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With appreciation for your dedication

Mark Benjamin served as President of ACCE during an exciting time of growth and development. He brought experience and business knowledge to the workings of the Council and presided over many landmark occurances. There was no one better suited or qualified to lead ACCE during this time.

In July 2006, we signed the Council's second reciprocity agreement with the National Board for Construction Management Accreditation in the Peoples Republic of China after many years of hard work by all parties. In July 2007, we signed our third reciprocity agreement with the Canadian Technical Accreditation Board. We also accredited the Construction Management Program at the University of South Australia in July 2007. We have truly grown

to maintain an international presence in quality Construction Management education.

Mark is President and CEO of Morley Builders, a California company. He has provided a passion for excellence and a strong business background that we hope will continue to assist the Council for many years to come.

Robert Segner, President 2007-09

Robert "Bob" Segner, is a professor at Texas A&M University, Department of Construction Science. It is impossible to list the many contributions that Bob has already made to ACCE through his commitment and his leadership on key committees and task forces. He has provided a strong influence in leading our Visiting Team Chairs through concise and productive training that will provide even stronger visiting teams in the field. Bob worked many years in the construction field before entering education, and we look forward to his many talents and strong leadership skills to strengthen our Council during the next two years.

Steve Nellis, Vice President 2007-09

Steve Nellis is a long time friend and champion of Construction Management education and has served ACCE in many capacities prior to his election as Vice President. Steve has his own construction consulting firm in Dallas, Texas and works tirelessly with the National Association of Home Builders. In this capacity, he has brought many innovative programs to the forefront to improve the education process and the needs of industry. We look forward to this same passion providing direction to our Long Range Planning Committee.

Focus On

A Message from Executive Vice President, Michael M. Holland

.**A Giving Industry –**

Contractors of all sizes began as small operations – most as a one person operation, a person with a passion for building and a personal talent of some sort. They grew in an environment of low bid, knowing that the other bidders had similar backgrounds. The competition was their neighbor and their community was their customer, the same as their neighbor. During their growth they had to deal with other neighbors as their suppliers, their subcontractors, all of whom had to deal with their neighbor/competitor for business. Their customers (neighbors) required a 10% safety net (retainage) from their contractors, for they did not trust they would complete the work as "contracted" without the threat of penalty; even required their neighbor to commit their house and all their net worth (surety bond) as additional guarantee of completing the work to their neighbor's satisfaction. All-in-all, this was a tough environment to live in: to grow a business; to maintain positive relationships with such complex interactions.

With this adversarial environment, you will find the contractor in your community to be a giving person and company. You find contractors on Hospital Boards, Chamber of Commerce Boards, active on School Boards, City Councils, neighborhood boards and religious boards – all requiring time and financial commitments to their neighbors and communities. On campuses across the country, you will find many of the contributions to fund large projects for the institution to be from contractors – not that they will gain anything from the institution for their gift – it is their passion for their community and their industry that causes their gifting.

In our community, you see that giving all around. Joe Kimmel made his financial success from the construction industry and has shared it with the community in a number of ways including supporting quality construction education at Western Carolina University. You see the program the University of Florida benefiting from industry contributions for their future growth and futuristic innovation for the education of future contractors. Programs involved with residential construction education benefit from the tremendous H.E.L.P. program funded by the residential contractors which support NAHB. All around us, we know of contractors who fund scholarship programs, like Georgia Southern for the students of their industry. And you see programs like Bradley University inspiring students to give to their community, leading by example and letting students experience the meaning of giving back.

The practitioners and educators who support ACCE with their time and talents give in an extraordinary way. It is with their participation that we are able to conduct our business: to accredit our programs; to lead the way into the future knowledge needed to lead this industry into its new territory; leading also by example of giving to the industry. ACCE could not exist and the quality education promoted by ACCE would not provide the foundation for our industry without the contributions made by our members and participants.

Though our industry is still in an environment of competition and does not see the benefit of research outside of a competitive advantage, we do give back: give to our communities; give to our industry; give to the future of the students who are the future of our industry.

Yes, we are a giving industry.

