



OUR MEMBERS



Students set to move into newly completed resort-style housing by Finfrock

With beach volleyball court, resort-style pool, rooftop sky deck, workout facilities, and granite countertops, the face of student housing has certainly changed. Finfrock recently completed a \$60 million precast concrete facility that is raising the bar on student housing standards near the University of Central Florida (UCF) campus.

Although privately funded, the building is managed by the UCF housing office. With accommodations for 600 students, residents have their choice between two- and four-bedroom units. Each unit has its own kitchen and laundry area, and each bedroom has a private bathroom, extra storage, and large closet. Constructed entirely of precast concrete, the building also has an access-controlled parking structure with a direct entrance to each residential floor. Designed, manufactured, and constructed by Finfrock, the project was completed in less than 12 months.

—Source: Finfrock

American Spring Wire appoints Rudolph vice president, general sales manager



Jim Rudolph

Jim Rudolph has been promoted to vice president and general sales manager of American Spring Wire (ASW) Corp. Rudolph will oversee the sales of all of ASW products, including valve spring wire, commercial spring wire, shapes and flats, and prestressing strand. Rudolph now directs ASW's sales service, technical service, and production planning responsibilities.

—Source: American Spring Wire Corp.

Spancrete welcomes new director of information technology

Spancrete has hired a new director of information technology, Paul Anderson. Anderson brings more than 25 years of experience in the technology field to the Spancrete team.

Anderson holds a degree in computer science and business from Cardinal Stritch University and most recently worked for Actuant Corp. He will be using his project management skills to develop many technology drivers in his role for Spancrete. Anderson's focus will include the development of customer, warehouse, and Oracle applications.

—Source: Spancrete

McNutt rejoins Spillman as president, COO

After a seven-year absence, Don McNutt has rejoined Spillman Co. in Columbus, Ohio, as president and COO. During his career, McNutt has been actively involved in various capacities within the concrete products industry, having worked for architectural, structural, pipe, and underground precast concrete producers. In his new work with Spillman, McNutt will be responsible for all production, engineering, sales, office, and customer activities and will also directly serve Spillman's customers in the Southeast.

McNutt holds a PE in five states, including Ohio. He will become an active member of ASTM C13 on Concrete Pipe and C27 on Precast Concrete and will also participate in various other industry committees.

—Source: Spillman Co.

High Concrete names Seroky president

High Concrete Group LLC has named John J. Seroky to serve as the company's president.

Prior to joining High Concrete Group, Seroky served as a general manager of Otis Elevator's U.S. Southern Region, based in Atlanta, Ga.

Seroky holds an MBA from the Hough Graduate School of Business at the University of Florida with a focus on finance, economics, and marketing.

—Source: High Concrete Group



John J. Seroky

IRA HOOPER



Courtesy of Franco Vogt

Ira Hooper, PE, former vice president and chief structural engineer of STV and PCI member, died June 20, 2013. He was 93.

A 1941 graduate of the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Hooper developed expertise in multistory frames, plastic design, composite construction, and rapid design for steel and concrete.

"Ira was one of the leading structural engineers of his time and gained the respect and admiration of everyone throughout the industry, which is a remarkable achievement. He inspired people to become structural engineers. Young engineers came to the firm specifically because they wanted to work with him and learn from him," said Dominick M. Servedio, executive chairman of STV.

During his 56-year career at STV, Hooper worked on some of the firm's most prestigious projects: NASA's vehicle assembly building and the Orbiter processing facility, Enrico Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory's National Synchrotron Light Source, Macy's Rego Park parking structure, the Atlantic City Convention Center, the Grand Central Subway Station rehabilitation, the LIRR John D. Caemmerer West Side storage yard and maintenance facility, and many other groundbreaking assignments.

Active in the industry, he was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Concrete Institute, American Institute of Steel Construction, and the Society of American Military Engineers. In 1985, Hooper received the Special Citation Award from the American Institute of Steel Construction. Three years later, the Metropolitan Section of ASCE named him Engineer of the Year. Hooper officially retired from STV in 2005 but continued to be a presence in the office to mentor staff and consult on special projects.

—Rachel J. Detwiler

New Life Member

Ed Knowles

Vice president
Walters and Wolf Precast
Fremont, Calif.

Mujumdar named distinguished member of National Civil Engineering Society


Vilas Mujumdar, PE, SE, a private consultant, retired National Science Foundation (NSF) senior executive, and PCI Life Member, was recently named a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This is the society's highest accolade. To date, only 637 of ASCE's worldwide members have been elected to receive this honor since the society's founding in 1852.

Mujumdar will be honored for his 50 years of service in the civil engineering profession in October at ASCE's Annual Conference in Charlotte, N.C. The award recognizes his development of innovative precast concrete building systems and his leadership in the private and public sectors, making seminal contributions to an interdisciplinary approach to reducing earthquake hazard risk, combining the socioeconomic discipline with civil engineering.

His professional experience includes senior executive management positions in the private sector, state and federal government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations. Mujumdar served as chief of operations for the Division of the State Architect for the State of California and as the director of Engineering Research Centers and the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation Program at NSF. His field of experience includes design, project management, teaching, research management, and strategic management consulting.

He has written two books, several manuals and reports, and more than 70 technical papers. He maintains civil engineer and structural engineer registrations in California. He is still very active professionally, and serves on many committees of ASCE, ACI, and on the Board of Directors of the Masonry Society. Mujumdar is also regularly invited to deliver keynote lectures for professional meetings and academic institutions nationally and internationally. In 2012, he was inducted into the Pan American Academy of Engineering.

He holds a doctoral degree in public administration/policy on seismic risk, bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering, and a master's degree in business administration.

—Source: ASCE 

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