

# The Sam Burks Award



The Sam Burks Award is for outstanding chapter contributions by an individual member. This award is given from time to time when it appears that an individual goes above and beyond in his or her contribution to chapter activities.

The award is named after Sam Burks, who was one of the founding members and first President of our Chapter in 1958. He was a member of ACI from 1938 until his death in the early 1990's. He was employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 19 years, followed by 22 years with W. R. Grace Co. until his retirement. Sam was elevated to both a Fellow in 1975 and Honorary Member in 1978 of ACI. He contributed greatly and generously over the years to the development of concrete use and was a key leader in the work of the Institute. Nationally he was active in both administrative affairs and technical committee work, and served as both a member and chairman of the Technical Activities Committee.

Besides his service on the Board of Directors, Sam was President of the American Concrete Institute in 1970. He added to the technical knowledge of hot weather concreting, mass concrete, and the inspection of concrete. Sam exemplified the well-rounded executive who combined technical experience and knowledge with demonstrated administrative abilities to provide a broad viewpoint of and solutions to both ACI and industry problems.

Sam served on 11 administrative committees and the search committee for a new executive director in 1975. He served also as a member of eight different technical committees, serving as a chairman of three for periods of two to five years.

***The Sam Burks Award has been given to the following outstanding Chapter Members.***

***Wilbur Moulton • Everette Osgood  
Cliff Craig • Claude Trusty  
John Peckham • Merlyn Isaak  
Michelle Craig • Bruce Carter  
Ron Stickel • Al Kaufman***