Welcome New Members

Individual Members

Dr. Scott Amos
Michigan Technological University

Ms Brena Egedisen
PCL Construction

Dr. Sean Foley
Northern Kentucky University

Dr. Brian Moore
Georgia Southern University

Professor George Pakieser
Joliet Junior College

Mr. Robert Palmer
Front Range Community College

Mr. Matt Stevens
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Professor John Stratman
Eastern Kentucky University

Professor Scott Sumner
Wentworth Institute of Technology

Mr. Robert Twardock
College of Lake County

Organization Members

Fluor Corporation
Sugarland, TX

Welcome to our new and re-elected Board

Professor Dianne Kay Slattery
Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

Dianne has her Masters and Bachelors Degree in Engineering from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and is currently Department Chair for the Construction Management Program. As a new Trustee, she brings many talents from both her experience in education and her business experience.

RE ELECTED TRUSTEES include Dr. Tom Burns, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and Dr. John Schaufelberger from the University of Washington. Entering their second terms as Trustees, they both bring experience and commitment to the work of our Council and we appreciate their time and talents shared.

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Annual Meeting & Around ACCE

Canadian Technology Accreditation Board
Reciprocal Agreement Signing

It was an exciting time for all after many years of work to view the signing of the Reciprocal Agreement with CTAB, represented at the Annual Meeting by Mr. Geoff Sale. Looking on is Mike Holland, ACCE Executive Vice President, Bob Segner, ACCE Vice President, and Dr. Roger Liska, ACCE representative to CTAB as the agreement is signed by Mr. Sale and Mark Benjamin, ACCE President. Our agreements with three international accrediting boards are a wonderful opportunity to broaden the scope of Construction Management education and therefore strengthen the industry. A special thank you to Dr. Liska for his endless hours invested in this project.

Mr. Frank Bruckner accepts the Founder's Award on behalf of Mr. Joe Kimmel, presented by Ms Becky Burleson and Dr. Craig Capano of ACCE Development Committee.

ACCE—Founder's Award Presentation
Mr. Joe Kimmel

In the Spring of 2007, invitations were sent out to all members, friends, and associates encouraging them to nominate candidates for the ACCE Founder's Award that was established to recognize individuals, companies, or organizations that, through their efforts over the past year, have had a profound effect on construction education. We were pleased to have several strong nominations submitted and the recipient of the first award was Mr. Joe Kimmel.

Joe Kimmel is the President, CEO and founder of Kimmel and Associates. A native of Nevada, Joe is a nuclear engineer, graduating from the University of Nevada at Reno. He is a giving person, funding many scholarship opportunities in the construction industry, an industry which has given him so much — he now gives back.

A special thank you to three retiring Board of Trustee members

Norma Andersen

Toni Hynds

Robert Pyle

We appreciate your time and talents and leadership. Your commitment to quality education has helped our Council grow and increase the impact of our Mission. We look forward to your continued involvement with ACCE for many years to come.

ACCE has lost an old friend and champion of quality education in the construction industry. **Professor Alvin M. Bryski** died Sunday, August 5, 2007 at his residence. Al earned his degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan and his master's from Georgia Institute of Technology. He was professor and department chairperson for the Civil and Construction Department of Hudson Valley Community College for 30 years. As a strong supporter of ACCE, he most recently served as Vice Chair of the Accreditation Committee where he provided strong judgments and fair analysis of team reports. He was also active as a Visiting Team Member and Chair – always generously sharing his time and passion. He will certainly leave a vacant spot in the work of ACCE.

Around ACCE

- Workforce Florida, Inc. has awarded a $500,000 grant to **Santa Fe Community College** to launch the Employ Florida Banner Center for Construction, which will be housed within Santa Fe's Institute of Construction and Technical Education.
- **Jim Smith, professor and former head of the Department of Construction Science at Texas A&M University, has been elected to the National Academy of Construction, an independent organization made up of industry leaders widely recognized for their outstanding contributions to the engineering and construction industry**

- **Texas A&M University** students and faculty participated in the 2007 Solar Decathlon in Washington, DC

Congratulations to the following individuals who have taken the reins of leadership for their institution's programs.

