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# INDUSTRY NEWS

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE HONORARY MEMBER



**Michael F. Iannelli** was awarded the 2010 PCMA Distinguished Service Honorary Member Award for his efforts and support of the association and the concrete masonry industry.

Mike was a long-time employee of Fizzano Brothers Concrete Products, Crum Lynne, Pennsylvania. He was President of the PCMA Board of Directors 1990 - 91, again 1998-99, and completed a third term on the Board in 2009. He was the designated PCMA representative on the Board of the Pennsylvania Fire Safe Construction Advisory Council for three years and was involved with numerous committees especially relating to Education. He supported the engineering department at Drexel University through the Design Competition and coordinating the 1/3 scale block machine project which allows for testing of block walls on various topics.

He was an extremely active industry leader regionally and nationally, serving on the Board of the National Concrete Masonry Association. Within NCMA, he was the chairman of the Education and Training Committee, a position he had held for five years. He was also highly engaged at the Delaware Valley Masonry Institute, where he was Chair of their Promotions Committee.

Michael F. Iannelli passed away June 7, 2010. His wife, Nanette and sons Mike and Dan and their wives Caren & Amy accepted the award.

## SPECIAL INSPECTION OF STRUCTURAL MASONRY CONSTRUCTION SEMINARS

The Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association, in cooperation with The Masonry Society will present full day comprehensive courses on Special Inspection of Structural Masonry Construction in 2011. The first will be held April 5 in State College and is co-sponsored by the Mason Contractors Association of Central PA and the second on April 7 in Philadelphia co-sponsored by the Delaware Valley Masonry Institute.

The seminar is aimed at helping inspectors, testing technicians, engineers and building officials identify and check key quality assurance items on the jobsite. The seminar uses the 2009 International Building Code (IBC) and the MSJC (TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5 & TMS 602/ACI 530.1/ASCE 6) documents as the primary references and it overviews related ASTM standards and

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear PCMA Members:

It has been my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors, and I thank all of you for your continued support of PCMA. I'd also like to thank Jan Boyer, our Executive Director, who keeps all the details of this large organization together.

This past year saw the completion of a number of initiatives that will serve to strengthen PCMA well into the future. And while much has been done, much more needs to be done in 2011 to continue our growth & leadership of the masonry industry in PA. I know our 2011 board - under the leadership of Jim Dowd - has a strong team in place to make it happen. Let's keep the momentum going!

Best wishes to you and all of your families for a successful 2011.

Dan Longenderfer  
President

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## BY LAWS REVISED

Chairman, John M. Fizzano, worked with Phil DeVecchis and Executive Director, Jan Boyer, to review the PCMA By Laws for updating to reflect our current status. They were then reviewed by attorney Joe Meiss from the firm of Davis & Bucco, our solicitor. The Board and Producer Members voted to accept the changes. The final version of the 2010 By Laws were sent to all PCMA Members electronically in PDF. As a cost saving measure and with awareness of the green movement, at this time, there are no plans to print copies. Please contact the PCMA office if you would like another copy.

## DIRECT DESIGN OF MASONRY SEMINARS

PCMA sponsored and coordinated presentations in King of Prussia (April 22), Pittsburgh (September 8) and State College (November 4) of a new technique for designing simple masonry structures - "HOW TO DESIGN A MASONRY STRUCTURE IN 20 MINUTES!". These half day seminars, the first in the US, were then co-sponsored by the Delaware Valley Masonry Institute and the Mason Contractors Association of Central PA and produced in cooperation with NCMA and The Masonry Society. Jason Thompson, Director of Engineering at NCMA and one of the developers of this new Direct Design Technique, was the presenter. We are pleased that 134 persons were trained on this technique at the seminars.

The purpose was to provide engineers, architects, building code officials, and contractors with more flexibility to easily and quickly design concrete masonry systems using the new structural design standard which was developed by The Masonry Society (TMS) titled Direct Design Handbook for Masonry Structures. The procedure is a table-based structural design method that permits the user, following a specific series of steps, to design and specify relatively simple, single-story concrete masonry bearing-wall structures in compliance with the 2008 MSJC Code and Specification, ASCE 7-05 (Supplement No. 1), and the 2009 International Building Code.

