

ACI Foundation is Growing

Members of ACI and the concrete industry inherently understand the importance of concrete to our civilization and how concrete is essential to safe, strong, and resilient structures. Underlying the important work of ACI's members is knowing why you do what you do every day, which is making our communities better. Over the last couple of years, the ACI Foundation has positioned itself to more fully support this work. I'm happy to share some exciting news for the Foundation that show its transformation, growth, and how it is positioning itself to inspire ideas and leadership, to lead innovation, and to create legacy and community for the concrete industry.



DeWall

To facilitate financial growth, the ACI Foundation has employed Jennifer DeWall for a newly created position, Development Director. DeWall will lead the design and execution of the overall fundraising strategy for the ACI Foundation. Prior to joining the ACI Foundation, she was with the American Cancer Society as Development Manager.



Mayra

As our opportunities for research, innovation, and scholarship grow, we have created a new position of Assistant Director in the Foundation, and have hired Ashley Mayra to take on this role. Mayra will manage the current programs and help to grow and create new programs, as well as raise awareness of the ACI Foundation and its mission. She previously worked at ACI as the Exhibit and Sponsorship Coordinator.

I welcome their experience, enthusiasm, and energy to the ACI Foundation team.

ACI Foundation Receives Additional Unanticipated Funding from ACI

Last year, we announced the unprecedented commitment by ACI to contribute \$500,000 annually to the Foundation for 5 years for our mission-based programs. Now, I am thrilled to report that the ACI Board, in an unanticipated additional show of support, approved an additional one-time contribution of \$364,000. The concrete industry and ACI will benefit from the long-term impact of the infusion of new resources to bring the industry together to collaborate on opportunities for:

- Research, which can improve design and quality, while reducing risk;
- Innovative methods and products, which can improve productivity; and

- Engaging inspired students and future leaders to our industry and ACI.

ACI Foundation Announces New Trustees

The ACI Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new trustees: Cary Kopczynski and Michael Paul.



Kopczynski

Kopczynski is CEO and Founding Principal of Cary Kopczynski & Company. He has served on ACI's Board of Direction; Financial Advisory Committee; ACI Committee 318, Structural Concrete Building Code; and Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 352, Joints and Connections in Monolithic Concrete Structures. He is also a Past President of the Washington Chapter – ACI. An ACI

Fellow and recognized expert in the design of major urban building structures, Kopczynski has received ACI's Charles S. Whitney Medal and Alfred E. Lindau Award.



Paul

Paul is a Principal Structural Engineer for Larsen and Landis. He is an ACI Fellow and has served on several ACI committees, including the Board of Direction, Financial Advisory Board, and Membership Committee, along with ACI Committees 120, History of Concrete; 124, Concrete Aesthetics; 229, Controlled Low-Strength Materials; and 533, Precast Panels.

The ACI Foundation is honored to have these two outstanding ACI members as the newest ACI Foundation Trustees.



Ann Daugherty is the Director of the ACI Foundation, a not-for-profit subsidiary of ACI. The Foundation facilitates collaboration among a cross section of concrete industry leaders to problem-solve technical issues, accelerate the acceptance of innovative technologies, and bring more young people into the concrete industry. For more information, contact ann.daugherty@acifoundation.org.

Have an idea for research that will benefit the concrete industry or support an ACI document or code change? Visit www.concreteresearchnetwork.org and fill out an online concrete research need form.