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Chapter News

“Progress Through Knowledge”

“Our Mission”

The mission of this chapter is to teach, train, gather, and share information to guide and support the concrete construction industry in the Greater Pittsburgh Region.

Visit our website for a list of upcoming events at www.acipgh.com/calendar-of-events.

Be sure to check the website, as our meeting minutes are posted there for review. In addition, members are welcome to observe board meetings, to obtain a better understanding of Chapter activities.

Concrete In the Steel City



Chapter News

American Concrete Institute Expands Certification Offerings; Launches Android Version Of ACI Certification Verify App

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) recently announced the addition of several new certification programs, marking a total of more than 30 certification program offerings now available. To keep pace with the growing demand for ACI-certified personnel on various concrete construction projects, the Institute has launched the ACI Certification Verify app to help supervisors verify the status of ACI-certified individuals on a jobsite.

Available on iOS and now Android platforms, the ACI Certification Verify app was developed as a tool to use on the jobsite for a faster and more seamless verification process.

The ACI Certification Verify app allows users to quickly and easily verify the status of ACI-certified individuals through three search options:

- 1) verify an individual's certification ID number,
- 2) search by an individual's name, and
- 3) find the total number of ACI-certified individuals in an area.



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ACI currently maintains nearly 130,000 active certifications and offers certification programs through more than 120 sponsoring groups around the world. The Institute has certified more than half a million concrete finishers, technicians, supervisors, inspectors, managers, and more, since the 1980s.

"The expectation for quality concrete construction can be seen in the growing demand for ACI-certified workers on projects spanning the globe, and our certification programs provide competent and proven individuals who have demonstrated the ability to properly test, place, and inspect concrete," said John W. Nehasil, Managing Director, Certification, American Concrete Institute. "The ACI Certification Verify app allows these individuals to prove their certification status and ensure projects can keep moving forward – now on both Apple and Android devices."

The app is available on [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aci.verify) and in the [Apple App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aci-certification-verify/id1441111111) and uses the same functionality of the popular [concrete.org/verify](https://www.concrete.org/verify) web-based verification tool. To learn more about ACI Certification or to download the app, visit [ACICertification.org](https://www.acicertification.org).



President's Message

By David Thomas



Happy New Year and I hope everyone is safe and healthy as we continue to navigate our lives in this current pandemic climate. Our Industry is advancing and working safely by putting COVID-19 Safety plans in effect at Suppliers, Producers and Project locations.

The Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter regrets that we were not able to hold our monthly dinner meetings but this decision is in the best interest of our members and their families based on State Health Guidelines. Tricia Ladely (past president) and Steve Reed (vice-president) are making plans with ACI National to schedule virtual technical meetings for February, March and April. Tentatively our first virtual meeting topic will be Changes to the Concrete Design Standard and I am looking forward to having many of our members and guests joining with us.

Our Certification Classes are starting back up very soon and more information can be found at acipgh.org.

A few of our chapter members and I took part submitting written and oral comments to address changes in the PA Uniform Construction Code which can be found in Kerry Sutton's article in this newsletter.

The ACI Spring convention is being held virtually from March 28th through April 1st due to COVID-19 restrictions. I attended the ACI Fall virtual Convention and personally enjoyed the presentations. This convention was very well attended and gave everyone opportunities to sit in on committees. I am now looking forward to seeing what they have in store this spring; more information can be found at concrete.org/events.

I anticipate our next meeting and hope to join in-person when it becomes safe.

Sincerely

David Thomas

Benefits of ACI Corporate Membership

Membership in the American Concrete Institute means knowledge! Through annual subscriptions, ACI members now have free access to all ACI University webinars and on-demand courses, plus unlimited access to the Institute's 200+ practices (including all ACI guides and reports) and symposium volumes.

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6th Annual

Excellence in Concrete Project Award

If you wish to submit an entry to be considered for this award, please visit our website www.acipgh.com to download the application form.

Reminder:

The deadline for project entries is February 29, 2021.



Engineering Is Everywhere



The Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Concrete Institute is accepting applications for a pilot program using the Engineering is Everywhere curriculum to introduce 4th through 6th graders to engineering. Engineering is Everywhere is an evidence-based training for upper-elementary teachers who want to teach their students about what engineering is, what engineers do, and how the math and science they learn in school is used by engineers.

The selected schools for the pilot program will receive the full curriculum, which includes:

- Three video lessons to present to the classroom
- Online training for elementary educators to facilitate lesson planning and class discussion
- A kit that supplies the materials used to teach the hands-on activities, which can be used year after year

After completion of the curriculum, ACI-Pittsburgh asks that the educator participate in a 1-hour teleconference to provide feedback on the curriculum and its implementation.

Interested educators may apply by contacting Brian Lucarelli at Lucarelli.ACI@gmail.com. Please provide the educator's name, contact information (email or phone), grade level, and school name.

Additional information regarding the Engineering Is Everywhere curriculum can be found at www.engineeringiseverywhere.com. Specific questions regarding the ACI Pittsburgh pilot program should be directed to Brian Lucarelli at the email listed above.

A Warm Welcome & Thank You to our Newest Chapter Members!

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The Pittsburgh Area Chapter continues to grow because of support from all of our members!

TINK BRYAN AWARD TRIBUTE TO: THOMAS "TINK" BRYAN

The Tink Bryan Award was created in honor of an outstanding individual who dedicated himself to his family, business and the concrete industry. For several years now the Chapter has honored various individuals with this award. The Pittsburgh Chapter Board of Directors is requesting nominations for a 2021 recipient. If a candidate is selected, they will be announced at the Awards Banquet in April. The candidate should demonstrate an exceptional commitment and achievement of service to the concrete industry.

Please forward a letter with your candidate(s) name and reasons for nomination to:

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To be accepted for board review, nominations should be received by March 15th.