



# INDIANA CHAPTER – ACI

## THE PALINDROME

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### President's Letter

As the Holiday Season approaches, it is with very mixed emotions that I write this President's Letter. The Indiana Chapter and the concrete profession lost one of its most dedicated individuals with the untimely passing of **Tom Grisinger (pictured at right)** on September 30.



Tom was our Chapter's President in 1997-98 and after completion of his term as Past-President in 1998-99 he served continuously as our Secretary/Treasurer until his passing. Over his tenure on the Board, Tom spent countless hours in service to the Chapter and it was only after an emergency Board Meeting on September 1 that we began to realize how great his contributions truly were. He handled all of the Chapter's finances, including managing financial statements, bank accounts, A/R and tax filing. In addition, he coordinated virtually all of our Technician Certification programs and served as instructor and examiner on numerous occasions. He volunteered his time at nearly every Chapter function and event over the 7+ years that I have been on the Board.

More than all of this, Tom was a good friend and mentor to so many of us in the construction field. He absolutely exemplified selfless service to others and it was our privilege to have known him. It is not a stretch to say that the existence of the Chapter today is due in very large part to his dedication. He is the de facto reason that I chose to remain part of the Board and run for President of the Chapter in 2015. We will never be able to replace Tom. The best we can do is to follow his example and give our best effort to support the mission of our Chapter to help educate, train and empower concrete professionals in Indiana to help them do their work to the best of their abilities.

I am so thankful that we made a point in 2012 to nominate Tom for ACI's Chapter Activities Award, for which he was officially recognized at the 2013 ACI Spring Convention in Minneapolis. As a lasting tribute to Tom, the Board has voted unanimously to name our annual ICACI scholarship program the **Tom Grisinger Memorial Scholarship Awards** in his honor.

**If anyone has remembrances of Tom that they would like to share**, please relay them to me so that we may include them as appropriate at the Annual Meeting in April.

All the best to you and yours this Holiday Season!  
Don Corson  
ICACI President

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## Upcoming Events

February 9, 2016: Concrete 101: What Every Concrete Professional Should Know!

April 27, 2016: Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

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## ICACI Annual Scholarship Golf Outing Held October 7



*IMI's winning team are all smiles as they discuss their victory with other Outing participants.*

The weather was beautiful but hearts were heavy as the 2015 Scholarship Golf Outing was held on the same day as the funeral of long-time ICACI Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer Tom Grisinger. The Board agreed that Tom would have wanted the show to go forward and it was as if he were smiling down during the crisp, sunny Autumn afternoon.

The team of **Chad Clark, Calvin Kingery, Ryan Maier and Brian Denney of IMI** took top honors. Mark Cvetkovich had the Longest Drive and Dave Ambler won the Closest to the Pin award. After all was said and done, the event netted several thousand dollars toward ICACI's annual scholarship awards fund.



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ACI  
International -  
American  
Concrete  
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[www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org)

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[www.indianaaci.org](http://www.indianaaci.org)

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("Chapters" link)



*Second place team Mark Cvetkovich, Bill Fyffe, John Dettman and Brian Stader of Bowen Engineering relax after a good day on the course.*



*It's either an award acceptance or a one-man dance-off. Either way, it was a good day at Plum Creek benefitting ICACI's Scholarship fund.*

## Industry Links

National Ready  
Mixed Concrete  
Association

[www.nrmca.org](http://www.nrmca.org)

Indiana Ready  
Mixed Concrete  
Association

[www.irmca.com](http://www.irmca.com)

Precast Prestressed  
Concrete Institute

[www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org)

American  
Concrete Pavement  
Association

[www.pavement.com](http://www.pavement.com)

National Precast  
Concrete  
Association

[www.precast.org](http://www.precast.org)

Concrete  
Reinforcing Steel  
Institute

[www.crsi.org](http://www.crsi.org)

American Society  
of Civil Engineers

[www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org)

Indiana Section-  
American Society  
of Civil Engineers

[www.inasce.org](http://www.inasce.org)

PCA - Portland  
Cement  
Association

[www.cement.org](http://www.cement.org)

## ACI 318-14 Seminar Held in Indy on October 27



The ICACI held a National ACI one day seminar outlining the major reorganization of the ACI 318 “Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary” at American Structurepoint in Indianapolis. The seminar was held to inform users of ACI 318 about the new organization and various technical changes to the code. Attendees received 0.75 CEU’s (7.5 PDH’s) of continuing education credit. The seminar was hosted by the Indianapolis office of American Structurepoint, Inc. at no charge to the Chapter.

