

INDUSTRY NEWS

PCI Technical Committee News

The PCI Board of Directors, at its Convention meeting in October, made the technical Committee on Research a Board committee, re-titled Research and Development Committee. **Dr. A. Fattah Shaikh** was appointed chairman for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1988. This decision reduces the number of technical committees to 17.

As of January 1, 1988, two new chairmen have accepted two-year appointments. They are: **Joseph P. LoBuono**, LoBuono, Armstrong & Associates Inc., Tallahassee, Florida, replacing **Donald Goldberg** as chairman of the Committee on Bridges, and **James M. Sirko**, Sirko Associates Inc., Denver, Colorado, replacing **Dino J. Scalia** as chairman of the Committee on Quality Control Performance Criteria. The industry and the Insti-

tute recognize, with thanks, the dedicated leadership provided by the outgoing chairmen.

The following chairmen accepted re-appointments for a second two-year term: **Irwin J. Speyer**, Committee on Building Code; **Thomas J. D'Arcy**, Committee on Parking Structures; and **Maier K. Tadros**, Committee on Precast, Prestressed Concrete Storage Tanks. **Joseph D. Kelleher Jr.** resigned as chairman of the Committee on Precast Sandwich Wall Panels, and steps are being taken to name his replacement.

On the Technical Activities Committee, **James M. Barker**, **Robert E. Englekirk** and **Sherrell Helm** completed their terms. Accepting two-year appointments to TAC are: **T. Henry Clark**, Ross Bryan Associates Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, **Thomas J. D'Arcy**, The Consulting Engineers Group Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and **John P. McGrew**, formerly with Stress-

New Appointments to PCI Technical Committees

The following individuals have recently accepted appointments to PCI Technical Committees. We appreciate their interest and voluntary participation.

- *PCI Committee on Connection Details*

Hugh L. Cotton
Walker Parking Consultants
Tampa, Florida

- *PCI Committee on Prestressing Steel*

Akira Doi
Shinko Wire America Inc.
Houston, Texas

Alan Mottel
Trefil Arbed Inc.
New York, New York

- *PCI Committee on Quality Control Performance Criteria*

Anthony Gaffney
Adhesive Engineering
Company
San Carlos, California

- *PCI Seismic Committee*

Rafael Magana
LEAP Associates International
Inc.
Temple Terrace, Florida

con, Hialeah, Florida, and now a consultant in Miami, Florida.

The Technical Activities Committee (**Helmuth Wilden**, chairman) held its winter meeting in Orlando, Florida, January 10-11, and the following actions were taken:

Based on a request from the Committee on Prestressed Concrete Poles, TAC and the Board approved a revised mission:

PCI Committee on Prestressed Concrete Poles

Mission: Revise, expand and consolidate the three original committee reports into one document; review reports of other committees on concrete poles; investigate and make recommendations proposing needed research.

Based on a number of requests from technical committees, TAC agreed to recommend that a full-day session on prestressed concrete bridges, a half-day session on computer software and a half-day session on research and development be included in the 1988 PCI Convention program. It was also recommended that special appeals be made to suppliers of computer software and hardware to exhibit at the Convention and, possibly, to tie the exhibits to the computer session.

Certificates of Merit were voted for the Committee on Precast, Prestressed Concrete Storage Tanks (**Maher K. Tadros**, chairman) for its report, "Recommended Practice for Precast Prestressed Concrete Circular Storage Tanks," published in the July-August 1987 PCI JOURNAL.

A request was received from the American Concrete Institute's TAC to consider the possibility of establishing joint ACI-PCI Technical Committees. PCI's TAC agreed to the concept, but recommended that decisions on each committee needed to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

A new committee membership category of "corresponding member" was considered and rejected by TAC. Instead, chairmen are to encourage regular membership on their committees, recognizing that some individuals may have difficulty in

attending all meetings. Further, young engineers are to be encouraged to serve on committees even though, at first, they may not be able to fully contribute in the same way as older, more experienced members.

Committee Days 1988 is scheduled for April 12-14 at the Ramada Hotel O'Hare (near O'Hare Airport, Chicago). All meetings scheduled during Committee Days are open to visitors. TAC has scheduled its summer meeting for June 12-13 at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Progress was noted for a number of the technical committees as follows:

Committee on Bridges (**Joseph P. LoBuono**, chairman) will be asked to cooperate in gathering data on the bond development length and spacing requirement for strand greater than 1/2 in. diameter when used in pretensioned bridge girders. Currently, an FHWA memorandum restricts the use of these strand until sufficient data are either gathered or research conducted to justify use of strands larger than 1/2 in.

Committee on Connection Details (**Edward R. Sturm**, chairman) will be receiving the final draft of its manual on design and details for connections being edited by **A. Fattah Shaikh**, a consultant to the committee. When received, committee and TAC reviews will be conducted prior to approval to publish as a separate document.

The Committee on Fire (**Paul C. Breeze**, chairman) has engaged **A. H. Gustaferro** to provide an up-dated version of MNL 124, "Design for Fire Resistance of Precast, Prestressed Concrete." Current changes are being reviewed by the committee along with a report on hydrocarbon fires.

