Legislation Updates
Kentucky General Assembly is in session - the largest hurdle of which will be pension reform and budget discussions.

Marketing Pushes
The 2018 Marketing Strategy for the KCA has been developed and will be discussed in the Promotional committee prior to the Winter Meeting.

In the Pipeline
Louisville releases RFP for downtown space study. Lexington RFP seeks new downtown government center.

National Headlines
Ready Mix concrete production statistics have been updated through October, and have seen a 5% increase over 2016.

Goodbye Twenty Seventeen!
It’s been a great year for the KCA, and the new year marks a perfect time to look back on everything we’ve accomplished. We hit the year running with historic changes for the Association with a Rebranding effort that ultimately saw not only a logo change for the Association, but a name change as well.

The spring season meant warmer weather and a few KCA Drone projects for various members, as well as a visit to the NRMCA National Convention by KCA Staff. The local Promotional Councils hosted Concrete overlay seminars, and voted to change their names to “Concrete Education Councils” to better reflect their intentions to provide quality education opportunities for designers, owners & contractors. Throughout the spring the KCA worked to develop stronger relationships with KYTC personnel and design firms through 1-on-1 meetings and event networking.

Spring wrapped up with a great celebration at the Concrete Ball and the summer started off busy with several visits to members by KCA staff and lots of planning and prep for the KCA Summer Meeting.

Myrtle Beach drew a huge crowd to the Summer Meeting, with lots of members and their families taking part in the activities, hopefully marking the beginning trend in increased event numbers. The Annual KCA Golf Outing experienced the best weather in perhaps the history of the Association, and a great turnout made for good support for the KCIPAC (those milligans sure can be usefull!).

The fall brought with it planning for the ICF Seminars sponsored by the regional CEC’s that each had great turnouts from key individuals and companies. The weather stayed pleasant through most of the fall, meaning busy seasons for many producers that pushed much later into the year than usual - an early Christmas present for many companies. The year rounded out with several more member visits, 1-on-1 meetings with key industry decision makers, and a lot of preparation and planning for the upcoming year and Winter Convention.

Thank you to all of the KCA Members that made 2017 a great year for the Association. We’ll see you soon!

ICF Seminars Draw Great Crowds
The Northern Kentucky, Bluegrass, and Kentuckiana Concrete Education Councils each put on Lunch Seminars targeting de-
sign professionals during the Fall of 2017. These seminars were very well attended in all three regions and saw very diverse individuals in attendance - from owners, to architects, to contractors.

Jill Smith, AIA presented a well thought out and informative look at how ICF construction can be used in Multi-Story buildings. Her experience, combined with her multiple relevant anecdotes and tips gave those in attendance a wealth of usable information.

Paul Gannoe with EKU gave a short but very impactful presentation to wrap up the seminar regarding the University's decision to move forward with an ICF building envelope for a new dorm project. His experience with the construction project and the ICF design went a long way in showing those in attendance that ICF is a great solution not only for energy efficiency and resiliency, but even as a first cost competitive contender.

If you know a designer or developer that might benefit from a topic regarding ICF construction, it’s not too late! Speak with Josh Huddy at the KCA about setting up a Lunch & Learn about Insulated Concrete Forms. Other topics are available upon request.

**CONCRETE DESIGN AWARDS**

Remember to submit any concrete designs from the past season that you think would be fitting of the KCA Concrete Design Award. Submissions can be made online at: [www.kyconcrete.org/DAentry](http://www.kyconcrete.org/DAentry)

**ADVANCED CONCRETE ACADEMY**

We are currently accepting registration forms for the Advanced Concrete Academy (previously called KCA Level III) which will be held February 27th through March 2nd. This event is sure to bring high quality information to all in attendance, and we’ve got some great instructors lined up this year.

For more information regarding the Academy, contact Josh Huddy at josh@kyconcrete.org

**A HEALTHY PAC IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CONCRETE INDUSTRY IN KENTUCKY**

By Finley Messick

You could have knocked me over with a feather in late December when I opened a letter from a KCA Past President and inside was a Kentucky Concrete Industry Political Action Committee (KCIPAC) check for $2000.00! With one fell swoop that individual check from one person increased our KCIPAC funds significantly.

Our KCIPAC total funding has mostly been contributions from a few KCA Members. While there have been other smaller contributions most of the rest of KCIPAC funding has been through KCA Golf Outing Mulligans which has garnered a fair amount for our PAC. Some of the remaining is mostly from a small number of KCA Members who have contributed over the last couple of years.

We have an election coming up in the Fall of 2018 and the Concrete Industry needs to have a voice.

