

# ACCE NEWS

## Reciprocity Agreement Signing

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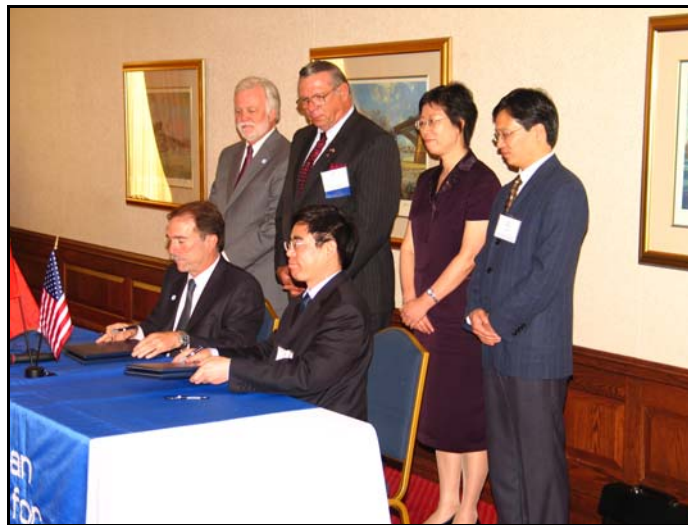
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At the Annual Meeting of ACCE in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, President Mark Benjamin joined Mr. Lu Jianzhong, representing the National Board for Construction Management Accreditation in the Peoples Republic of China, in signing an Agreement of Reciprocity. Joining Mr. Lu, who is Vice President, First Highway Engineering Bureau, was Mr. He Renfei, Division Chief of Education and Training, Department of Personnel and Education, Ministry of Construction, and Madam Hu Xiurong, Division Chief of Assessment, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Construction.

This signing ceremony was the culmination of several years of work by both ACCE and NBCMA, and we look forward to many years of cooperation and sharing that will benefit construction education in both countries.

Mr. He and Mr. Lu also gave a presentation to the Council on Accreditation in the Peoples Republic of China, which was enjoyed by all present. A complete copy of the presentation may be found on our Website under Meetings.

The three representatives from NBCMA were very knowledgeable, friendly and gracious, and anxious to share ideas and infor-



mation. We were pleased to have them at our Annual Meeting.

In honoring the delegation and the significance of the occasion, Mark shared his feelings with the ACCE membership present. "I am honored to have signed this Agreement on behalf of the American Council for Construction Education. With so many societies and countries focusing on their differences and fears, tonight's event is especially important showing that two very different cultures can find common goals." We hope that our two organizations will grow and learn from each other, as ACCE and CIOB have in the past 11 years.



# Focus On

## *A Message from Executive Vice President, Michael M. Holland*

These times are interesting for the education industry (yes, more than the world of academia). In this issue, you will be reminded of our efforts to work on an international level, understanding our mission in promoting quality education for construction management programs. The signing of our reciprocal agreement with the People's Republic of China continues our mission, and hits a higher note as President Benjamin shared at the signing. Truly, there are common issues and areas of agreement between two such different cultures.

The international arena is a challenge as well, in that there is a growing contingent of on-line enterprises which are offering degrees, accredited or not and if so, many times accredited by their cousin or other close relationship with little, if any legitimacy. Institutions and associations over the world struggle to understand and accept the quality represented by such enterprises; not that all are illegitimate; but to filter through all the information to determine the quality represented by their efforts and programs is a difficult task.

Nationally, we are challenged by the demand of many to have on-line programs, making education "convenient, easy, accessible", while trying to maintain quality.

The Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, through her Spellings Commission, has opened the debate of transparency and student outcomes from accreditors (along with other issues). Are we, as accreditors, giving the public all the information they need and deserve to make informed decisions on college selection for potential students? Is "total transparency" compatible with the peer-review process, allowing for candid conversations and honest, direct reporting between the reviewing body and the program/institution?

Student learning outcomes – the question of, "Are the students learning, or just getting grades?" continues to grow in its strength both at the institution level and the program level. Are we ready to change how we evaluate our students, and indeed our teaching, to assure quality of the learning process rather than the teaching process? Is this a challenge to the professionalism of the professors throughout academia, and will

it lead to "teaching to the test?" if there is a standard test developed? All leading edge issues for education and our nation.