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To find out more about this new design technique, log onto The Masonry Society website [www.masonrysociety.org](http://www.masonrysociety.org) and click on the Direct Design information. There is a video that gives a snapshot of the new technique.

## HOLIDAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



PCMA Members and their spouses and guests enjoyed a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres and dinner foods at the Annual Holiday General Membership Meeting held December 8 at the Lebanon Country Club. We are happy to recognize the efforts of our Board Members and Honorary Members whose commitment to PCMA and the concrete industry are very much appreciated by all. The outgoing and incoming Board and officers are highlighted on page 5 of this newsletter. Outgoing Chairman of the Board, **Phil DeVecchis, Beavertown Block Company**, was inducted into the Past President's Club of Honorary Membership.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the **Distinguished Service Honorary Member Award** in recognition of a member who has rendered special service to PCMA and the masonry industry. This year's winner was **Michael F. Iannelli, Fizzano Bros. Concrete Products**, for his many years of support of our efforts and those of the industry. *Note the special article about Mike and his accomplishments on page 1.*

**Past Distinguished Service Honorary Members** were also recognized: **John T. Fizzano, Bob Aichele, Andy Kohlhepp, and Dave Kline.**

## PCA NECSA THANK YOU

The members of the Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association wish to thank the PCA Northeast Cement Shippers Association (NECSA) for their ongoing support of our promotion efforts on behalf of the concrete masonry industry in Pennsylvania. The NECSA member cement companies in Pennsylvania are: **Armstrong Cement & Supply Company; Buzzi Unicem USA; Cemex, Inc.; Esroc Cement Corporation; Federal White Cement, Inc; Holcim, Inc.; Keystone Cement Company; Lafarge North America, Lehigh Cement Company and Lehigh White Cement Company.** *We thank them all for the support.*

## INTERNATIONAL GREEN CONSTRUCTION CODE UPDATE

The International Code Council (ICC) started 18 months ago to develop the new International Green Construction Code (IgCC). The ICC, the organization that produces the entire family of building codes, is developing the code to help reduce energy usage and the carbon footprint in new and existing commercial buildings. The IgCC will apply to the construction of traditional and high performance buildings including alterations and additions and will coordinate with the existing I-Codes. It was not to compete with LEED but actually does. It has a lot of similarities to LEED but differs in that it is not a stand-alone document and must be used with IBC. For residential construction, the ICC has partnered with the National Association of Home Builders for the "National Green Building Standard," otherwise known as the ICC-700.

Hearings were held in August for the public review comments to the original document. Although many were submitted, not many changes were approved from the public comments as the ICC wanted to keep the document as it was originally written. There was a Code Change pushed through that addressed energy efficiency requirements to recognize thermal mass which, if approved, would have killed the single wythe wall market. Thankfully this did not occur. A modified version of the IgCC is coming out soon based on the results of these hearings for another round of reviews and the final version is expected by spring 2012.

It appears that Pennsylvania is poised to adopt this Code when it is finalized. **If Pennsylvania adopts this new Code in the 2012 cycle, then green building will be legislated and mandatory.** A part of the IgCC is the issue of compliance by electives, which can be chosen by jurisdiction. There are several ways to get different electives and with every jurisdiction able to make their own determination, it will be difficult for designers, builders and code officials to know the rules in each area. The electives allow for those which are appropriate to a specific geographic area. Functional resistance items, purported by the Portland Cement Association, were denied due to a concern about overbuilding.

The possible new Solar Reflective Index (SRI) Values were also discussed. Currently they can't be less than 29 and a light grey cement pavement is around a 35. This has the some industries concerned as it is difficult to get a favorable number from colored units. So far the industry representatives have been able to keep this out of the IgCC. Although the asphalt industry would never be able to make the numbers. This is our biggest potential threat and we will keep aware of new information as it becomes available.