Here are some top reasons that people employed in the Kentucky Concrete Industry should consider giving a contribution to the KCIPAC:

- If you believe you have a profession, not just a job
- If you are tired of other industries dictating what we can and can’t do
- If you want to send the message that our profession matters
- If you have never given and you think it’s important to maintain a presence in Frankfort
- If you want to make a difference in your profession
- The KCIPAC puts us at the table not on the menu

We plan to offer several fun ways in 2018 for individuals to contribute to the KCIPAC:

- March Madness NCAA Basketball Brackets
- A skeet shooting tournament in May
- Golf mulligans at the KCA Golf Tournament

And of course, while not as much fun, individuals contribution are welcomed

Help us to insure that the Concrete Industry has a voice and a seat at the table for our future.

**KY ACI TRAINING CLASSES IN 2018**

The Kentucky ACI Chapter will be offering Strength Training and Aggregate Testing certification classes in early 2018. Be sure to register early to ensure you have a spot reserved in the class. Registration forms can be found attached to the end of this newsletter.

- Construction Strength Training February 16, 2018
- Aggregate Level 1 March 8 & 9, 2018
SAFETY AWARDS
It's that time of year again... Safety Award Submissions for 2017 are open until February 8th. If you have a plant or multiple plants that deserve recognition of outstanding safety records for 2017, be sure to fill out submission forms so they can be recognized at the 2018 KCA Winter Convention's Safety Awards Luncheon. Submissions this year can be made online at www.kyconcrete.org/Safety2018.

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS COMING
This year the Kentucky Concrete Association will be making life much easier for many of our members. Coming very soon, expect to see online registrations opening up for KCA events and classes. These online registrations will allow easier access to automatic invoices, online payment, and a whole host of other benefits. More information and an in-depth review of how to use the online system will be coming soon. The online service could go live as soon as the next couple of weeks.

KYTC INTRODUCES HT SERIES
Sweeping changes to the KYTC employee designations will mean significant work for the KCA. With the introduction of the new HT Series, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be requiring ACI Level I for certain employee classes to receive promotions/raises.

It is estimated that as many as 300 additional certifications will be required for 2018 - a tall order for the Association. Already, KCA staff have been in contact with various KYTC Districts to create in-district courses to handle the increased certification requirements for the year.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PROMOTIONS
The KCA Promotion Committee will meet at the KCA Office on January 25th at 11:00AM. A working lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to the meeting to ensure accurate numbers for meals. The discussion will focus on planning for the year, as well as reviewing the Marketing Strategy for 2018. Make plans to attend this meeting, and regional CEC chairs should be prepared to give a report of their activities since our last meeting in the fall of 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL & SAFETY
The EC&S Committee is looking forward to the KCA Safety Award Luncheon to recognize those plants with distinguished safety records for the 2017 production year. It is important to recognize those men and women in the concrete industry with a commitment to safety.

QUALITY & SPECIFICATIONS
Work is progressing on the Advanced Concrete Academy, with only a few details left to iron out. Please work to spread the word to concrete producers, as well as designers and contractors. We are excited about this year’s Academy and are sure that everyone who attends will find a great deal of value from the presentations, as well as the discussions to be had among attendees. This is a great opportunity to invite Architects and Engineers who may need continuing education credits.

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Mark Your Calendar...

JANUARY 8
ACI Level I (Full)

JANUARY 9 - 12
KCA Level II (Full)

JANUARY 17 - 19
KBT Annual Convention

JANUARY 24
11:30AM Cardinal Hall - Louisville
ACI KY Meeting

JANUARY 25
11:00AM KCA OFFICE
Promotion Committee Meeting

FEBRUARY 6 - 9
KCA Level II (Nearly full)
Kentucky Chapter of ACI announces:

ACI Concrete Strength Training Class

Where: Lehigh Cement (Speed Plant)
301 US 31
Sellersburg, Indiana, 47172

When: Friday, February 16th 2018
Class begins at 7:30 a.m. Until finished
Written exam and hands-on exam

Cost: $650 per person to be paid with registration or prior to start of class
All cancellations will be charged for price of manual.

Class Objectives: C-39 Compressive strength of a cylinder
C-78 Flexural strength of a beam
C-1231 un-bonded capping
C-617 bonded capping to become a Certified Strength Technician.

Items to Bring: Calculator and Safety Glasses

Items Included: Workbook

Registration Information

Company Name: _______________________________________________________
Company Address: _______________________________________________________

Student Name(s): _______________________________________________________
Phone:__________ Email:_____________________

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Check Included: # to attend _____ x $650 = $___________________________

Return Form to: Cindy Messick, Chapter Secretary
Email: cmessick60@gmail.com
Phone: 502-667-0935
1009 Entrada Dr, Frankfort KY 40601
Kentucky Chapter of ACI announces the inaugural:

**ACI Aggregate Level 1 Training Class**

**Where:**
Bluegrass Testing (In Rogers Jefferson County Stone)
13400 Old Henry Road
Louisville, Kentucky  40223

**When:**
Thursday, March 8th and Friday, March 9th 2018
Class begins at 12:30 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 a.m. on Friday
Written exam and hands-on exam

**Cost:**
$750 per person to be paid with registration or prior to start of class
All cancellations will be charged for price of manual.