Locally, the ACCE is leading the efforts in San Antonio to create a chapter of the ACE Mentoring program, a program for high school students to learn about the careers in Architecture, Construction and Engineering.

It is always a challenge to start-up a new organization within a community, and one is reminded of the incredible effort it took for the founding fathers of ACCE to sort through all the emotions and strong opinions (no doubt) to settle on a direction, which now after 32 years, continues to evolve, supported by the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> generation of leaders, all of whom remain committed to the same goals and objectives originally established for this Council: "to promote and improve construction education and research at the postsecondary level." We are thankful for those before us; may we continue to have the blessing of those with us and those ahead of us to maintain the same commitments.

## Welcome New Members

The following new members (and some familiar faces) have joined ACCE:

### ***Individual Members***

**Mr. John Travis Bodine**  
Project Controls Group, Inc.  
Tijeras, NM

**Dr. Thomas Gatton**  
National University  
LaJolla, CA



**Mr. James Eugene Hogan**  
US Construction & Design Services  
Detroit, MI

**Dr. Rebecca Mirsky**  
Boise State University  
Boise, ID

**Mr. Ronny Warren**  
Project Management Solutions  
Trophy Club, TX

### ***Organization Members***

**The Queen's University  
Of Brighton**  
Dr. Patrick Chui,  
Rector  
Macau, China

# Accreditations

At the July 29, 2006 meeting, the Board of Trustees granted the following accreditations:

## Renewal of Accreditation

### **Columbus State Community College**

Construction Management Program

Dr. David R. Busch, Program Chairman

### **Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville**

Construction Management Program

Professor Dianne Kay Slattery, Director

## New Candidate Program

Minnesota State University, Mankato

# Visiting Team Agenda

## Fall 2006

This fall, ACCE volunteers shared their time and expertise while serving on our Visiting Teams. We would like to thank these individuals for their contributions.

### **California State University, Chico**   **University of Oklahoma**

Hollis Bray, Chair

Chuck Swensen

Jim Carr

Cisco Hobbs – MIT

Dan Dupree, Chair

Doug Kruger

Charles Roesette

Steve Lord, MIT

Billye Hall, MIT

### **State Fair Community College**

Khalid Siddiqi, Chair

Ed van der Bogert

Rod Stutt, MIT



We are currently working on visiting teams for Spring 2007 to the following institutions:

## Spring 2007

### **Re-accreditations:**

**Boise State University**

**Brigham Young University**

**Clemson University**

**Jefferson State Community College**

**North Lake College**

**Purdue University**

**University of Nebraska, Lincoln**

**University of Washington**

**Wentworth Institute**

### **Initial Accreditation:**

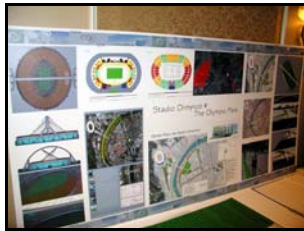
**Edmonds Community  
College**

# Around ACCE

Dr. John Murphy led a group of 18 students – 14 Building Science students, 2 Architecture students, 1 Industrial Design student, and 1 Building Science graduate student – from Auburn University on a Building Science collaborative study abroad in the summer of 2006. In addition to the 18 students that went on the trip, it was a truly collaborative effort with additional departments at the school representing Apparel Design, Community Planning Landscape Architecture, Industrial Design, Transportation and Planning, and Sports Management.



The city of Rome, Italy, applied to be the 2016 Olympic Site selection and the project consisted of design and constructability and costing exercised for venues, as well as an overall transportation development plan for the city of Rome. During the 3 weeks that the group stayed in Rome, they did site analysis, interacted with government and design and construction entities.



After the total abroad experience, the students came home to Auburn and spent an additional 5 weeks pulling together all the project proformas and designs. The culminating event was held August 3 in a ballroom at the conference center with board displays that were judged by industry and academic representatives.

John shares that this was a fantastic opportunity and a good time was had by all!

