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WEATHERING THE STORM

*American Concrete Pipe Association
109th Annual Convention
Westin Hilton Head Resort
March 19-21, 2017*



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ACPA Members

In September 2016, Hurricane Matthew blew in from the Caribbean and rolled along the Atlantic coast of the Southeastern United States, leaving behind a path of destruction on a massive scale. Before weakening, Matthew slammed into Hilton Head, South Carolina, home of the 109th Annual Convention of the American Concrete Pipe Association as a Category 1 hurricane with 75 mph winds.

Hilton Head had chosen precast concrete pipe for most of its drainage systems. Because of this choice, much of the transportation infrastructure remained intact, allowing first responders to react to emergencies without impediment, and cleanup crews to begin work immediately following the storm.

Concrete pipe is a structure and a conduit, while flexible drainage products are a conduit only. This fundamental difference leaves concrete pipe with a great advantage over alternative materials. Concrete pipe is a vital component of resilient transportation infrastructure.

Hilton Head Island is an outstanding example of the resiliency of critical buried infrastructure and how a community can bounce back quickly - stronger than ever before - from an unexpected destructive force! The 109th Annual Convention will highlight how precast concrete pipe and boxes withstood the impact of Matthew and how this experience should be referenced when marketing concrete pipe.

Topics

Resiliency will be discussed from the local to the national level. Delegates will hear from the Hilton Head engineering community about the preparations set in place for the onslaught of the storm, and the aftermath. The reasons for planning for disasters and designing a community with resilient infrastructure will become clear.

Public works officials from South Carolina will describe how the state reacted to the hurricane and the importance of infrastructure for safe and speedy evacuation routes. To conclude the education agenda, an FHWA representative will discuss reasons for using resilient construction materials, as well as other important topics, like "Buy America."

ACPA leadership will discuss plans to fight for expanding market share of concrete pipe, reviewing the new strategic plan, and our strategies for Washington, D.C. and the states.

There will be plenty of time for fun beginning with golf on Sunday morning, a Sunday night Welcome Reception and a "dinner dance" on Tuesday night!

Sunday, March 19

Hilton Head is known for its natural beauty, vast ocean views and amazing golf courses. "Golf Junkies" can chalk up another win on Sunday with the ACPA Golf Tournament at Port Royal Golf Course. Later that evening, the convention will open with a Welcome Reception on the Ocean Deck overlooking the magnificent North Atlantic.

Monday, March 20

Monday morning is all business, as we hear from the experts in disaster preparedness and the use of resilient materials used for critical infrastructure. Featured speakers include a local representative discussing how concrete pipe allowed for quick cleanup after Hurricane Matthew.

We will hear from the South Carolina DOT on evacuation routes and their use of resilient materials. Lastly, the FHWA will attend our convention and brief us on their priorities, including the "Buy America" policy.

Awards Luncheon

Members of the ACPA gather to recognize the achievements of peers with presentations of the Frank J. Heger Award, Richard E. Barnes Award, Richard C. Longfellow Award, and Chairman's Safety and Quality Award.

The Richard E. Barnes Award is the highest recognition of support and service to the industry presented to an individual for lifetime achievement.

Dr. Frank J. Heger, co-founder of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc., Consulting Engineers was honored by the American Concrete Pipe Association with the inauguration of the Frank J. Heger Award at the 2006 AGM. This award is presented annually to a representative of a member firm of the American Concrete Pipe Association for making significant technical contributions throughout a distinguished career in the concrete pipe industry.

The Richard C. Longfellow Award is presented in memory of Richard Longfellow who had an outstanding career with Cretex Companies, Inc. Each year, a Concrete Pipe News author is honored with the award for an article that most effectively demonstrates innovative and effective use of concrete pipe.

Canadian Concrete Pipe & Precast Association Annual Meeting

While many ACPA delegates may take Monday afternoon off, the Canadian Concrete Pipe & Precast Association will hold its Annual General Meeting for the first time at the ACPA Annual Meeting. Most meetings of the CCPA will be open to ACPA delegates who will be warmly welcomed.

Tuesday, March 21

Tuesday morning begins with the ACPA Annual Meeting, where members will vote on important decisions like dues and the budget for 2017. This is followed by further committee reports from the Chairmen of the AASHTO, Safety, and Manufacturing/Quality Committees. President Childs will review the new strategic plan and Action Items for the year ahead. The meetings conclude with Associate and Government Relations Committee meetings during the late morning followed by the a luncheon where Oliver Delery, Chairman of the ACPA Government Relations Committee will discuss the ACPA's recent presence in D.C. and plans for monitoring and acting upon legislation in D.C. and the states. The Technical and Marketing Committees will share their ongoing projects and plans.

Southern Lowcountry Dinner / Dance

Wind down the conference with fun at the final dinner and dance. Bo and Donna Gossett have planned a special evening beginning outdoors and concluding with a dinner and dancing to a local band. Attire will be business casual.

A Glance at the Schedule

Saturday, March 18

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Past Chairman's Dinner

Sunday, March 19

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Golf Tournament
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm FY 2016-17 Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome Reception

Monday, March 20

7:30 am – 2:00 pm Registration
8:00 am – 8:30 am Welcome from Chairman Gossett
8:30 am – 9:15 am Guest Speaker
9:15 am – 9:30 am Break
9:30 am – 10:15 am Strategic Plan Update
10:15 am – 11:00 am Marketing Committee Report
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Technical Committee & Research Report
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Awards Lunch and Associate Spotlight
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Networking

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Hospitality
8:00 am – 8:30 am Annual General Meeting
8:30 am - 8:45 am ACPA Research & Education Foundation
Annual Meeting
8:45 am – 9:15 am Education Committee Report
9:15 am – 10:00 am AASHTO Committee Update
10:30 am – 11:00 am Manufacturing/Quality Committee
Report
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Associates Committee Meeting
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Government Relations
Committee
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch/Government
Relations Report
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm New Board of
Directors Meeting
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Reception/Dinner
10:00 pm – 12:00 am After Party/
Dance

If you need help with registration, hotel arrangements, or have any questions, please give the ACPA staff a call at (972) 506-7216. For registration please visit this link: www.concretepipe.org/annual-convention-2017

Discover how the ACPA will serve the concrete pipe and precast industry in 2017 by joining us at Hilton Head.