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Notes from the President Moving Our Chapter Forward

I have the great honor to serve as NCAWNV Chapter President for 2016-2017. Over the years, great volunteers have served as officers, directors, and committee chairs. I will do my best to move our Chapter forward.

Since 1958, our Chapter has been providing education, professional standards, and networking. We were the second Chapter chartered by ACI, and now there are almost 100 Chapters worldwide.

My first interaction with ACI and our Chapter was as a Certification student. Many years ago, I took a Field Tech 1 class. The experience was great and I started coming to Chapter events. I met people in different companies who did what I did, and also met some of the leaders in our industry. The meeting topics were interesting and the food was pretty good. And it was fun! Never underestimate fun.

In the past two years, Chapter Past President Robert Hightower and I organized the ACI Golf Classics at Green Tree and Granite Bay. The response from our event sponsors and participants was great. We went from about 60 golfers in 2015 to over 110 this year. Bringing back our golf tournament after a nine-year absence was not easy. Robert and I believed in the event and wanted to make it affordable and a highlight of the year's activities. Hundreds of hours later, our planning worked out. In 2017, we will be back at Granite Bay.

For the coming year, I want to pursue several goals. First, I'd like to increase the attendance at our meetings. We will be gathering opinions and ideas from our Chapter Members to make our meetings more attractive to attend. Second, I'd like to increase our membership and the number of volunteers. Our region is full of outstanding companies across the broad spectrum of our industry, and more of those companies will be invited to join. In addition to individuals, we have over 20 Organizational Members, who are providing support for our website and communications efforts.

Finally, I want to thank the volunteers on our committees and Board of Directors, and to welcome Tim Daust as Vice President. Tim's duties include Program Chair, so if you have topics or locations for our events, please contact him. Our website is www.aci-ncawnv.org and our Board, Committees, and Staff are listed in the [Contact Us](#) menu tab.

**We welcome your ideas and support.
Let's have a great 2016-2017!**

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Annual Meeting at LangeTwins

Thank you to everyone involved on June 14 as guests, volunteers, and staff. We have a few more snapshots of the evening.

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In front, from left: Directors Virgil Garner, Kevin Owen, Jim Ayala, Tom Fourre, Hernan Perez; and President Rowdy Cordero. Vice President Tim Daust is in the back row. A director opening will be filled by appointment by the Board. Congratulations and best wishes on a productive year!

Chapter Coming Events

Help us present the kind of events that matter to you. Please contact us with topics and projects that you'd like to learn more about.

We usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday, with Social Hour at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM, and Presentation at 8 PM. Our annual SEAOC/ACI Event in April starts at 5:30 PM.

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Presenting Our New Board

President Rowdy Cordero

California Sales Representative – Nevada Cement Co.

Vice President Tim Daust

Sales Manager – A&A Concrete Supply

Directors Elected for 2016-2019

Virgil Garner

Lab/Project Manager – Consolidated Engineering

Kevin Owen

Quality Assurance Supervisor – Teichert Materials

Directors Continuing on the Chapter Board

Tom Fourre

Quality Control Specialist – Cemex USA

Hernan Perez

Quality Control Director – Cemex USA

Jim Ayala

Senior Sales Representative – BASF

Position to Be Filled – Will complete Tim Daust's term.

Committee on Nominations for 2017

The committee solicits candidates for next year's elections. Immediate Past President Rich Vance co-chairs.

Tom Adams

Technical Sales Representative – Nevada Cement

Ray Cook

Sales Representative – Reliable Trucking

Patrick Frawley

Technical Service Representative – Central Concrete

Clancy Hogan

Sales Representative – Huntsman Pigments

Morgan Johnson

Technical Sales Representative – Lehigh Southwest

Industry Job Opportunities

FORTA Corporation A worldwide leader in synthetic fiber research and development is hiring manufacturers' representatives in our region. [Learn more.](#)

Teichert Materials Seeks experienced lab tech in aggregates, asphalt, and concrete testing for their Vernalis QC lab. [Learn more.](#)

ACI Career Center

[Check out](#) ACI's Career Center for a variety of openings.

CalcIMA Job Listings

[CalcIMA](#) authorized a link for us to their job listings. [Learn more](#) about the jobs on their site.

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ACI Golf Classic Slideshow!

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First place: Gerard Hoppa, Nevada Cement; Brian Douglas, Old Castle Precast; and Gene Conti, Conti Materials. Jeff Steeley from Burkett Pools had to leave. Gerard's team has won 1st place 4 times, and last year finished 2nd.

We had 112 golfers and the Granite Bay course was outstanding!

Golfing with Bill Murray? SURE!

I didn't know what was in store when I set off for St. Augustine, FL, with my good friend Derek for the [Murray Bros. Charity Golf Tournament](#) that I'd won at Prizeo. [Here's the link](#) where I saw my name as the winner!

That's me on the right below. Still hard to believe!