For more information, visit [www.iccsafe.org/igcc](http://www.iccsafe.org/igcc) or contact Jan Boyer at the PCMA office.

### FYI

- **Barry Diller** was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the National Concrete Masonry Association for a term beginning March 2011.
- **Wilson DeVecchis**, a partner in E. DeVecchis & Sons, Inc., and one of the original members of PCMA, passed away peacefully on December 8. He was PCMA President from 1972 – 73 and was a Distinguished Serve Honorary Member. We extend our sympathy to his family.
- We were a partner with DVMI on Architect Education Seminars in October and November in Philadelphia titled the "Performance of Exterior Masonry Cavity Walls: Problems & Solutions" with Dr. Ahmad Hamid making the presentations
- On behalf of the PCMA Members and especially the Hardscape Committee, a thank you note and gift was given to Jon Calle, formerly of Strata Systems, for the time and effort he gave to PCMA and the committee.
- **Logan Myers**, Beavertown Block, represented PCMA by presenting a seminar on Mold & Moisture Control on Nov. 22 in State College. It was well attended by architects, engineers and code officials.
- The NCMA Foundation approved and will fund a 2011 Design Competition at Penn State University. Penn State also received a \$30,000 NCMA Foundation Grant for Professor Lepage to study Limit Analysis for the Design of Reinforced Masonry Walls.



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Many thanks to each Board Member who gave of their time and talents to PCMA in 2010.



(l-r) 1, Dan Longenderfer, Jason Schmitz, Jim Dowd, John M. Fizzano, Ken Mauzy, Jim Preskenis, Walt Querry, Drew Turner, Phil DeVecchis.  
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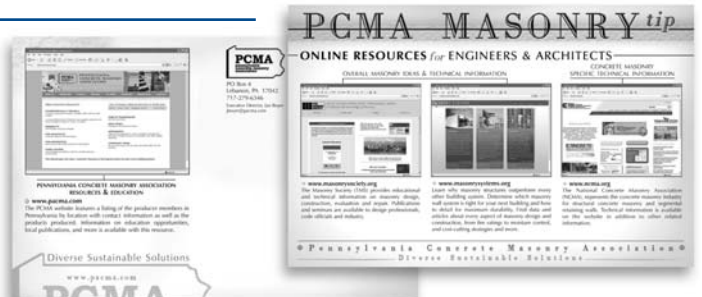
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(l-r) Jim Dowd, Dan Longenderfer, Jason Schmitz, John M. Fizzano, Ken Mauzy, Drew Turner, Mike Lebo, Andy Pieters, Walt Querry, Jim Preskenis.  
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## MASONRY TIP POSTCARD

The most recent Masonry Tip Postcard, produced by PCMA, focused on internet options for masonry information. Sent to the AIA architects, structural and civil engineers in PA, this information is important since designers are using the internet for a lot of their information. We focused on PCMA, TMS, NCMA and masonrystems.org websites as major resources. A PDF of the postcard is on our PCMA website as are other publications produced by PCMA.



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## IN MEMORIAM ANTHONY "TONY" FIZZANO

Anthony A. Fizzano Jr. "Tony" of Fizzano Bros. Concrete Products, passed away on November 15, 2010. Tony was born in Ridley Township to Anthony and Helen Fizzano on August 3rd 1944. He attended St. James H.S. and later Pennsylvania State University. During his time at Penn State he was president of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and later enrolled in the Army R.O.T.C. program. Soon after his graduation in 1966 he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served his country honorably in Vietnam as an engineer where he was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation medals.



Upon his return from Vietnam he entered into the family business, Fizzano Bros. Concrete Products Inc. founded by his father Anthony and three uncles Thomas, John and Joseph. In 1978 Tony was named president of the company, a title he held until the time of his passing.

Tony devoted himself to the family business and the construction industry serving as President of the Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association and holding many positions within the National Concrete Masonry Association as well as a being a member of the legislative community of the General Building Contractors Association. A dedicated community leader Tony served on the Crozer-Chester Foundation Board of Directors and was a board member of Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association.