The team of **Larry Novak** and **Bob Howell** did an excellent job of keeping the presentation lively and interactive for the entire day. Larry even brought along a very interesting piece of history – the actual 1963 ACI Code book that belonged to Structural Engineering icon Fazlur Khan (engineer of the John Hancock building and Sears/Willis Tower in Chicago). Larry is the Director of Structural Engineering for the Portland Cement Association and formerly an Associate Partner with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill where he served as lead engineer for the Burj Khalifa tower – the world’s tallest structure. Bob is a Professional Development Program Engineer for ACI and was previously a Lead Structural Engineer for IBI Group/Giffels LLC.

## “Concrete 101” Returns in February 2016!

Mark your calendars for February 9, 2016, for the return of ICACI’s **“Concrete 101: What Every Concrete Professional Should Know!”** This bi-annual, full-day workshop will feature a variety of topics dealing with the day-to-day practice of designing, constructing and inspecting concrete projects.

While we are close to finalizing the agenda for the program, **there is still time to get involved!** If you have a particular specialization in concrete work, experience presenting to an audience and a desire to commit time to preparing a 1-hour presentation, you are welcome to submit a presentation topic for consideration. Just provide an outline of your topic and your background and qualifications along with your contact info, to any Board Member for consideration. Or if you simply have suggestions for potential topics that you would like to see covered, let us know. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Mandi Welch Appointed as ICACI Director



Mandi Welch of F.A. Wilhelm was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve out the term of Steven Brown, who resigned his directorship in September. Mandi's term runs through May, 2018.

Brought up in the construction industry, and dedicated to recruiting top notch industry builders, Mandi brings both a professional and personal approach to the Wilhelm team. Her passion is building relationships and making connections. Mandi focuses on industrial and manufacturing markets, combining her past knowledge and experience, with her energetic personality to bring current and future clients together with Wilhelm.

Mandi is a 2007 graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. With her determination and contacts in the industry she hopes to bring great insight to ICACI as well as promote it within the Community. We look forward to her energy and positive approach to help improve ICACI's outreach to our membership and beyond!

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## Upcoming Certification Dates

ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician, Level 1 programs are indicated below.

### Indianapolis Area (Sagamore Ready Mix - Fishers):

#### 2016 Tentative Dates:

January 15/16

February 18/19

April 1/2

June 9/10

July 22/23

September 9/10

October 21/22

### Ft. Wayne Area (Speedway Redi Mix – Ft. Wayne):

#### 2016 Tentative Dates:

December 2/3

First Day: Review Class;      Second Day: Written and Practical Exams  
*Certification Program Policy: Examiners and Supplemental Examiners (Proctors) are required to be a Member of Indiana Chapter ACI; either through an Individual Membership or under a Company Membership.*

For registration for questions about the program, please see our website  
[www.indianaaci.org](http://www.indianaaci.org) .

The ACI – Indiana Chapter extends a big “THANK YOU!!” to Sagamore Ready Mix (formerly Builders Concrete) for hosting programs in the Indianapolis metro area and Speedway Redi Mix for hosting programs in Ft. Wayne.



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## Indiana Chapter ACI Website

The Indiana Chapter has a website where you can find information on upcoming events, such as, ACI certification classes, programs, and golf outings. Membership applications, Award nomination forms, Scholarship applications and other information are also available. Please visit our website at [www.indianaaci.org](http://www.indianaaci.org).

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## IC-ACI Tax-Exempt Status

As a tax-exempt organization, the Indiana Chapter American Concrete Institute is required to file an annual Return to the Internal Revenue Service. The Return is available for review by any member of ICACI. Contact information is available at [www.indianaaci.org](http://www.indianaaci.org)