Our VIP passes provided unbelievable experiences. We met the gauntlet of the Murray Brothers, titans of industry, sports stars, war veterans, models, athletes, and musicians - one even let me rock out on his drums on stage after their set. All there to have a good time for a good cause.

Bill Murray could not have been more warm and authentic. From a heavy dose of friendly banter to pulling us aside after a few holes for an impromptu lesson to correct our terrible form, it was a surreal experience. He provided countless impressions, musical serenades, jokes, and stories (my favorite was a little known hilarious antic at Augusta National Golf Club).

We had the opportunity of a lifetime . . . to golf with the man, the myth, the Murray.

Chad Minnis

When not golfing with Bill, I am a dispatcher and also handle customer relations at Concrete Ready Mix, Inc., in San Jose.

First Contractor to Serve as President **ACI President Michael Schneider: 'The Importance of Chapters'**

I attended the annual ACI Chapter Leadership Training at ACI headquarters in mid-May. This 1.5-day event was attended by 28 ACI U.S. and international chapter officers. This is the second year in a row that I have had the privilege of attending this event. Every chapter had the opportunity to send their leadership to this training session. The intent was for participants to return to their local chapters with tools to help improve chapter performance, to gain access to a network of fellow chapter officers to call if necessary, and receive an update of what is going on with ACI. I was very impressed with the enthusiasm, candor, and information sharing between the participants. Staff did a great job of coordinating this event.

The local ACI chapter is the initial ACI experience for many of our members. Most chapter members are deeply involved with the local concrete construction community and are often the instructors and examiners for the various concrete certification programs. At present, 55 chapters serve as sponsoring groups for ACI certification programs.

In the current ACI Strategic Plan, chapters play an important role under the Engagement pillar to strengthen the relationships between chapters, ACI national members, and staff. When this plan was approved, ACI had less than one full-time equivalent (FTE) staff member supporting chapter operations. ACI Past President Ken Hover, as Chair of the Chapter Activities Committee, came to the Executive Committee with a proposal to hire additional staff. ACI now has three full-time people who support the chapters: John Conn, Director of Chapter Activities; Cheryce Haddad, Chapter Awards and Activities Coordinator; and Kanette Mwanjabala, Chapter Services Coordinator.

The ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards Program traces its roots to the local chapters. A number of chapters have held award programs for years.

ACI has developed a series of 1-hour technical meeting presentations delivered by ACI staff for use by chapters. Programs are available on a first come basis and ACI will cover the speaker's travel expenses in the United States. Topics for 2016 include ACI Repair Code, Concrete Cracking, ACI Certification – Now and the Future, and Adhesive Anchor Installer and Inspector Certifications. Additional programs are being developed for 2017.

Each year, chapters submit an Annual Report Form, which is scored to determine the official Excellent or Outstanding Chapter designations. These chapters are all recognized at The ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition in the spring.

A new member benefit for local chapter members is currently being implemented: a free electronic version of *Concrete International* magazine.

I began my ACI journey at the local chapter level in Southwest Ohio in 1978. The local chapters provide the opportunity for members to meet and connect with other professionals in this rewarding industry that we have chosen as our career. Our chapters are the front line of the Institute and are critical for ACI as we carry out our mission.

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Industry News

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ACI Concrete SmartBrief:

[Video: \\$5B Apple campus take shape](#)

Construction continues on the \$5 billion Apple campus in California. A drone-taken video shows the gigantic fitness center, auditorium and a research-and-development building.

Concrete Construction:

[Wood-frame buildings have 6x higher insurance cost](#)

More ammunition in our battle with wood structures: A Canadian study found that insurance costs for wood-frame buildings are more than six times greater than for concrete.

ACI Concrete SmartBrief:

[Concrete roads can emit light](#)

A researcher at the University of San Nicolas Hidalgo in Mexico is studying light-emitting cement that, when used in roadways, allows people to see the road surface at night. The material is being commercialized and being studied in other construction materials.

ACI Concrete SmartBrief:

[Self-sealing concrete test system patent](#)

Kryton International got a patent for a testing system for self-sealing concrete. It "reacts with moisture causing long, narrow crystals to form, filling the pores, capillaries and hairline cracks of the concrete mass."

ACI Education:

[ACI University App](#)

The updated ACI University App provides information on over 100 online courses and education publications.

Students Are Building the Future

Chapter Student Committee Co-Chairs

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Our Chapter helps underwrite engineering and CIM student activities. Students can attend our events for just \$10, and meet the professionals that could be future employers.

New Benefit for Chapter Members

Concrete International Magazine

ACI Chapter Members will now receive a FREE digital subscription to *Concrete International Magazine*. CI is currently available for FREE exclusively to ACI Members. A digital subscription to NON-ACI Members is \$166 per year for 12 editions. Chapter Members will have access at **no cost**.

Concrete International is the monthly magazine of the concrete community, published by ACI.