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# Chapter News



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## ACI PITTSBURGH AREA CHAPTER 2018/2019 DINNER MEETINGS

North Park Lounge Cranberry - 20810 Route 19 - Cranberry Township, PA 16066  
6:00 PM

Date	Speaker	Topic
December 5, 2018	Max Stephens	"Building with Concrete Filled Steel Tube Columns & Connections"
January 9, 2019	Charles Hanskat	"Shotcrete Today – Not Your Father's Gunitite"
February 6, 2019	Jared Wright	Walker Consultants - Repair & Restoration
March 6, 2019	Nico Sutmoller	"An Introduction to Cellular Concrete"

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## Concrete In the Steel City

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## President's Message

*By April Snyder*



I spent most of my career behind a microscope. A few years ago I was asked to take over operations management of the cementitious materials department at our company. With those duties came responsibility to develop business opportunities. I didn't know where to start. I knew all about the fascinating chemistry and microstructural characteristics of concrete material, but little about the industry as a whole. Being familiar with the American Concrete Institute and its mission to disseminate knowledge, I knew that was the place to start.

I attended my first chapter meeting 5 years ago and knew it was a good decision when I won the 50/50 raffle! Participation in ACI on the local chapter level, along with technical sessions and committee meetings at the international conventions, has broadened my knowledge of the industry in a very short timeframe.

Concrete is a dynamic material whose properties and performance are affected by production, placement, and environment, and the research to improve performance and sustainability is advancing rapidly. ACI brings together producers, contractors, engineers, researchers, students, and business professionals to work with one another on the common goal of advancing concrete durability, performance, efficiency, and constructability, and disseminating knowledge. That is the best thing about ACI – the people, working together and learning from each other. On a local level, I am truly honored to lead this group of dedicated volunteers to educate, train, and promote the concrete industry in our region.

The board has been busy making changes to the structure and operations of the chapter with the goal of sustaining the chapter and aligning it with the goals of ACI global. We are looking for involvement from the membership to participate on open committees to provide us with ideas, and assistance with development of programs that will grow the chapter, and increase involvement. The Pittsburgh Area Chapter ACI continues to strive to be a source for concrete industry professionals in the area to gather, educate, and grow.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

April Snyder  
President



## Letter Ballots

Please note that a letter ballot is being distributed regarding the elimination of the Nominating Committee. **All ballots should be returned no later than December 21, 2018.**



## Renew your membership with the Pittsburgh Chapter ACI!

It is just about time to renew your membership with the Pittsburgh Area Chapter of the American Concrete Institute and continue to be a part of the premier community dedicated to the best use of concrete.

By being a member of the Pittsburgh Area Chapter of ACI you will have:

- Access to the Chapter Library which contains many ACI Publications.
- Networking opportunities at:
  - Monthly Dinner Meetings
  - Awards Banquet
  - Golf Outing

In addition to the benefits received locally, all local chapter members will also receive select global benefits:

- Free digital subscription to Concrete International magazine\*;
- Three free tokens for selected on-demand courses at the ACI University\*;
- Inclusion in and access to the ACI Member Directory\*; and
- A printable ACI membership certificate\*.

*\*Select global benefit offered by the American Concrete Institute. Dues must be received no later than February 1, 2019.*

*Access to benefits will be available on March 1, 2019.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Job Openings

### READY MIX CONCRETE PLANT DISPATCHER

DuBrook, a member of the M&B Group, is in immediate need of a ready-mix concrete plant dispatcher. The primary responsibility of the dispatcher will be to receive and process customer orders and handle customer inquiries on a daily basis. The individual must have strong organizational skills and must be detail oriented. Minimum of 1 year experience in ready-mix concrete plant operations preferred but not required. DuBrook offers competitive compensation and benefits package that include medical, dental, vision, 401k, vacation and holiday time. *Learn more about DuBrook and employment opportunities at [www.dubrookinc.com](http://www.dubrookinc.com).* **Drop off or mail resumes/applications to 15303 Rte. 322, Clarion PA 16214 or call 814-764-3007.** We look forward to working with you!

### BATCH PLANT OPERATOR

DuBrook, a member of the M&B Group, is in immediate need of an experienced concrete batch plant operator at our Butler facility. The primary responsibility of the batch plant operator is to utilize computer and manual controls to efficiently batch ready-mix concrete products. Minimum of 1-3 years of related experience in concrete ready-mix plant operations is required; previous batch plant operator experience is preferred but not required. DuBrook offers competitive compensation and benefits package that include medical, dental, vision, 401k, vacation and holiday time. *Learn more about DuBrook and employment opportunities at [www.dubrookinc.com](http://www.dubrookinc.com).* **Drop off or mail resumes/applications to 15303 Rte. 322, Clarion PA 16214 or call 814-764-3007.** We look forward to working with you!

### CONCRETE MIXER DRIVERS

Stone & Company, Inc. has immediate Concrete Mixer Driver Positions available in Western Pennsylvania. **Please contact Brian Henckel at 724-836-1400 x141 for additional details.**

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON

Dom DeMarco Construction Inc. is seeking an individual with Quickbooks Contractor experience and general office skills. 30-40 hours per week. **Please call Linda at 412 400-2831 for more information.**



## ~ 4th Annual ~ Excellence in Concrete Project Award

We are pleased to announce that we have made changes to the project award submittal process to make it less time consuming. We encourage you to submit a project for consideration and share the opportunity with others in the Pittsburgh area concrete community, whether they are a member of ACI or not. Please look out for the latest application in the upcoming weeks. We need your help to make this program a success!

### ACI Certification Program Overview

The following ACI Certifications may be offered by the Pittsburgh Area Chapter on an individual or small group basis. The certifications below are tests only. **NO REVIEW of the program materials will be provided.** Pittsburgh Area Chapter will typically schedule the test(s) for the certifications outlined below to coincide with another previously scheduled certification session. In some instances, the chapter may be willing to offer one of the certifications outlined below on a standalone date at the convenience of the chapter. Please contact Andy Lawrence or the chapter for more information on these programs.

- ACI Masonry Field and Laboratory Testing Technician – \$1200
  - ACI Masonry Field Testing Technician – \$750
  - ACI Masonry Laboratory Testing Technician – \$750
  - Workbook (get code from website) – Includes material for both tests – \$135
- ACI Aggregate Testing Technician Level II – \$700
- ACI Concrete Laboratory Technician Level II – \$550
- ACI Concrete Quality Technical Manager – \$600
- ACI Concrete Construction Special Inspector – \$600
- ACI Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector – \$650
- ACI Adhesive Anchor Installer – \$800
- Self-Consolidating Concrete Testing Technician – \$500



### ACI – PITTSBURGH AREA CHAPTER FALL 2018/SPRING 2019 CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE

ACI Concrete Field Tech – Grade I	Location
December 3-4 2018	Ligonier Stone & Lime - Latrobe, PA
December 17-18, 2018	Castle Builders Supply - Hermitage, PA
January 7-8, 2019	J.J. Kennedy - Shippensburg, PA
January 28-29, 2019	DuBrook – Clarion, PA
February 11-12, 2019	New Enterprise Stone & Lime - Roaring Spring, PA
February 25-26, 2019	To Be Determined
March 11-12, 2019	Stone & Company - Greensburg, PA
Concrete Strength & Aggregate Testing Tech	Location
Dec 14-15, 2018	Pittsburgh, PA
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