## Programs Accredited by NBCMA:

1999:

Harbin Construction University (now merged into 'Harbin Institute of Technology')  
Xi'an University of Architecture & Technology  
Chongqing Jianzhu University (now merged into 'Chongqing University')  
Tongji University  
Southeast University  
Tsinghua University

2001:

Tianjin University  
Nanjing University of Technology

2003:

Dongbei University of Finance & Economics  
Guangzhou University

2005:

School of Civil Engineering and Mechanics  
Hazhong University of Science & Technology  
Business School of Ho Hai University  
College of Civil Engineering, Hua Qiao University  
College of Architecture & Civil Engineering, Shenzhen University  
School of Management & Engineering, University of Science & Technology of Suzhou

## Calendar of Events

### February 2007

3 ASC-AGC Region V Competitions — Dallas, TX  
7 ASC-AGC Region VI & VII Competitions — Reno, NV  
7 NAHB International Builders Show — Orlando, FL  
28 ACCE Mid Year Meeting — Charleston, SC

### March 2007

21 ASC/AGC National Student Competitions  
21 ABC 2007 National Convention, Nashville, TN  
21 AGC 2007 Annual Convention — San Antonio, TX  
22 ASA Building Forum & Convention — Tucson, AZ

### April 2007

12 ASC 43rd International Conference — Flagstaff, AZ  
18 AIC Annual Forum, Dallas, TX

### May 2007

2 ABC — 2007 Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV  
19 CFMA 2007 Annual Conference & Exhibition — Phoenix, AZ

# Around ACCE

- One October 20, 2006, **Auburn University** proudly celebrated the Grand Opening of M. Miller Gorrie Center. For additional pictures and information, please visit the Auburn website at [www.bscia.auburn.edu/](http://www.bscia.auburn.edu/)



- **Jim Goddard of Kansas State University** is the recent recipient of the chair endowed by GE Johnson, an Organizational Member of ACCE and strong supporter of construction education. Congratulations to Jim and Kansas State on this achievement.

- Congratulations to **Dr. David Rogge**, Oregon State University, for his recent installation as President of ASC. ASC is a founding member of ACCE and, as an Association Member, their president is the representative on our Board of Trustees. Welcome, David, and thank you for your support.

- The Construction Management program at **Colorado State University** was toasted by over 600 industry supporters and alumni on May 6, 2006 at the 60th Anniversary Ram Build Gala. Special recognition by CSU President Larry Penley was the highlight of the evening.



- **Ken Robson** reports that construction is ready to begin on a new home for the Construction Management Program at the **University of Oklahoma**. Student and faculty are looking forward to their new home.

- Officials from **California Polytechnic State University** are excited to report that ground has broken on their new building. Visit their website at [www.construction.calpoly.edu/](http://www.construction.calpoly.edu/) for live webcam shots of their progress!



- **Mr. Joe Karten**, the 2006 winner of The Regnier Traveling Fellowship for Construction Science will complete his travels in February and will be make a presentation on his project and travels at our Mid Year Meeting. Joe's monthly progress reports are posted on the Regnier website (which can be accessed through the link on our website) under awards.
- Congratulations to **Roger Liska** who was awarded the Carol Kueker Education Award for outstanding contributions to the NAWIC Education Foundation for his service and dedication.
- Congratulations to **Mark Benjamin** and **Morley Builders** on the following award-winning projects of 2006:

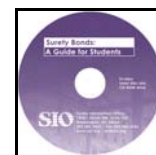
Geffen Playhouse  
 LA Conservancy Preservation Award  
 LABC Preservation Award  
 Santa Monica Main Library  
 LABC Sustainability Award

## Making the Grade: SIO Offers New Surety CD for Students

The Surety Information Office (SIO) has a new Macromedia Flash® CD designed to help educate students about contract surety bonds. This interactive, narrated CD provides a comprehensive overview of types of bonds, roles of the producer and underwriter, and how bonds differ from letters of credit and insurance. The CD also includes a contractor questionnaire, sample indemnity agreement, financial statement, and work in progress report.