An avid golfer, Tony enjoyed his memberships at the Springhaven and Cedarbrook Country Clubs. A devoted family man, a gentleman to all and a silent philanthropist to many, he will be missed and loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his children Anthony III, Tracy (Paul) Dougherty, Tia Fizzano and their mother Cheryl Fizzano and his daughter Cristina Fizzano and her mother Trish Davis, his grandsons Paul, Shane, and Ryan Dougherty.

## NCMA SEGMENTAL RETAINING WALL DESIGN SEMINAR

PCMA is sponsoring this seminar on Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Centre Region Code Administration Building in State College, PA. Lance Carter, P.E., M.ASCE, Technical Director, Strata Systems, Inc. is our presenter for the event which will train engineers, architects and code officials on the new methodology of the 3rd edition of NCMA's *Design Manual of Segmental Retaining Walls* and the new software, *SRWall 4.0*, which is packed with new tools and capabilities to increase design productivity.

This is a full day seminar that qualifies for 6 Continuing Education Credits. Invitations will be sent in mid January and will be available as well on the PCMA website.

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## 5TH ANNUAL MASONRY INSTRUCTORS WORKSHOP

A very successful Masonry Instructors Workshop was held September 27 at the Harrisburg Area Community College Conference Center. The purpose of the workshop is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and assistance for teaching young men and women to have the best possible skills for entrance into the workplace or for post secondary masonry education.



24 instructors attended along with PCMA Committee members, presenters and others. This successful event was produced by PCMA with sponsorship from the **Pennsylvania Department of Education** and special thanks to the **PCA Northeast Cement Shippers Association** for their financial contribution which makes these workshops possible.

**Ken Mauzy**, Workforce Development Committee Chair served as MC for the event. Presentations were made by Mark Lantz from the PA Home Builders Association and Deanna Lewis from the Home Building Institute in Washington DC about the endorsement of masonry programs and certification of students. Vince Safran, Beth Marshal and Dave Garnes from the PA Department of Education (PDE) and Rae Lees representing NOCTI participated in a round table discussion of: PDE initiatives, approval of Vo-Tech Programs by PDE, SOARS competency testing for

post secondary placement and the NOCTI testing and teacher evaluations. It was a lively discussion. Todd File, Graymont Dolime, presented about masonry mortar options for the classroom and John Bongiovanni, Bon Tool Company, showed a new brick and block splitter.

The High Priority Occupation List and that fact that masonry must stay on this list was highlighted throughout the presentations by PDE as extremely important for funding of the schools. We are on this important list thru July 2011 at which time masonry, along with each curriculum, will be re-evaluated. We will remain proactive to assure that we remain on the list.

Evaluation forms were completed by each attendee who received 8 credit hours under Act 48 for the day. On this evaluation form we asked if they taught SRW or Pavers as part of the curriculum in masonry or in the horticulture class. This data will be forwarded to the Hardscape Committee for follow up on training options.

We thank these presenters for sharing their expertise with the instructors. At the close of the Workshop, the Masonry Instructors Association of PA members held a meeting.

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop is planned for September 2011.*



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## NEW! PCMA SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

We are working on the final arrangements for a new fundraising event to compliment the annual golf outing. For those of you who do not golf, or golf and shoot, this the perfect way to spend the day with industry friends and raise funds for the promotion of concrete masonry.

Hold the date of April 26, 2011 for a Sporting Clays Event in the Lehigh Valley area. Not only will we have an afternoon of shooting followed by dinner and prizes, but we are fortunate to have a presentation and demonstration of 10m Air Rifle and 50m Rifle Three Position shooting by **Jamie Beyerle, World Class Shooter, 2008 Olympian, and member of USA Shooting**. She finished 2010 with three World Cup medals, one 2012 Olympic quota, a USA national record and two World Cup Final medals including the gold medal from a first place finish in Munich, Germany. She is originally from Lebanon, PA and now trains at Fort Benning, AL.

