcote, Inc., Secretary/Treasurer; Don Barney, Nucor, Past Chairman; and At-Large Directors Rob Faircloth,

Contractors Materials Company; Bethany Hennings, Cascade Steel; Mary Alwin, Nucor; Andre Belland, Rebarfab, Inc.; Micah Bodily, Western States/Rocky Mountain Rebar; William Brack, Nucor Harris Rebar; Lou Colarusso, nVent; Kevin Cornell, Salit Specialty Rebar; Bill Couturier, Barton Malow Company; Layne Jones, Commercial Metals Company; Robert McClean, Commercial Metals Company; Eugene McManus, Nucor Harris Rebar; Dean Peery, Gerdau; Spence Peters, Steel Dynamics Inc.; Carrie Sayers, ABC Coating Michigan; and Matthew Schewe, Commercial Metals Company.

The Ex-Officio Directors include Chairman, Marketing Committee, William Brack, Nucor Harris Rebar; Chairman, Engineering Practice Committee, Lou Colarusso, nVent; and Chairman, Member Services Committee, Matthew Schewe, Commercial Metals Company.

The Non-Voting Directors include Chairman, CRSI Education & Research Foundation, Marty Lancial,



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Commercial Metals Company, and President and CEO, Danielle Kleinhans, CRSI.

## Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

Organized by DiscoverE, Engineers Week will be held February 19-25, 2023. The more than weeklong event is intended to celebrate how engineers make a difference in the world and engage students in engineering. The theme for 2023 is “Creating the Future!” For more information, visit <https://discovere.org/engage/engineers-week>.

In addition, Introduce a Girl to Engineering, or Girl Day 2023, will be held February 23. It is an opportunity for volunteers, educators, and mentors to act as role models, facilitate engineering activities, and show girls how engineers impact the world. Visit <https://discovere.org/engage/girl-day>.

## In Remembrance

**Bernhardt (Bernie) Hertlein**, FACI, passed away on December 9, 2022, at the age of 73. He was Senior Consultant at GEI Consultants, Inc. A Fellow of ACI since 2013, he was active on several ACI committees, including serving as Chair of ACI Committee 336, Footings, Mats, and Drilled Piers, and Secretary of ACI Committee 228, Nondestructive Testing of Concrete. Hertlein was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and served as Principal Technical Editor of the ASCE Manual on Chimney and Stack Examination and Retrofit. He was also a member ASTM International and served a 10-year term as Chair of ASTM Subcommittee C09-64, Nondestructive Testing of Concrete. He received the International Association of Foundation Drilling Outstanding Service Award in 2009 for his contributions to the deep foundations industry. He is principal

author of *Nondestructive Testing of Deep Foundations*.

Hertlein received the equivalent of a BS in electrical and mechanical engineering from Farnborough Technical College, Farnborough, UK, in 1970, and later pursued additional studies in civil engineering at the Centre Expérimental de Recherche et d'Études du Bâtiment et des Travaux Publics (CEBTP), St. Remy, France, where he was involved in the development and application of several nondestructive test methods for concrete and deep foundations.

**Michael M. Sprinkel**, FACI, of Charlottesville, VA, USA, passed away on December 22, 2022, at the age of 74. An accomplished civil engineer and research scientist, Sprinkel served for more than 50 years with the Virginia Transportation Research Council, Charlottesville, VA, making contributions to bridge and materials advancements around the world.

A Fellow of ACI since 1995, he served on several ACI committees and was past Chair of the TAC Construction Standards Committee; and ACI Committees 345, Bridge Construction and Preservation; and 548, Polymers and Adhesives for Concrete; and Subcommittees 546-D, Packaged Repair Materials, and 563-M, Polymer Concrete/Overlays. He received many awards during his career, including the 2016 Virginia Department of Transportation Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2021 ACI Charles S. Whitney Medal, 2018 ACI Foundation Jean-Claude Roumain Innovation in Concrete Award, 2012 ACI Foundation Robert E. Philleo Award, and the 1988 Transportation Research Board K.B. Woods Award.

Sprinkel received his BS and ME in civil engineering in 1972 and 1975, respectively, from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

**Michael D.A. Thomas**, FACI, passed away on December 30, 2022, at the age of 62. He was a Professor of civil engineering at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada. He was a prolific and respected researcher in the field of cement science and concrete durability. He served on many ACI committees, including 201, Durability of Concrete; 221, Aggregates; 232, Fly Ash and Bottom Ash in Concrete; 233, Ground Slag in Concrete; 234, Silica Fume in Concrete; 236, Material Science of Concrete; 240, Pozzolans; and 365, Service Life Prediction.

He received the 1998 and 2015 ACI Wason Medal for Materials Research and the 2021 ACI Foundation Arthur J. Boase Award.

Thomas received his BSc in civil engineering and his post-graduate certificate in education from the University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, in 1982 and 1983, respectively. He received his PhD in civil engineering from Aston University, Birmingham, UK, in 1987.

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