Committee on Parking Structures (**Thomas J. D'Arcy**, chairman) reviewed Draft 6 of its report, "Recommended Practice for Design, Construction and Maintenance of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Parking Structures," and concluded that it should be divided into a report on design and construction for consulting engineers and producers, and a separate maintenance manual for owners. The recom-

mendation to have this final editing done by a consultant has been approved.

Committee on Prestressed Concrete Columns (**Grant T. Halvorsen**, chairman) received TAC approval to publish its report, "Recommended Practice for the Design of Prestressed Concrete Columns and Walls."

WJE Acquires Denver Engineering Investigations Group of KKBNA

Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc. (WJE) has acquired the engineering investigations group of the Denver-area office of KKBNA Inc. WJE, headquartered in Northbrook, Illinois, is nationally known for its work in consulting on structures and materials, especially in evaluating the causes of major failures and collapses. KKBNA, based in Denver, is known for a wide range of structural and civil engineering design services.

Don T. Pyle, principal in charge of the group with KKBNA, and two of his staff, **Thomas McMin** and **Christopher Morgan**, have joined the Denver branch of WJE. Mr. Pyle has become manager of WJE's Denver office. He and his staff will continue to be located in KKBNA's office building in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. WJE plans to relocate the four-person staff of its present office in Littleton, Colorado to KKBNA's building later this summer.

Both **John Hanson**, president of WJE, and **Michael Barrett**, president of KKBNA, expect this acquisition will lead to closer cooperation between the two firms.

1988 Dates Announced for Conference on Tall Buildings

The Fourth International Conference on Tall Buildings will be held in Hong Kong, April 27-29, and will continue in Shanghai, People's Republic of China, May 2-4. Persons interested in the state-of-the-art developments in design and construction of tall buildings are invited to attend the conference.

Additional information is available from Mr. P. K. K. Lee, Conference Secretary, Fourth International Conference on Tall Buildings, % Department of Civil & Structural Engineering, University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.

Symposium/Workshop Focuses on Serviceability

A combination symposium and workshop on the serviceability of buildings will be held May 16-18, 1988, at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The program will focus on design-related topics dealing with movements, deformations and vibrations of buildings.

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Conference on Our World in Concrete and Structures

The 13th Conference on Our World in Concrete and Structures will take place August 25-26, 1988, in Singapore. The main themes will be concrete and structural appraisal, and concrete and structural quality.

There will be pre- and post-conference symposiums on the 23rd and 29th of August, respectively. For additional information, contact the Conference Director, CI-Premier Pte Ltd., 150 Orchard Road, #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore, 0923. Telephone: 7332922. Telex: RS 35377.

United States Selected as Site for ICOSSAR '89

The Fifth International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR) is scheduled for August 8-11, 1989, in San Francisco, California.

Organized by the International Association for Structural Safety and Reliability (IASSAR) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the conference will cover every aspect of structural safety and reliability. Emphasis will be on the safety and performance requirements of critical engineering systems under the threat of natural and man-made hazards.

A call for papers for this conference requires that prospective authors submit abstracts by April 30, 1988. Abstracts should be approximately 600 words for technical papers and 300 words for ongoing research papers.

Submission of abstracts and further inquiries should be made to:

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New York, New York 10017-2398
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Concrete Structures Symposium in Denmark

A symposium on the "Re-Evaluation of Concrete Structures" will be held June 13-15, 1988, at the Technical University of Denmark in Copenhagen. Intended for professionals concerned about the reliability and load carrying capacity of existing concrete structures, the symposium will address the value of combining traditional structural assessment approaches with the present state of advanced knowledge within the theories of safety and reliability.

The symposium, cosponsored by the Danish Concrete Association and the Danish Society for Structural Science and Engineering, also marks the 10th anniversary of the Danish Concrete Institute.

Additional information may be obtained from the Symposium Secretariat:

Re-Evaluation of Concrete Structures
BB Training
Strandvejen 266 B
DK-3070 Snekersten, Denmark
Telephone: 45 2 23 14 91

CIB Congress Will be in Paris, France

The 11th International Congress of the International Council for Building Research will meet in Paris, France, June 19-23, 1989. Persons wishing to present a paper must submit a summary of about 300 words no later than March 31, 1988.

The congress theme, "Quality for Building Users Throughout the World," will focus on four topics: design quality of interior spaces, quality of services offered, quality over a period of time, and the construction process and quality. In addition, the subject of information management through computerization will be addressed, and the results of a major survey on "World Wide Evolutions and Trends in Construction Techniques" will be examined.

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Indiana/Ohio PCI Updates

PCI's Indiana/Ohio Regional Marketing Director, **Joe Z. Garner**, has announced that their street address has changed. The new address is: 2706 Billingsley Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Their phone number (614/889-0048) remains the same.

The Executive Committee officers for the Indiana/Ohio region in 1988 are:

- **William G. Kriesel** (Chairman)
Masolite Concrete Products Inc.
- **Charles E. Hilgeman** (Vice Chairman)
Concrete Technology Inc.
- **Jack Koepnick** (Secretary-Treasurer)
Spancrete Northeast Inc.
- **Gordon W. Stephens** (Past Chairman)
American Precast Concrete Inc.

