

Technically Speaking at the Annual Conference

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Conference. ASCC Hotline maestro Ward Malisch and DCC Hotline guru Todd Scharich will also be at the conference all week. So bring your Hotline questions – including photos, crack maps and documents for Ward and Todd. In addition, there are a number of other technical activities.

On Wednesday from 9 – 11 a.m. join Ward, me, and other members of the Technical Committee as we discuss drafts of three Position Statements: (1) Ambiguous Specification Language, (2) Appearance of Broom Finished Concrete Surfaces, and (3) Reshores Placed After Stripping Formwork. These help address issues that are problems for concrete contractors.

In addition, the Technical Committee will provide input on an article in *The Construction Specifier* -- “Making ‘Impossible’ ADA Slopes Possible – Predictable concrete flatness techniques”. We will also discuss an article Ward, Frank Salzano, and I will be preparing for the same magazine scheduled for January 2015 on “Specifying Broom Finish for Concrete Surfaces”. And finally an update on the Topping Slab Workshop and book. Everyone’s input is welcomed!

Next Ward Malisch and Dr. Heather Brown of Middle Tennessee State University will make a presentation at 3 p.m. on Wednesday on one of ACI’s newest documents: ACI 347.3R “Guide to Formed Concrete Surfaces.” We’re planning to do some research on this document in cooperation with CIM faculty. Seating is limited.

On Thursday I’ll be teaching a class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by the exam, for those wishing to be ACI certified as Flatwork Finishers. And Rocky Geans’ 2-day Business School runs from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, then from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Then we move on into the Conference Workshops and Seminars. On Friday and Saturday there are three Workshops and seven Seminars to choose from -- too bad you can’t attend them all! And the demonstrations are back including:

- Decorative vertical applications
- Rehab your slab
- Slip resistance
- New stenciling methods
- Epoxy metallic

Hope to see you at the Conference.