The CD's resources include:

- 1 A case study on how the surety's involvement saves projects;
- 2 An in-depth "Study Guide" covering the many facets of surety bonding, the prequalification process, why contractors fail, claims handling, and the contractor-producer-surety relationship;
- 3 How to Obtain Surety Bonds;
- 4 Importance of Surety Bonds in Construction;
- 5 AGC's Overview of the Contract Surety Bonds Claims Process; and
- 6 Surety Bonds at Work, a compilation of claims case studies.



Marla McIntyre is a member of our Board of Trustees and has indicated that SIO can also assist in finding a surety professional to speak to your class. Contact SIO at (202) 686-7463 or [sio@sio.org](mailto:sio@sio.org). All of SIO's products and materials - including *Surety Bonds: A Guide for Students* - can be ordered free via SIO's online store at [www.sio.org](http://www.sio.org).

# ACCE Annual Meeting 2006

*A Special Thank You to volunteers, presenters and everyone attending for making our Annual Meeting successful and productive.*

The following leadership changes were announced at the meeting. We are deeply appreciative of everyone's commitment of their time and their talents to pursue the mission of ACCE

## Officers:

Professor Keith Bisharat  
California State University, Sacramento  
Treasurer

Ms. Marla McIntyre  
Surety Information Office  
Secretary

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Professor Keith Bisharat  
California State University  
First Term

Dr. Abdol Chini  
University of Florida  
First Term

Dr. Benjamin Uwakweh  
University of Cincinnati  
Second Term

## Educator-at-Large Trustees:

Professor Fred Hart  
Santa Fe Community College

Dr. Roger Liska  
Clemson University

Mr. Bob Segner  
Texas A&M University

## Committee Leadership:

### Accreditation

Mr. Carl Roegner, Chair  
Professor Alvin Bryski, V. Chair  
Dr. Richard Boser, V. Chair

### Training

Professor David Hanna, Chair

### Long Range Planning

Professor Robert Segner, Chair  
Professor Keith Bisharat, V. Chair

### Standards

Dr. John Murphy, Chair  
Prof. Desmond Fletcher,  
V. Chair

### Development

Dr. Tulio Sulbaran, Chair  
Ms. Marla McIntyre, V. Chair

### Nominating

Dr. Wilson C. Barnes, Chair

### Guidance

Professor Frederick Gould, Chair  
Professor Tom Burns, V. Chair

### Finance

Professor Keith Bisharat, Chair

### Dupree Education Fund

Mr. Steve Lords, Chair  
Dr. Daniel E. Dupree, V. Chair

## Task Force Leadership:

### Non Degree

Dr. Robert B. Pyle, Chair  
Ms. Susan Carson, Vice Chair

### Learning Outcomes

Dr. Craig Capano, Chair  
Prof. Tom Burns, Vice Chair

### Self Assessment

Dr. Douglas W. Kruger, Chair  
Dr. John Schaufelberger, V. Chair

## Caucus Leadership:

### Association/Industry

Mr. Robert T. Meyer, Chair  
Mr. James Eugene Hogan, V. Chair

### Associate Degree Programs

Prof. Fred Hart, Chair

### Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Dr. Khalid Siddiqi, Chair



Secretary, Murray Jones and Treasurer, Walter E. Dukes were honored for their service to the Board of Trustees, as their terms expired.

Murray was charged with documenting all actions of the Board in all sessions, and we deeply appreciate all his time and efforts. Murray will remain as an Educator Trustee to complete his term.



As treasurer, Walter was responsible for reporting to the Board on all financial matters of the Council and acting as chairman of the Finance Committee. In this capacity, he has watched the growth of assets and the introduction of new financial opportunities and helped secure the financial security of the Council for the long term.



Also honored for his contributions as an Educator Trustee was Leon Copeland, leaving the Board of Trustees upon completing his second term.

# ACCE Annual Meeting 2006

## CIOB

- We were pleased to have **Dr. Andrew Platten** join us at the Annual Meeting celebration of the new reciprocity agreement with NBCMA. Andrew and his lovely wife, Erica, were such an asset in our communications and presentations with the Chinese Delegation. In addition to assisting with our celebration, Dr. Platten reported on the activities and accreditation work of CIOB. For a complete copy of his report, please visit our website under



## Texas A&M University

- As part of the meeting of Program Directors for Baccalaureate Programs, Joe Horlen, Associate Department Head and Mark Johnston, Texas A&M University Graduate Student presented survey procedures and results on Construction Skill Requirements as defined by the Construction Industry for Undergraduates of Construction Science. Their presentation is available on our website under Meetings & Events.

