

Purpose

The purpose of the Academy is to provide recognition to past and present industry leaders for their personal contributions to the engineering and construction industry.



The Hotel Phillips is the host hotel for our annual meeting.

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Join Us in Bartlesville!

Welcome to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, site of this year's NAC annual meeting! Bartlesville is a cosmopolitan town with influences of the old west, Native American tradition and the oil boom. When oil was discovered in the Osage Nation, Frank Phillips built an empire by leasing mineral rights from the tribe, and founding Phillips Petroleum Company.

and members will be dining at the famous Frank Lloyd Wright creation, the Price Tower. This is an optional dinner at members' and guests' own expense. A small tour prior to dinner will be given for those interested. Then guests will enjoy a wonderful dinner where they can see the city of Bartlesville and much of Bartlesville's landscape from the 16th floor.

We hope that you will gain a plethora of knowledge from the annual meeting, and at the same time, enjoy the rich heritage Oklahoma has to offer.

The historic Hotel Phillips, located in the heart of Bartlesville, will serve as your home during your stay. This quaint hotel/bed and breakfast offers many amenities, and is within walking distance from restaurants, historic landmarks and shops.

Guests and members checking in early are invited to join us for a game of golf or tennis at Hillcrest Country Club. This is optional for both members and guests and is an additional fee. The weather in Oklahoma in October is generally mild and very nice. However, you might want to bring a windbreaker or wet suit, just in case. On the evening of Oct. 8, guests

NAC Annual Meeting
October 8-10
2008

As members and guests continue to check in on Oct. 9, the Executive Committee will be meeting at Hillcrest Country Club for a working lunch. However, for those guests and members who would

like to discover the rich heritage of the Native American Indian as well as experience the local culture, several tours of interest have been scheduled for your pleasure. The first tour, scheduled for Oct. 9, will take you back to a time when wild buffalo and cowboys were allowed to roam freely. The Tall Grass Prairie Tour allows guests to step back into time and witness the only protected ecosystem of its kind. Buffalo roam freely on this 36,000-acre prairie, restoring the character of the land dating back to 1870. During your driven tour of this beautiful site, you will also enjoy a good, old-fashioned Oklahoma picnic.



That evening, guests and members will meet at Woolaroc, the 3,600-acre ranch and country home of oilman Frank Phillips. Woolaroc features a world-class western art and cultural museum, Phillip's lodge home, family mausoleum, wildlife preserve, Native American Cultural Center,

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*John C. Mihm
2008 NAC
President*

From the President

This year has been exciting for the National Academy of Construction. The Executive Committee has been hard at work, holding meetings at Jimmy Slaughter's ranch in March and again in Atlanta in June to initiate our forum concept where we involved other interested entities. I also want to thank Jim Porter and Jimmy Slaughter for their efforts in putting these meetings together. Recently, the Executive Committee met via teleconference and is also scheduled to meet again in Bartlesville.

As a result of hard work by the NAC Executive Committee and Committee chairs, I would like to highlight a few of the many accomplishments that have been made by our organization and its membership to date:

- The National Academy of Construction Foundation is now officially a designated 501(c)(3), non-profit foundation. Thank you Richard Tucker for your dedication and efforts in resolving all legal questions and obtaining IRS approval. Thank you also to Doy Cole, John Lamberson and Richard Tucker for the timeless contributions and leadership in making the Foundation and Endowment growth effort a success.
- The National Academy of Construction Forum Team met in Atlanta in June and set forth the vision for its success. We were able to propose a concept and path forward that will be demonstrated at our annual meeting.

- The Membership Committee selected 10 new members, who will be presented and inducted at the annual meeting. Thank you Jim Porter for your leadership and efforts as this year's Membership Committee Chair.
- NAC Safety White Paper Number 14, "Taking Safety Commitment to the Next Level," and NAC Safety White Paper Number 15, "Success in Achieving Zero Employee Injury Requires Proper Safety Staffing and Utilization," were both recently released. Thank you to Emmitt Nelson for your continued efforts and dedication to challenging businesses to adopt the "Zero Injury Safety Leadership Concept."