Arizona State University
Professor James Ernzen, Director
Bowling Green State University
Professor Travis Chapin, Coordinator
California State University, Chico
Professor Lori A. Brown, Director
Colorado State University
Dr. Mostafa Khattab, Dept. Head
Georgia Southern University
Dr. Brian Moore, Dept. Chair
Michigan State University
Dr. Scott G. Witter, Director
Northern Kentucky University
Dr. Sean P. Foley
Texas A&M University
Professor Joe Horlen, Dept. Head
University of North Florida
Dr. Mag Malek, Chair
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Dr. Joseph Wright, Director
Weber State University
Professor Chris Soelberg, Coordinator
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Dr. Craig Capano, Dept. Head

- **California Polytechnic State University** is looking forward to the completion of their new facilities which are pictured at right. It will be a wonderful addition and students and faculty are excited to take possession!
- In a press release dated July 30, 2007, Wentworth Institute of Technology announced the appointment of **Dr. Craig D. Capano** to Department Head for the Department of Civil, Construction and Environment. Capano returns to his alma mater with over 20 years of professional and academic experience working and studying in the building construction and engineering fields.
- **Dr. Yilmaz H. Karasulu**, assistant professor of construction science at Texas A&M University was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Foundation of the American Subcontractors Association, Inc.
- The following **Association Members** of ACCE have launched programs to help address the workforce crisis and recruit future workforce:

  ABC has launched TryTools.org, a website providing information on construction careers, earning potential, and virtual job site tours.

  AGC of America has introduced the Build UP! Program which takes fifth-grade students on explorations in construction.

  NAWIC's Block-Kids Building Program introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of and to promote an interest in future careers in one of the many facets of the industry.

  NCCER is supporting the Build Your Future program, which is a nationwide image and recruitment campaign for the construction industry by targeting high school students on the verge of making critical career decisions and portraying a realistic, positive view of the industry.

  The **National Housing Endowment**, the philanthropic arm of the National Association of Home Builders, has created the Homebuilding Education Leadership Program (H.E.L.P.) Through this program NHE is making a long-term commitment to award several seed grants each year to leading two-and-four-year colleges and universities to help them create, expand or enhance existing residential construction management program or develop new programs in that academic area. Each college or university program selected to participate in the program will receive a $100,000 grant to be used over a two-year period. Congratulations to these ACCE programs that are the 2008 recipients: **California Polytechnic State University, Jefferson State Community College, John A. Logan College**. We congratulate these programs and encourage others from ACCE to apply for next years consideration.

- **Ball State University** Construction Management students visit the expansion construction sight at Indy International Airport. This multi million dollar project is in two phases – **Turner Construction** is responsible for the site and parking garage.

Visiting Team Agenda

Fall 2007

We would like to say a special "Thank You" to all our ACCE Visiting Team Members for sharing their time and expertise to complete our Mission.

Alfred State College
David Dando, Chair
Jacob Kovel
Sean Foley
Dennis Dorward—MIT
Dianne Kay Slattery—MIT

Bowling Green State University
Khalid Siddiqi, Chair
Gary Smith
Cheryel Goodale
Bill Moylan — MIT
Henderson Pritchard — MIT

California State University, Fresno
Charles Berryman, Chair
Tom Rogers
Don McCollister
David Shields — MIT
Chris Soelberg — MIT
Joseph Pichett — IO

Florida International University
Dave Hanna, Chair
Tulio Sulbaran
James Hogan
Yilmaz Karasulu—MIT
David Batie—MIT

North Carolina A&T State University
Mike O'Dea, Chair
Shawn Strong
Dwayne Fitzpatrick
Anthony Ruggiero — MIT
Gail Edwards — MIT

Spring 2008

Auburn University
California Polytechnic State University
John A. Logan College
Oregon State University
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Accreditations

At the July 21, 2007 meeting, the Board of Trustees granted the following accreditations:

Renewal of Accreditation

Boise State University
Construction Management Program
Dr. Rebecca Mirsky, Chair and Associate Professor

Brigham Young University
Construction Management
Dr. Jay Newitt, Program Chair

Clemson University
Department of Construction Science & Management
Professor Raymond Schneider, Interim Chair

Jefferson State Community College
Construction Management Program
Professor Michal Banik, Director

North Lake College
Construction Management Program
Mr. Mike Cooley, Associate Dean

Purdue University
Building Construction Management
Dr. Robert F. Cox, Department Head

University of Washington
Department of Construction Management
Dr. John Schaufelberger, Department Chair

Wentworth Institute of Technology
Construction Management Program
Dr. Craig Capano, Department Head

Initial Accreditation

Edmonds Community College
Construction Management Program
Professor Ed van der Bogert, Department Head

University of South Australia
Building Construction
Professor George Zillant, Associate Professor

ACCE Accredited Programs Shine

The AGC student chapter at **Bradley University** has been very active in helping the community at many levels, including building homes for the needy, building playgrounds, running tracks for a high school, benches, and much, much more. The students at right built a playground for the Charter Oak Elementary School in Charter Oak, Illinois. They invested significant efforts even on Mother's Day to complete this project! Congratulations on a job well done.

