

- ◇ **Promotion Comm.:** Completed Phase 1 of the “Concrete Resource Challenge” for Architects. Initial offering delivered 73 binders of Industry specific info to adopted architects delivered by local area industry representatives. Pervious brochure was revised and 2nd version distributed.
- ◇ **Enviro Comm.-** Met with PSAPCA regarding agency rules for crushers, portable equipment and anticipated rule changes. Electronic DNR reporting and NPDES issues with Ecology.
- ◇ **Aggregates Comm.-** Focused on refining new DNR Blanket Bonding program elements. Program finally released as a pilot to 1 company. Worked with CTED to provide industry input on changes to the GMA to benefit Mineral lands.
- ◇ **DOT & Technical Comm.-** Progress made with DOT on ASR testing, defining Concrete Mix design Performance criteria, a pilot project is scheduled in Spokane, revised certain Aggregate product specs, Use of integrated limestone in cement, address changing fly ash situation and usage of slag and SCC and other DOT mysteries.

Education:

- Committee planning and activities, Administer and implement National programs, develop, administer and implement Association meetings and events, maintain Technical Library, provide technical resources to Members, develop technical, promotional, or general publications as necessary, deliver ACI & NRMCA certification programs, expand educational opportunities.*
- ◇ **NRMCA Concrete Driver Professional (CDP)** trained 15 new drivers for CEMEX / Vancouver Skagit R/M & Smokey Point Concrete. Driver feedback described as “excellent”. WA State Patrol assists in exam portion of program. 183 drivers tested to date. We can do much more.
 - ◇ **ACI Certification:** Conducted 20 sessions in Field, Flatwork, Aggregates, Finisher, Lab and Strength Testing including Alaska. 334 Exams administered.
 - ◇ **NRMCA Pervious Certification:** Significantly expanded our NRMCA Pervious Certification to 12 classes and trained over 233 attendees including Cement Mason / Local 528. Regional classes held in Boise and Anchorage. Co-sponsored fall NRMCA Parking Lot Seminar.
 - ◇ Conducted affiliated industry seminar on the regional economy; John Mitchell presenter. 75 attended.

Traditional Association meetings:

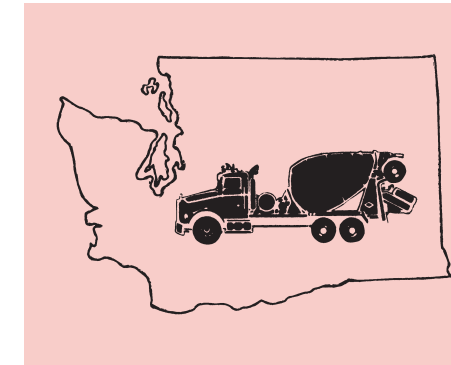
- ◇ **Legislative Retreat:** Provides PAC strategy, Legislative Issues reviewed by Board of Directors & Legislative Comm. Worked with Gov.’s office on GMA and permitting issues, lead to a 1st ever Gov. office initiated effort regarding construction aggregates.
- ◇ **Winter Workshop:** Due to the economy, declining construction activity and overall industry belt tightening, was not conducted.
- ◇ **Legislative Workshop & WCIC Reception:** Bronze sponsor to AWB 09 Leg. Reception.
- ◇ **41st Annual Excellence In Concrete Construction Awards:** April 2009 / Bellevue Hyatt Regency. **Excellent attendance of 305.** Presented 72 Category awards and 56 Runner up certificates in 13 categories.
- ◇ **Family Summer meeting:** July 2009 / Chelan

Communications:

- Maintain regular Association member communications network by traditional and electronic means, Member Directories, media relations, coordinate with National Associations.*
- ◇ Published 4 issues of FAST TRAX, and 8 editions of the electronic newsletter; e-TRAX. 2008—2009 directory not published.
 - ◇ **www.washingtonconcrete.org**— Under review for design and content upgrades.

