

Busy May – Technical Committee, Topping Slab Workshop and ACI 318

Get ready for May! Committee Week starts Monday, May 5 and runs through Wednesday, May 7 with the Technical Committee Meeting (TCM) on Wednesday from 8 to 10 am. The Concrete Topping Slab Workshop kicks off on Wednesday afternoon, continues with a reception and dinner that night and concludes Thursday, May 8 at noon. Finally, public review of the newly reorganized ACI 318 with a separate chapter on construction will be available for review in May. Busy month!

The Technical Committee welcomes two new members: Keith Smith, Keith D. Smith Concrete Contractor of Hanover, PA and Todd Messerly, Messerly Concrete Contractors of West Haven, Utah. The Technical Committee will review the new position statements #40 “Protection of Concrete Work” and #41 “Limit of Requirements for Correcting Nonconforming Work” which were published in the January and February issues of ACI’s *Concrete International*. Position Statement #42, “Proper Use of ACI Reference Specifications”, will be published in a future *Concrete International*. Topics for new position statements will be discussed.

Also on the agenda is a new proposal by ACI 306, Cold Weather Concreting, on changes to heating cold surfaces prior to placing concrete. We will review two recent *Concrete International* (April and May 2014) articles on cold weather concreting by Ron Kozikowski, North S.Tarr Concrete Consulting, that were the impetus for the ACI 306 proposal.

The latest draft of the new ACI 318 that now has a separate construction chapter will be available at the Tech Committee meeting. Because this is a Code, ACI puts it out for public comment. Any public comments must have a written, published response by ACI. Thus we will want to consider what comments to make to improve both Code and Commentary with respect to the construction chapter.

The Concrete Topping Slab Workshop is being held after the Technical Committee meeting to make it easier for Technical Committee members to stay for the workshop. We encourage you to stay for this important program. Speakers for the workshop include Eldon Tipping and Jerry Holland of Structural Services, Kevin MacDonald of Beton Consulting Engineers, Roger Becker of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, Randell Riley of the Illinois Chapter of the American Concrete Pavement Association, and Jim Schibley of Sundt Construction. Also included in the speaker list are Sal and Chuck Vitale of Vee-Jay Cement Contractors, the members of the Technical Committee who proposed the great idea of having a workshop on topping slabs.

Don’t forget to notify ASCC or myself by April 18 if you will be coming to the Technical Committee meeting and/or the Workshop. Hope to see everyone in May; it will be busy!