**Class Objectives:**
T2–15—Sampling Aggregates
D75–14—Sampling Aggregates
R–76—Reducing Samples of Aggregate to Testing Size
C702–11—Reducing Samples of Aggregate to Testing Size
T11–15—Materials Finer Than 75-µm (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
C117–13—Materials Finer Than 75-µm (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
T27–14—Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
C136–14—Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
T85–13—Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
C127–15—Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
T84–14—Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
C128–15a—Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
T255–00—Total Moisture Content of Aggregate by Drying
C566–12—Total Moisture Content of Aggregate by Drying
T21–15—Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate for Concrete
C40–16—Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate for Concrete

**Items to Bring:**
Calculator and Safety Glasses;

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ADVANCED CONCRETE ACADEMY

The Kentucky Concrete Association is proud to present this year’s Advanced Concrete Academy. The Academy is a four day course led by experienced industry professionals intent on delivering high quality technical content sure to offer value to even the most experienced individuals.

The small class size combined with daily discussions will leave attendees with best practices and innovative information that will help to push companies forward in delivering innovative and high quality concrete solutions.

DAY 1
Feb 27
- Concrete Mix Design Theory
- Hands-on Cement Lab
- ASTM 94
- ACI 301, 318, 211, 214
- Optimizing Mix Designs

DAY 2
Feb 28
- Specialty Testing
- Coring & Non-Destructive Testing
- Flowable Fill & CLSM/Cellular Concrete
- Fibers
- Innovative Admixtures
- Self Consolidating Concrete

DAY 3
Mar 1
- Concrete Versatility
- Commercial Floor Slabs & Tilt-Up
- Lightweight Aggregate Concrete
- Mass Concrete Placement
- In Place Maturity Monitoring Methods
- Drilled Shafts/Deep Foundations

DAY 4
Mar 2
- Troubleshooting Fresh & Hardened Concrete
- Hot & Cold Weather Concrete
- Exterior Concrete Pavements
- Shotcrete

SIGN UP TODAY

To register, go online to www.kyconcrete.org/academy for a printable registration form.

Class will be held at the Kentucky Concrete Association in Frankfort, KY

For more info, contact Josh Huddy at josh@kyconcrete.org
KENTUCKY CONCRETE ASSOCIATION
1 HMB Circle  |  Frankfort, KY 40601
KCA Advanced Concrete Academy  - Class Date:  February 27 - March 2, 2018

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**Fees:** KCA Advanced Concrete Academy. Limited to the first 45.

Full Registration *(includes course, printed manuals, Monday night Dinner, Friday Lunch)*:

- # to attend ______X $425.00 =___________  \( \text{Member Discounted Rate} \)
- # to attend ______X $450.00 =___________  \( \text{Non-Member Associate Rate} \)
- # to attend ______X $700.00 =___________  \( \text{Non-Member Producer Rate} \)

Individual Daily Rate *(available for design professionals, contractors, & developers)*

- # to attend _____ X $120.00 X _______ days = _____________

**Please return this form and check to:**

Kentucky Concrete Association
1 H.M.B. Circle, Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 695-1535
FAX: (502) 695-9499
Email: shagg@krmca.org

**Classes are payable in advance or on day of class.** Payment must be received prior to taking the class for non-members.

***Additional Fees:***

- Cancellation: $100.00 if it is within one week of the class.

*KCA members have the first opportunity for registration. Please register early. We will send out information, to all those registered, regarding directions at a later date.*
## Convention REGISTRATION RATES:

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# of extra meal tickets: (Note: These options are for those not registered for the whole convention, otherwise these are included with the above registration fee.)

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Total Registration Fees = $_______
Total Extra lunch tickets = $_______
Total Extra banquet tickets = $_______
Final TOTAL DUE = $_______

Credit Card payments accepted or make check payable to **KCA**. Registration Fee includes: All convention business activities and meetings including Thursday & Friday Luncheon, and Friday Night Cocktail Reception & Banquet.

**HOTEL Reservations** - The cut-off date for rooms is January 22, 2018. Room Rate is $169.00 plus taxes and applicable fees. Make reservation by calling 1-800-774-1500. When calling, tell attendant your reservation is with the Ready Mix Annual Association Conference.