



# AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 2019 ELECTION BALLOT

Dear Members,

Listed below are the candidates up for election for the 2019 Board of Directors and a brief summary of their professional qualifications. E-Ballots (through our website email invitation) must be received by **Monday, January 7, 2019.**

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND OF BOARD CANDIDATES – ACI SoCal**

### PRESIDENT



Ann Harrer is an Associate Principal with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) in Los Angeles, California. She started with WJE in 2005 in the Boston, Massachusetts, office following an internship at the company headquarters in Northbrook, Illinois.

She is the Chair of ACI Committee 515, *Protective Systems* and is the Secretary for Subcommittee 364.1R, *Guide for Evaluation of Concrete Structures before Rehabilitation* which was recently updated. She also serves on ACI Committees 65, *Membership*; 364, *Rehabilitation*; and Subcommittee 546-C, *Concrete Repair Guide*. Ms. Harrer is the current Vice-President of the ACI Southern California Chapter, following a two-year term as Director, and served on the SoCal Convention Committee for the ACI 2017 Fall Convention in Anaheim, California.

Ms. Harrer's expertise includes the assessment of building facades, structural systems, and historic preservation of concrete structures. She has been involved in a wide range of investigations and repair projects, from large-scale damage and failure investigations to detailed repair solutions on both modern and historic structures. She has completed inspections and development of repair procedures of various historic buildings in the Northeast, including Fenway Park and Harbor Towers in Boston, the Edison Monument in Edison, New Jersey, and in Southern California, including the Los Angeles Times Building in Los Angeles, the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills and the Salk Institute in La Jolla.

In addition to presenting and an instructor in workshops, Ms. Harrer has published several articles, on concrete repair projects and historic concrete. Ms. Harrer is a 2019 recipient of the ACI Young Member Award for Professional Achievement and will accept the award at the next ACI Convention in Quebec City.

### VICE PRESIDENT



Paul Heis originally from Australia, where he first joined Master Builders Technologies, now Master Builders Solutions, a Business Unit of BASF Construction Chemicals, in 1991. Paul Heis has been in the concrete construction industry as a contractor, concrete and aggregates producer, and admixtures manager for 40+ years. Paul is a Board member of the American Concrete Institute So Cal chapter; he was chairman of the Victorian Chapter of the Concrete Institute of Australia for two years and a board member for ten years. He came to the United States in 2002 as a technical manager for Southern California. He has led the sales and service team in Southern California for 9 years. Previously, Paul managed Master Builders' operations in 4 states in Australia and was General Manager of Master Builders in the Philippines for twelve months.

### 2019 Nominating Board of Directors:

#### DIRECTOR



My name is Jacob Brennan and I am a Technical Sales Rep for the Sika Corporation in the admixtures division. I have been with Sika for over 8 years covering Southern California. I began my career in Texas in 1994 working for Pioneer Concrete in Houston and Dallas. While at Pioneer, I had stints in aggregate operations, concrete quality control and concrete operations. I then spent four years with Suncoast Post-Tension in Houston and Phoenix in commercial sales and as a plant manager. In 2003, I moved to California and worked for Campbell Concrete/SelectBuild where I started their reinforcing division in Riverside. When the recession hit in early 2008, I started my own business, Premier Reinforcing, where we manufactured and installed rebar and post-tension foundations. I then reunited with my former Pioneer Concrete manager and started working for Sika in 2010. I graduated from Texas A&M University in 1994 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. While in Arizona, I obtained my Professional Engineering license and added licenses from Nevada and California when I moved to the west coast. I currently live in Temecula with my wife, Alicia, and our three children, Matthew (21), Joshua (19) and Emma (17). In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, collecting running medals and watching pretty much every Texas A&M sporting event.

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"Hello, my name is Austin Eminhizer and I have been in the concrete industry for just about 5 years now. At 21 years old I was unsure what I wanted to do with my life or career and was attending Cal State Fullerton pursuing a business degree. During my second year of college, a family friend approached me and offered me an opportunity to work for their company that I could not refuse. That's when the concrete bug bit me and I haven't looked back.

Now I'm 26 and still work for the same company, Gary Bale Redi-Mix, Inc. based out of Irvine, CA. While finishing my degree online I was able to dive headfirst into ready mix and the world of concrete. I handle sales and operations for our company which primarily serves the high-end custom home market. I have been fortunate enough to receive a well-rounded education on concrete both in the field, as well as in the classroom and lab. Of course, the education never stops, and I find that you learn something new just about every day in this industry.

As a third-generation concrete professional I would love the opportunity to serve on our local ACI board to further education and enthusiasm in our industry."

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Nathan Forrest is a pavement engineer with the California Nevada Cement Association and is a registered Civil Engineer with over 15 years of experience in the design and construction of a wide variety of residential, commercial, and infrastructure projects. Mr. Forrest also holds an Envision Sustainability Professional certification from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and an ACI Self Consolidating Concrete Technician certification. In his spare time, Nathan enjoys mountain biking and playing golf.

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Charlie Zahari -I've been in the Asphalt & Concrete paving and construction materials industry for over 10 years. Started as a batch plant and aggregate crushing operator with Baldi Brothers. Then ran operations for Granite Construction mining division in Imperial County. Transitioned into sales during my time at Granite eventually working for Oldcastle and finally with Salt River Materials Group. At Salt River, I Manage the Sales of Fly Ash in Southern California which includes materials delivered out of our Fontana, National City, and Bakersfield Rail Terminals. I've been married for 13 years to Shauna Zahari. We have 3 kids; 2 girls (Gianna & Angelina) and one son Tyler. We live in Murrieta.

In my former life, I was a division 1 baseball player at Cal State Fullerton. There I got a BA in political science and business. after which and taught Algebra and Biology in middle school while coaching HS baseball. Moved into the construction industry to pay the bills...very glad I did!  
Current extracurriculars include road/mountain biking and golf.