

Director's Notes

As you know, I have been appointed Interim President of CRSI. This appointment has resulted in less time being available for EIG; however, I have not left the group and I will continue to help with any issues that may arise. It is a privilege to assist CRSI in this manner and to ensure smooth operations until a permanent president is appointed.



During the interim period, I will be asking various people to assist with the more routine operations of EIG. I have already requested assistance at the WASHTO meeting from Jim Riemenschneider, who has offered to help install and staff the booth.

Please let me know if you wish to help at any of the activities listed at the end of this newsletter or if you have any questions.

CRSI Certification Program

I was recently sent photos of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel from the UAE showing significant cracking and lifting of coating on a bend. Prior to CRSI Certification and changes in the ASTM specifications, this phenomenon was not uncommon for U.S. bars and it outlines how important certification is to the continued viability of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel.



ASTM

EIG participated in an ASTM D04.32 meeting in Anaheim to lead discussion on ballots relating to ASTM D3963. The ballot removing the Annex for repair materials was supported in the Sub committee, and in the Main committee the single negative was found non-persuasive. It is expected that the new edition of ASTM D3963-15 will be available soon.



Three A01 main committee ballots relating to ASTM A775 have also been prepared and these are being balloted. One of these ballots relates to making the CD test a purchasers option, while another changes inspection provisions in Section 12. The final one covers overall updates to the standard, including editorial changes.



IBC Pittsburgh

EIG exhibited at the IBC meeting in Pittsburgh and was assisted by Jim Riemenschneider. The meeting was well attended; however, significantly fewer Departments of Transportation were present due to funding restrictions. Competitors to EIG were also at the show, including stainless steel, galvanized, low carbon-chromium, and FRP.



Anti-Corrosion Times

The latest edition of Anti-Corrosion Times was sent during the month. Please let me know if you did not get a copy and we will add you to the future mailing lists. Also, please forward any names of customers that you feel may benefit from this information.



Transportation Funding

On June 24, 2015 the Senate committee overseeing the nation's infrastructure approved a plan to spend \$275 billion on roads over the next six years, but lawmakers will still have to come up with a way to pay for it.

The Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act calls for appropriating nearly \$43 billion per year to the federal government's highway program.

The spending is contingent upon lawmakers coming up with a way to pay for it, but the sponsors of the proposed legislation said Wednesday that its approval is a first step toward solving the nation's infrastructure funding problems.

The bill calls for spending \$42.9 billion per year on the Federal-Aid Highway Program. The measure also includes \$675 million per year for the popular Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, which allows states to apply for federally backed, low-interest loans to help pay for large construction programs.

NACE Concrete Life Extension

The NACE Concrete Life Extension conference was held in Philadelphia, PA and McDonald presented a paper titled "Developments in Coated Reinforcing Steel." The paper outlined the wide array of coated reinforcing bars and presented information on the performance of epoxy-coated reinforcing. Data from several sources were cited relating to the performance of ECR compared with other products.

Quote

The road to success is always under construction.
Lily Tomlin

Date	Event
July 19 – 22	WASHTO, Boise, ID
September 8 – 11	Western Bridge Conference, Reno, NV
October 19 – 21	NESMEA, Burlington Vermont
November 1 – 4	CRSI Fall Business Meeting, Chicago, IL
November 8 – 12	ACI Denver, CO
November 17 – 19	ASTM Tampa, FL
December 8 – 10	ABC Miami, FL

