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CHAPTER NEWS

Progress through Knowledge

Concrete In the Steel City

THANK YOU! to the 2024-2025 Board for all of their efforts!

2025 Pittsburgh Area Chapter Meetings & Events

GOLF OUTING

Monday - July 28, 2025
QUICKSILVER GOLF CLUB
Midway, PA 15060

The 2025/2026 Education/Training Schedule will be posted on the website sometime in September.

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

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Sidley Precast – Jeremiah Frey
USACE – Andrew Bechtold

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



CHAPTER NEWS

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET Highlights



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Carol Tasillo.

Carol served as a civil engineer for nearly 45 years, with over 30 years dedicated to the practice of concrete materials engineering. During this time, she was instrumental in the delivery of numerous complex projects. While her home has always been Pittsburgh, her influence stretched far beyond Western Pennsylvania and encompasses some of the largest civil works projects across the nation. She retired from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on March 8, 2025, leaving an enduring legacy of selfless service, dedication, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to quality which she has instilled in our next generation of materials experts.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 1999 in memory of Thomas "Tink" Bryan. Tink was an outstanding individual who dedicated himself to his family, business and the concrete industry. Over the past several years, the Chapter has honored other members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment in these same areas.

Past winners in attendance at this year's awards banquet (from left to right): Brian Montarti, Dave Thomas, Carol Tasillo, George Wargo, Russel Smith



Congratulations! 2025 FOUNDERS AWARD WINNER

Joshua Maurer (\$4,000)

Joshua was a freshman at Point Park University when he applied, but will be a sophomore in Fall 2025. He is majoring in Civil Engineering with an expected graduation date of 2028. After graduation, Joshua plans to obtain his PE license and work as a highway construction manager. Joshua was unable to attend the Awards Banquet because he was in West Virginia competing in Point Park University's first Division 2 Outdoor Track & Field Conference Meet, where he participated in the open 800m and 4x400m relay. Joshua's mother, Julie Maurer, attended on his behalf.



2025-2026 ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS

We currently have 260 members and 52 ballots were returned.

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AWARDS BANQUET Highlights

The Chapter's annual awards banquet was held on April 26, 2025 at the Southpointe Golf Club.

Past President, Joshua Bryan, received the President's Award for (2023-2025) from incoming President, Carly McGee. (pictured right)



Attendees participated in gaming activities with several individuals receiving gift baskets by redeeming their winning tickets. (pictured below).



SERVICE AWARDS 2025 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AWARD

This award is issued by the American Concrete Institute.

"for his outstanding leadership and support of all activities within the ACI Pittsburgh Area Chapter and dedicated service to the education and certification of concrete professionals to create a quality workforce in our region"



Andrew R. Lawrence is the Owner and Principal Engineer of Lawrence Concrete Consultants, LLC, headquartered in Clarion, PA, USA. He has worked in the ready mixed concrete production and concrete construction industries for over 25 years.

He has served as the Education Committee Coordinator and Examiner of Record for the ACI Pittsburgh Area Chapter since 2009, providing certifications, including Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I; Concrete Strength Testing Technician; Aggregate Testing Technician; Concrete Flatwork Associate, Finisher, and Advanced Finisher; and Self-Consolidating Concrete Testing Technician. He was awarded the 2023 ACI Certification Award. He is also a member of ASTM International and the Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA).

Lawrence received his BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA in 2001 and his MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA in 2003. He is a licensed professional engineer in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

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The Chapter Activities Award was founded in 1975, and recognizes outstanding service in the promotion and development of a chapter or chapters by a member of ACI. Nominations come from the Chapter Activities Award Committee and are approved by the Board of Direction.

10th Annual EXCELLENCE IN CONCRETE PROJECT AWARD WINNER



New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.
Project: Bellwood Dam Modification Category: Infrastructure
(Completed September 2024)



The Bellwood Dam Modifications was a project in Blair County, PA owned by the Altoona Water Authority and constructed by Allison Park Contractors of Gibsonia, PA. This project consisted of building a new “Labyrinth Weir” spillway, weir walls, terminal structure, parapet walls, intake tower with access bridge, new control vault for outlet valves and various retaining walls. The old spillway was cut off to a lower elevation, the existing surface was sealed by placing shotcrete, then water was diverted around the existing dam, down the old spillway allowing the contractor to begin construction of the new spillway. Concrete construction began in 2022 and wrapped up in the fall of 2024.

The biggest challenge we faced as a concrete producer was supplying the base that the Labyrinth Weir walls rest on top of. The base is 12’ thick, was placed in 8 separate mass concrete pours. These mass placements varied in volume with the largest two placements requiring 1,100 cubic yards a piece. The entire base is close to 7,000 yards. To be able to deliver that volume of concrete within DOT’s allowable hours of service, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. utilized two batch plants: Roaring Spring and Tyrone. Allison Park Contractors had two concrete pumps set up for all mass pours, keeping trucks moving. Great communication between everyone involved made this such a success. Total volume of concrete on this project was 14,718 cubic yards.



*2025 Annual Excellence in Concrete Project Award Winner
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. Attendees*