Jeremy Daniel and Jesse Bentley, CM students at **Georgia Southern University,** won scholarships from the Georgia Utility Contractors Association. On October 4, 2007, the students received their awards from Lt. Governor Andre Bauer of South Carolina at the dinner in Atlanta. Congratulations to both young men.

East Carolina University announced the Master of Construction Management On-Line degree program in June 2007. Realizing that working professionals do not have the time to return to campus for classroom studies, the MCM degree program involves collaborative network-based learning and is offered totally On-Line. It is designed to bring practicing construction managers to higher levels of knowledge and proficiency in the use of construction related managerial tools, concepts, and processes.

Reminder: Visiting Team Training is held at each Mid Year Meeting in February of each year and at each Annual Meeting in July of each year. Anyone interested in becoming a trained visitor and participating in accreditation visits on behalf of ACCE is encouraged to attend.

University of Florida is turning green! The first green building, M.E. Rinker Sr. Hall, serves the students of the School of Building Construction. Accommodating 450 students, the building includes a mix of classrooms, teaching labs, construction labs, faculty and administrative offices and student facilities. Rinker Hall incorporates a range of green building features and, in 2004, achieved a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. Rinker was the first LEED Gold certified building in the state of Florida and the 26th overall in the U.S.

UF'S GREEN ROOF

The roof of the Charles R. Perry Construction Yard consists of six-inch depth of soil on top of two inches of green roof material. Plants for the roof include a variety of native vegetation and other species which are able to adapt to the arid, coastal atmosphere of Gainesville. The green roof gives students and professors a hands-on approach to fostering knowledge and experience within the growing sustainability movement.

AGC Student Chapters Recognized for Making a Difference

Red Cross Blood Drives, Habitat for Humanity and Hurricane Katrina Relief are just some of the ways AGC Student Chapters are working in their communities nationwide. AGC of America is proud to announce the 2007 Outstanding Student Chapter Awards:

Second Place, Boise State University — for their work as a volunteer construction manager with the Zoo Boise and volunteer work with the Taft Wall Project, Genesis World Mission Community Clinic Remodel Project, Washington Elementary Environmental Awareness Education and others.

Third Place, John A. Logan College — for their work with Habitat for Humanity, DeSoto Park District, the Dental Hygiene Project and others.

All student chapters are commended for their dedication to community and public service projects. These chapter activities continue to serve as a positive reflection of student life and the industry as a whole.

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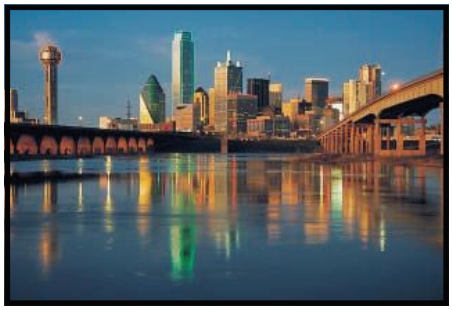
Mid Year Meeting 2008
Dallas, Texas
February 20—23

Please encourage your colleagues in the Dallas area to attend!



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Please Call Direct—1-972-980-8877

Visit our website for complete details and registration forms
ACCE Registration Deadline
February 4, 2008

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ACCE Discussion Board www.usm.edu /acce

Don't Forget — CONEXPO • CON/AGC

The Regnier Traveling Fellowship for Construction Science awards $20,000 for a deserving proposal each Spring for recent graduates of ACCE accredited Construction Management Programs. For details, please visit the website at www.regniertravelingfellowship.org

ACCE Founder's Award nominations will be announced in Spring 2008. Be sure to catch the deadline to participate!

Dupree Construction Education Fund Scholarship

This is the first year that ACCE will offer a scholarship of at least $5,000 to a practitioner who is enrolled in a post-graduate program accredited by ACCE with the intent to enter into a career as a faculty member in an ACCE-accredited construction management program. Information is available on the website or the ACCE national office. **Deadline is March 1, 2008, with notification by August 2008.**