Bob Beerbower has stepped down as past chairman.



James Connolly



James M. Barker



Tom Deserable



Bill Kaufman

Connolly Named Division Manager

James Connolly has been named division manager of the Erlin, Hime Associates Division of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc., Northbrook, Illinois.

Mr. Connolly joined EHA in 1973 as director of spectroscopical services and became senior consultant in 1984 when that company joined WJE. He specializes in detailed microscopical, spectroscopical and chemical analyses of concrete, cements and other construction materials.

Barker Joins LoBuono, Armstrong & Associates

James M. Barker has joined LoBuono, Armstrong & Associates Inc., structural engineers, as vice president-project development in the firm's Tallahassee, Florida office. Prior to joining LoBuono, Armstrong, Mr. Barker was resident engineer on the Mark Clark Expressway project in Charleston, South Carolina for Figg and Muller Engineers. Earlier, he served as chief bridge engineer for the construction phase of the Linn Cove Viaduct on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. As coauthor of a paper on this project, he received PCI's Robert J. Lyman Award in 1986.

Mr. Barker has been a member of PCI's Technical Activities Committee. He is also an active member of PCI's Committee on Bridges, having served earlier as chair-

man. Despite his busy schedule, he has authored ten technical articles.

Breeko Corporation Hires Deserable and Kaufman

Breeko Corporation, a Nashville-based supplier of concrete, masonry and steel products, has named two experienced construction professionals to management positions. **Tom Deserable** has been named general manager of Breeko's prestressed concrete group, and **Bill Kaufman** has been appointed general manager of the reinforced steel group.

Mr. Deserable, a 27-year veteran of the building materials industry, was formerly general manager and sales manager of the prestressed concrete division for Heldenfels Bros. Inc. in Corpus Christi, Texas. He had also worked for building materials companies in Florida for 22 years, most recently serving as president of Lithia Enterprises Inc. in Brandon, Florida.

Mr. Kaufman was formerly president of KBC Building Materials Inc., a concrete specialty materials supply firm in Jackson, Tennessee. Prior to that, he was vice president and a member of the board of directors of Enco Materials Inc.

Sweeny Retires at Austin

After 36 years of service, **Thomas B. Sweeny**, senior vice president for design and engineering, has retired from the Austin Company.

Hired in 1951 as a structural engineer, Mr. Sweeny worked in Brazil and France before returning to Austin headquarters in 1972. At that time he was promoted to vice president for design and research, and in 1981 he was named senior vice president for design and engineering. A registered engineer in 45 states, Mr. Sweeny had served on the board of directors since 1972.

The Austin Company, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is an international organization of consultants, designers, engineers and constructors.

Kwasny Elected Vice Pres. of American Spring Wire

Joseph L. Kwasny has been elected executive vice president and a member of the board of directors at American Spring Wire Corp., Bedford Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Kwasny, who joined ASW in 1972, was a sales manager for the company before his election to the board. He will now be responsible for the daily operations of ASW and will play a leading role in the development and growth of the 20-year-old company.

New CEO, Personnel Changes at Florida Wire and Cable

The board of directors of Florida Wire and Cable Company, Jacksonville, Florida, has announced the appointment of **William P. Morris** to the position of chief executive officer.

Mr. Morris has held key positions with increasing responsibility in the company for 15 years, including those in accounting, operations and finance. He was elected president and appointed chief operating officer in September of 1986. Mr. Morris is a native of Baker County, Florida, and a graduate of Florida State University.

Javier "Spike" Salinas has been named director of special products for Florida Wire and Cable. A graduate of

Iowa State University, Mr. Salinas has more than 25 years of experience in the sales of prestressed concrete strand, galvanized products and specialty wire products. In his new position, he will be responsible for fine wire, specialty wire, wire rope and export sales.

Ray Wantage has been appointed as a technical sales representative for the company. He has been with Florida Wire and Cable for over six years and has held positions in the production and engineering departments. In his new position, Mr. Wantage will be responsible for the development and sales of specialty wire and wire rope products.

Chris Foster has been promoted to the position of manufacturing engineer. He joined the company in 1985 and has served as a project engineer and, most recently, as a plant industrial engineer. Mr. Foster, who is pursuing his master's degree in business administration, will serve the various production units with engineering support.

Hess Named President of Marietta Structures

Marietta Structures Corporation, Marietta, Ohio, has announced the promotion of **J. William Hess** to president of the corporation. Mr. Hess is a native of Marietta and a 1965 graduate of Marietta College. He served the former Marietta Concrete Company in a variety of sales, engineering and management positions from 1962 until September 1985, at which time the Marietta plant was purchased by Marietta Structures Corporation. Since 1985, Mr. Hess has been executive vice-president of Marietta Structures.

Marietta Structures is a PCI Certified Plant and produces architectural and structural precast concrete, bridge components, and industrial and farm silos at its plant in Marietta, Ohio. Its traditional market areas have been the Midwestern, mid-southern and mid-Atlantic states, with industrial silo projects throughout the United States.