I’m so pleased to announce a new staff person and a new position at ASCC. Joseph Whiteman, formerly with Morley Builders and Turner, accepted the position of director of safety services just before Christmas, with his first official day February 5.

Most recently Whiteman was senior safety manager for Morley Builders’ San Diego region for five years. Prior to that he was project safety manager for Indian Wells Golf Resort for two years and a safety manager for Turner Construction in southern California from 2003-2009. He served as a director on the SRMC board for the past three years.

Whiteman received an Associate of Science degree in Environmental Technology – Occupational Health and Safety from Cuyamaca College, El Cajon, CA. He has his Associate Safety Professional (ASP) designation, his Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) designation and his Certified Safety Professional (CSP) certification. Whiteman served as a scout team leader with Alpha Co., 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, United States Marine Corps. He received a Presidential Unit Citation, a National Defense Medal and a Purple Heart.

I think it’s probably safe to assume that there are, members and non-members alike, asking why ASCC wanted/needed a fulltime safety person. It’s a fair question.

From the day I came on board (January 2003) it was drummed into my head that safety was a crucial piece of the ASCC culture and message. Since that time, it has

Welcome New Members
Alcon Construction, Alamosa, CO
Aztec, Montgomeryville, PA
B. Concrete Inc., Brookville, OH
Bowman Concrete Solutions, Acworth, GA
Cretepavers, Inc., Sunapee, NH
Encore Concrete Construction LLC, Spring, TX
EnduraCrete, Wentzville, MO
FiberForce by ABC Polymer, Chesterston, IN
Grupo Jabes, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
Premier Polishing Corp., Holbrook, NY
Square B, LLC, Lincoln, NE
Starling Concrete Resurfacing LLC, Bessemer, AL
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State of Decorative Concrete

Todd Scharich, Decorative Concrete Specialist

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Janet Stanton, SRMC Past President

SPOTLIGHT ON L. KEELEY CONSTRUCTION

2016 W. BURR BENNETT SAFETY AWARD WINNER (GENERAL CONTRACTOR)

L. Keeley Construction is a St. Louis-based company founded in 1926. Their focus is on heavy civil-power transmission, structural concrete, site development, paving, national maintenance programs for large retail and industrial installations, and maintenance of industrial processes.

L. Keeley employs approximately 300 people who they recognize and understand as their most important asset. The contractor has a very pro-active safety program, utilizing both lagging and leading indicators to better manage their safety initiatives. They are focused on detailed JHA/JSA processes for all work activities, and have a consistent history of maintaining a better than industry
average EMR which appears to be trending lower for the upcoming year. L. Keeley drives and cultivates a collaborative culture, fostering buy-in of their program with all their trade partners. Their submittal was full of detailed examples of the aspects of their safety program, including:

- Comprehensive Pre-Task Planning
- Reinforcement re: positive safety practices
- Extensive event reporting
- Employee self-assessment re: safety growth
- Safety goals by year

Congratulations to L. Keeley Construction for winning the 2016 Burr Bennett Award for General Contractor Safety Excellence!

**Guy Wires/Bracing – Important Factors in Rebar Column Safety**

Often times, we as concrete contractors take for granted the installation of rebar columns and assume they are adequately and properly braced or guyed. We go about our scope, prep the column, and set the column forms around the rebar assuming it will not tip or collapse under the added force from our work. Have we unknowingly exposed our crews and others to a hazard?

There have been countless instances in our industry where rebar columns have collapsed or tipped over. The results vary from causing damage and injury to even worse, a fatality. Unfortunately, the overwhelming cause is the rebar column is not properly or sufficiently braced or guyed. Another cause is the bracing or guying is removed or disconnected by another trade to perform an unrelated task, without realizing the negative effect it has on the column’s stability.

OSHA's Subpart Q does not provide a lot of detail or direction to help ensure rebar columns won’t tip or collapse under their own weight, not to mention when the concrete contractor begins setting column forms. As responsible concrete contractors, we should be utilizing a bracing plan provided by the reinforcing steel contractor’s qualified person. It should identify adequate bracing or guying requirements and when those braces or guy wires are to be removed and by whom. This is called out by OSHA to be done under the direction of a competent person.

It’s important you ask the right questions and verify that the rebar columns are adequately guyed or braced. Ensure that the correct sequencing is taking place in regard to setting column forms and removing the braces or guy wires, and that it is done by the responsible party under proper supervision. It’s also a great opportunity to use the bracing plan as a tailgate topic to ensure everyone is working safely and on the same page.

**ASCC Laser Scanning Workshop a Success**

Thirty hard-working, dedicated individuals shared their thoughts and experiences at the ASCC Laser Scanning Workshop on Concrete Construction Tolerances in Las Vegas before the World of Concrete. The morning sessions featured outstanding presentations by Will Paul and Kevin Stein of BKF Engineers, Philip Lorenzo of Rithm, Loay Hanthel of Largo Concrete, Josh DeStefano of DPR Construction, and Eric Peterson of Webcor Concrete.

Afternoon sessions featured Jim Klinger of Conco, Eamonn Connolly of McHugh Construction, Michal Ahern of Pivot Engineers and Frank Salzano of CECO, leading discussions on content to include in a Guide and/or recommend practice of laser scanning for concrete construction tolerances that would ensure (A) reproducibility, (B) data quality and (C) understanding of tolerances. The results of the afternoon sessions will be helpful in guiding ACI-ASCC 117 in developing a new Guide on this topic.
Workshop participants benefited from hearing John Russo of Architectural Resource Consultants (ARC), current president of the U.S. Institute of Building Documentation, explain how their documents handle specifying the level of accuracy for laser scanning.

ACI has given preliminary approval for a technical session at the ACI Convention in Las Vegas in October 2018 on laser scanning of concrete tolerances. Finally, as an extra Workshop benefit, we have participants that are interested in joining ASCC and ACI-ASCC 117 as members. Contact Bruce Suprenant at bsuprenant@ascconline.org for more information.

**Concrete industry Management Program Holds Record-Breaking Auction at 2018 World of Concrete**

(Las Vegas, Nev. – Jan. 30, 2018) – The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program – a business intensive program that awards students with a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Concrete Industry Management – raised more than $1.1 million in gross revenue at its annual auction, held in conjunction with the World of Concrete on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

“The 2018 World of Concrete Auction was our best ever!” commented Mike Philipps, CIM Auction Committee Chairman. “The results of this Auction are indicative of the high value the concrete industry places on the CIM program. We have a record in terms of the value of donated items and attendees at the Auction that helped make this year’s event a tremendous success.”

Thanks to all of the ASCC members who donated items/cash to the auction and/or bid on items.

**Congratulations to DCC Awards WOW! Winner**

Congratulations to T.B. Penick & Sons, San Diego, CA, winners of the WOW! Award (Best in Show) at the Decorative Concrete Council Project Awards, presented January 23rd in Las Vegas. The winning project was the Atlanta Botanical Garden where Penick helped design and installed a sinuous concrete walkway embellished with intricate mosaics.