Membership Services:

- Bring value to membership, RETRO program, deliver national programs, events and services, Create and grow Industry network & membership, highlight Associate’s products and services to Producer members, Promotion of Industry image, products, & services.*
- ◇ **www.concretethinker.com** promotes web based sustainable & LEED resources for cement and concrete products.
 - ◇ **RETRO program:** Worker’s Comp. Program, 38 companies w/premium base at \$3.2M. \$1.33M Refund earned. Quarterly newsletter, safety seminars conducted, overall claims management services. **For info Contact : ERNW: 800-433-7601; Craig Smith.**



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2008-2009 Annual Membership Report

I would like to thank *President Greg McKinnon of Stoneway Concrete, the Board of Directors, our Committee chairs, & Committee members* for their support and contributions to the Association this year. Our agenda and activities became a function of the economy and the strong majorities in both the House and Senate. October came and things changed. The Legislature opened and change was the motivating force with a rapid embrace of Climate Change and related legislation. But with these changes came opportunity. Pres. McKinnon was instrumental in identifying ways our industry could be positioned to meet the objectives of these changes. Goals and objectives were initiated based on what the economy and legislature gave us to deal with. Even with the rapid pace of issues presenting themselves, new objectives were rapidly put into place if even as a starting point. The emphasis on climate change, environmental stewardship and storm water management, have given our industry a great opportunity to meet these challenges head on with a positive and compelling message and a number of significant industry accomplishments. BUT, we have to compile them and then communicate them. A number of committee members stepped up to help these efforts take shape, but we have much more to do and will need more expertise from within the membership. Having Pres. McKinnon invest the time and effort to recognize and share his professional experience and vision for opportunity is a significant compliment to our industry. Our ability to navigate issues, anticipate a reasonable outcome and reaction was improved. For these reasons, we are recommending our current Board of Directors remain in place for another term to provide necessary continuity. Even as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Association, we must be adaptable to the catalysts that shape, change and impact our industry.

As in your business, the economy has sharply affected our *Associate members*. Their expertise is our future as they supply our industry with new and improved solutions to increase our efficiency, productivity, and profitability. *On behalf of the Board of Directors, please remember the key role our Associates play in supporting your Association and I encourage you to support them first whenever possible.*

Bruce T. Chattin
Executive Director

In 2008 -2009; The Association responded to its core products, services, and overall mission.

Advocacy: (Governmental Affairs)

Legislative, Federal & State Agency, County relations, communications, strategic planning, media relations, relationships with affiliated industry and construction Associations, support and advocate role of the industry, our products, services.

- ◇ **Dept. of Ecology:** Ecology was the lead agency in negotiating Climate Change legislation. Our lobbying efforts ramped up to ensure the agency understood our industry, role, opportunities and accomplishments in already meeting CO2 reduction efforts and communicated the impacts on our cement industry, value of fly ash resources and the role of concrete manufacturing in meeting desired objectives. The Enviro Comm. met with the agency to address electronic DMR's, and begun discussions regarding the 2010 NPDES renewal; first meeting in August.
- ◇ **CTED:** established a working industry group to meet with the agency to make advance recommendations to improve designation criteria and county processes for Mineral Lands. Agency indicates many of our suggestions were incorporated. Public meetings on the Draft GMA revisions begins in August.
- ◇ **Governor's Office:** Met regularly with Gov. office regarding future availability of aggregate reserves and GMA challenges. Meeting held in October with agency, environmental and industry to review consumption, reserves and potential trends. Message received; the state needs to change their attitude to maintain a sufficient supply of construction aggregates for the future.
- ◇ **Dept. of Natural Resources:** No specific DNR legislation in 2009, however the Association did advance non fee revenue for DNR mapping in the state operating budget but was cut due to state's economic shortfall. We met with the new Commissioner to promote our industry relationship with the agency and the need for a proactive DNR in protecting aggregate resources. Industry members worked closely with DNR staff to finally implement the new Blanket Bonding Reclamation as required in the 2006 Fee Bill.
- ◇ **Dept. of L&I: WAC 296-0127-18:** Prevailing Wage on R/M drivers as expected was implemented Jan. 2, 2009. The Association testified at each hearing, but the outcome was predetermined. The Board of Directors has been working with legal council to review and consider options regarding the rule making process implementing the WAC.