## NCCER

- Steve Greene**, Vice President, gave a presentation on Workforce Development Issues and Strategies, as well as how the National Center is assisting to make a positive impact on a National basis. In an industry already stretched by workforce issues, Steve discussed the additional burdens added by hurricane efforts related to 2005. A complete copy of his powerpoint presentation can be found on our website under Meetings and Events.

## NBCMA

- Mr. He Renfei and Mr. Lu Jianzhong made a presentation on The Development of the Construction Industry in China, with specific statistics of the Chinese Construction Market, including residential growth, the imbalance between North and South projects and covering the basic 'hot spots' in the market. They talked specifically about the following major projects

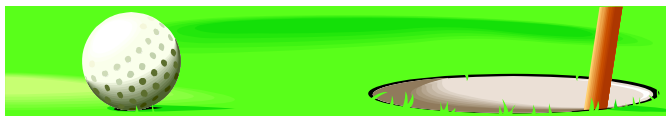
Three Gorges Project  
Olympic Venues  
South to North Water Diversion  
Qingzang Railway  
West-East Natural Gas Transmission  
West-East Electricity Transmission  
Nierii Water Control Project  
Su-tong Yangtze River Bridge

For complete information and to view their presentation, visit our website under Meetings and Events.

# ACCE Annual Golf Tournaments

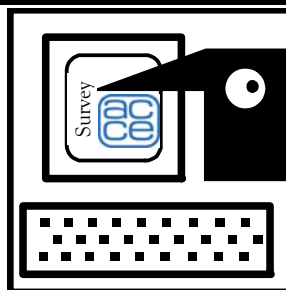
## HCA

HCA hosted 144 golfers in October at their annual golf tournament co-sponsored by ACCE. This year raised over \$47,000 for various construction management programs. Much thanks to Jason Hancock for his time and efforts on this continuing successful event.



## Skanska, USA

The second annual golf tournament held in San Antonio, Texas to benefit local university programs and ACE mentoring teed off on a gorgeous November day with much fun had by all. This event promises continued support for quality construction education for many years to come.



Have you submitted your Membership Survey that was emailed earlier this fall? The Development Committee's goal is to have results to share at the February 2007 Mid Year Meeting. Look for a final resubmission for all who have not responded in December. Let your opinions count!

# American Council for Construction Education



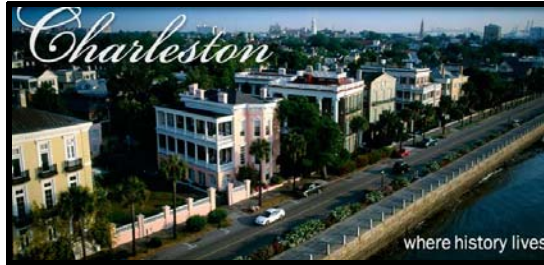
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**Mid Year Meeting 2007  
Charleston, SC  
February 28–March 3**

**Charleston Riverview**

**Hotel  
170 Lockwood Blvd**

**Hotel Reservation Deadline  
February 8, 2007**

**Please Call Direct–800-968-3569**

**ACCE Registration Deadline  
February 8, 2007**

**Visit our website for complete details and forms**

**Please let your colleagues in the Charleston area know  
that the ACCE Mid Year Meeting is in Charleston and  
encourage them to attend.**



The Regnier Traveling Fellowship for Construction Science will award \$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](http://www.regniertravelingfellowship.org)

The 2006 winner, Mr. Joe Karten, has begun his travels and is making exciting inroads in his project – to research sustainability in construction. His first stop was an internship at Mexico's Green Building Council, accompanied by research at Universidad Tec at Monterrey and various case study investigations. After 3 months in Mexico, Joe is off to Spain and an extensive tour of Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Germany. For complete monthly updates on his experiences, please visit the Regnier Traveling Fellowship website.

***ACCE Annual Meeting***

July 18–21, 2007

The Grand America Hotel Salt Lake City, Utah