Mark your calendars now to attend. More information will be sent to you soon.



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# ANNUAL PCMA GOLF OUTING



*It was a perfect day on the Lebanon Country Club Course for the Annual PCMA Golf Outing held August 25th. Board member **Tom Soares**, chairman, encouraged members to attend and bring their friends, business associates, architects, engineers and masons to this important fundraising effort – and bring them they did.*

**First Place Team**

*Tom Soares,  
Chris Cox,  
Brian Duffie,  
Drew Turner*

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Bob Frontino,  
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## MASONRY DESIGN SEMINARS TO BE PRESENTED BY TMS & ACI

The Masonry Society has teamed with the American Concrete Institute to conduct a seminar series on the Design of Masonry to the IBC and the MSJC. In Pennsylvania, the seminar is scheduled for May 26, 2011 in Philadelphia.

The intense one-day seminars will guide attendees through masonry design requirements while reviewing practical design examples of typical masonry structures. Instructors will review masonry design and specification provisions in the 2008 Masonry Standards Joint Committee's (MSJC's) Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures (TMS 402-08/ACI 530-08/ASCE 5-08), which is the primary reference in the 2009 International Building Code (IBC)

for the design and construction of masonry. Several practical design examples of typical masonry elements will be examined using the 2008 MSJC, and necessary revisions to the design examples based on modifications in the 2009 IBC will be discussed. In addition, a preview of the 2011 MSJC will also be presented, so attendees can learn of the major changes that will apply when the 2012 IBC is adopted. Registration for the seminar will be taken by ACI beginning in 2011.



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compressive strength of masonry, and appropriate severe weather procedures.

This is an excellent seminar for those preparing for the ICC/TMS Special Masonry Structural Inspectors Certification Examination. **Once certified, one would be able to perform special inspections of structures as required of the owner per Chapter 17 of the International Building Code.**


Presenters for this informative seminar are JASON THOMPSON, Director of Engineering for the National Concrete Masonry Association and President of the Masonry Alliance for Codes and Standards and DIANE B. THROOP, P.E., FASTM, FTMS, Director of Engineering at the International Masonry Institute and Chair of the 2011 Masonry Standards Joint Committee (MSJC) - the group charged with writing the national masonry code and specification (TMS 402/ASCE 530/ASCE5 and TMS 602/ACI 530.1/ASCE 6).

Topics covered will include:

- Basic terms, inspection duties and responsibilities
- Masonry material requirements including CMU, brick, mortar, reinforcement, connectors and grout
- Mortar mixing
- Basic construction including unit placement and tolerances
- Reinforcement placement
- Grouting
- Testing of units, grout and prisms
- Hot and cold weather construction

Seven credit hours will be given to architects, engineers and code officials attending. Invitations will be emailed in January and sent in February to all architects, engineers and code officials. If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Jan Boyer at the PCMA office.

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### JANUARY

12 **PCMA Board Meeting, Lebanon, PA**

### FEBRUARY

8 - 9 NCMA State Alliance Meeting  
*St. Louis, MO*

16 **PCMA Board Meeting, Lebanon, PA**

23 PHRC Housing Conference, *York, PA*

### MARCH

4 SRW Design Seminar, *State College, PA*

21 - 26 NCMA Convention & ICON EXPO with Con/Agg,  
*Las Vegas, NV*

### APRIL

5 PCMA Special Inspection of Masonry Seminar,  
*State College, PA*

7 PCMA Special Inspection of Masonry Seminar,  
*Philadelphia, PA*

26 PCMA Sporting Clays Shooting Event,  
*Lehigh Valley Area, PA*

### JUNE

3 - 5 The Masonry Society Spring Meeting,  
*Minneapolis, MN*

6 - 8 North American Masonry Conference,  
*Minneapolis, MN*

10 - 12 **PCMA Annual Convention,**  
*Seven Springs Resort*

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**PHRC** - PA Housing Research Center

**NCMA** - National Concrete Masonry Association

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