2009 Legislative Session (90 days)

- ◇ The Association through our lobbyist; (*Steve Buckner, Millennia Public Affairs*) helped kill a number of bad bills, wrote favorable language in others, and was lead for our industry in Climate Change issues. Legislation mandating Cap & Trade emission reductions was defeated by a broad group of business, timber, construction and industry groups. Over 44 Bills were dropped dealing with climate change, energy efficiency, GHG and transportation emissions. Legislation also included language specifically promoting a preference for wood products over concrete and steel products. We were able to remove that language in all 4 Bills and none passed.
- ◇ **Mineral Severance Tax:** would have levied a 4% County tax on extracted materials on a quarterly basis. Prevented language from finding a Bill
- ◇ **Transportation:** Secures funding for mega projects and authorizes a deep bore tunnel in Seattle as a Viaduct replacement. Authorizes tolls on 520, and caps state costs on 520 and viaduct projects
- ◇ **SB 5854 Energy Efficiency:** raises energy efficiency standards in buildings and improve energy usage in existing buildings 70% by 2031. Killed attempt to adopt new WA energy code. Architects Bill.

Other Bills that Passed:

- ◇ **Climate Change Executive Order:** Although SSB 5735 and 2SHB 1819 (Gov. Request Legislation) did not pass and would have implemented a cap and trade system. The Gov. signed a EO putting into place the same principles defeated. We will be participating with Ecology on what direction this takes this summer.
- ◇ **SB 6173: Reseller's Certificates:** Changes the way sales tax is refunded. Eligible companies will be issued a "resellers certificate" to have eligible tax refunds rebated, but the tax is collected up front. Will be participating with DOR this summer as this new system evolves. Will likely affect our MST exemptions.
- ◇ **HB 1413 Storm Water Fees:** allows Ecology to increase storm water permit fees to the fiscal growth factor for 2 years and raises municipal cap on municipal fees. Subsidizers to the NPDES program (which should include S&G) are exempt from fee increase.
- ◇ **Bills that did NOT Pass:**
- ◇ **ESHB 1393 Home Warranty Bill:** Rep. Springer's attempt to construct a solution to residential construction issues. Bill started with simple resolution measures, but mushroomed out of control. We Insured materi-

- als suppliers would not be liable for work performed by others. Bill died in final days, but will be back.
- ◇ **HB 1708 Maury Island:** Rep. Nelson's annual MI attack bill. Also defeated her attempt to prevent industry campaign contributions to DNR Commissioner campaigns.
- ◇ **HB 2010: VMT funding:** would have tied county funding to VMT reductions.
- ◇ **SB 5846 Covered Loads Bill:** Negotiated delayed implementation until 2014. Bill died in Senate Committee, likely to return, but we have acceptable language on the table.
- ◇ **SB 6035 RETRO Bill:** as a result of Dept. calculation errors, attempt to reform a good program to attack BIAW program.
- ◇ **HB 1836 Offsite/Prefabrication:** would have required info from out of state suppliers for public works projects.
- ◇ **SB 6158 Family Leave:** no new funding; delayed until 2012.
- ◇ **Focus on Aggregates:** Effort included dialogue with Gov.'s office to establish a state wide planning strategy for the future availability of construction aggregates, siting and permitting of aggregates resources. Working with CTED on recommendations for GMA revisions to **WAC 365-190-070**. Board of Directors has approved an update to the 2003 PLU Economic impact study of the Aggregates Industry.

Governance:

Day to day operation of Association business affairs, staff, and Committee structure.

- ◇ In addition to managing our Association, WACA also manages the WA. Chapter of ACI. Functions include: Board of Director obligations, conducting 9 monthly chapter meetings, 2-4 National seminars and coordinate 3rd Annual Golf tournament in 2009.
- ◇ WACA Executive Director also serves as an Association representative on the AWB Board of Directors.

The Association coordinates 7 Committees;

- ◇ **Safety Comm.:** Conducted 9th Annual MSHA Part 46 Training in 7 statewide sessions Jan. through March 2009. 518 miners trained. Presented topics and co-sponsored 3rd Annual Supervisors Training at EWU, 180 attending.
- ◇ **RETRO Advisory Committee:** monitors growth and performance of Association RETRO program with our RETRO advisors, review enrollment and manage reserves for future adjustment periods.
- ◇ **Sustainability Comm.:** Worked quickly to get a synopsis of overall industry efforts in CO2 reductions for cement, fleets, fly ash, ready mix and provided report to House Transportation Comm. Working with local utilities on grant programs to introduce energy efficiency programs for industry facilities.