Finally, for the past several months the Executive Committee has been hard at work preparing the agenda for this year's annual meeting. The format for this year's meeting is slightly different. This year we have planned activities for both members and their guests. You will not want to miss this year's conference, which will highlight our Forum Concept. In addition, the speakers presenting this year are fantastic: Doug Pruitt (Work Force Issues), Greg Sizemore (CURT Overview), Humberto Martinez (National Construction Career Day Center), Mark Viator (Southeast Texas Industrial Workforce Alliance), Melvin White (Golden Triangle Enhancement Center), and Jimmy Slaughter (Business Case for Training Women to Be Skilled in Crafts). I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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NAC Annual Meeting Details

This year we are excited to offer several wonderful territory tours, dinners, lunches and golf/tennis excursions. The events marked with the "\$\$" symbol denote that each guest/member attending said event will be responsible for additional fees for that event. In addition, events marked with the "***" symbol denote optional events for guests and members. Otherwise, all events offered are included in your registration fee and attendance is encouraged. Please make sure that you have filled out the registration form if you and your guest are interested in participating in the events offered so that we can ensure availability and proper transportation to and from events.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

All day Check in at Hotel Phillips

1:00 p.m. Golf at Hillcrest Country Club, \$100 per person (\$\$), (**)

Tennis at Hillcrest Country Club, \$25 per person, (\$\$), (**) (appropriate golf or tennis attire please, no jeans)

7:00 p.m. Dinner at Price Tower, \$75.00 per person, (\$\$), (**)(Dress: business casual)

Thursday, Oct. 9

All day Check in at Hotel Phillips

10:00 a.m. Territorial Tours (Tall Grass Prairie & Picnic Lunch, Members & Guests), (**) Duration: Approx. 4 hours

11:30 a.m. Executive Committee Member Luncheon at Hillcrest Country Club

12:30 p.m. Executive Committee Board Meeting at Hillcrest Country Club

2:30 p.m. Committee Meetings at Hotel Phillips, to be announced



4:45 p.m. First bus departs hotel for Woolaroc
 5:00 p.m. Woolaroc Museum Tour (Guided Tour), (**)
 5:45 p.m. Second bus leaves hotel for Woolaroc
 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Party and Self-Guided Tour of Woolaroc Museum
 7:00 p.m. Formal Dinner at Woolaroc
 8:00 p.m. Induction of New Members
 9:00 p.m. Buses leave Woolaroc for Hotel Phillips
 9:30 p.m. Toast and Welcome to NAC New Members (Hospitality Suite, Hotel Phillips), (**)

Friday, Oct. 10

Guest's Schedule

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Hotel Phillips
 9:30 a.m. Tour Candle Factory, (**)
 10:30 a.m. Woolaroc Tour, Frank Phillips Summer Home, (**)
 11:00 a.m. Luncheon at Woolaroc, (**)
 1:00 p.m. Local Tours (Soap Factory, Frank Phillips Mansion, Phillips Petroleum Museum), (**)
 3:30 p.m. Tea at Hotel Phillips, (**)



Member Annual Meeting Schedule

7:00 a.m. Buses depart hotel for Woolaroc
 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Woolaroc (buffet)
 8:00 a.m. Welcome by John Mihm, President, and Call Meeting to Order
 8:10 a.m. Doug Pruitt - Work Force Issues
 8:50 a.m. Break - 10 minute
 9:00 a.m. CURT Overview - Greg Sizemore
 9:30 a.m. National Construction Career Day Center - Humberto Martinez
 10:00 a.m. Southeast Texas Industrial Workforce Alliance - Mark Viator
 10:30 a.m. Break - 10 minute
 10:40 a.m. Golden Triangle Enhancement Center - Melvin White



11:10 a.m. Business Case for Training Women to Be Skilled in Crafts - Jimmy Slaughter
 11:40 a.m. National Forum - Jim Porter
 12:20 p.m. Break for Lunch (Lodge)
 1:30 p.m. John Mihm - President Comments (Forum, IRS, Website)
 1:45 p.m. General Secretary's Report, Richard Tucker
 2:00 p.m. Safety White Papers Review - Emmitt Nelson
 2:15 p.m. Bulletin Discussion - Vince Kontny
 2:35 p.m. Membership Report - Jim Porter (Comment about getting members to nominate)
 2:45 p.m. Break - 10 minutes
 2:55 p.m. Liaison Status - Jack Buffington
 3:00 p.m. BICE Update, Lynda Stanley
 3:15 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 3:45 p.m. Election of New Officers - John Mihm
 3:55 p.m. Word from new President (2009 Meeting Location and Date) - Jim Porter

Meeting Adjourned

4:15 p.m. Buses depart Woolaroc
 4:45 p.m. Membership Meeting (Conference Room, Hotel Phillips)
 4:45 p.m. Ad Hoc Meetings (Conference Room, Hotel Phillips), to be announced

Members and Guests

6:30 p.m. Hillcrest Dinner - Business casual, \$75.00 per person, (\$\$), (**)

Saturday, Oct. 11

7:00-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 12:00 p.m. Check out of Hotel Phillips
 Rest of day on your own

Membership Committee Report



One of the most important functions of any organization is membership development and keeping a vibrant group of people engaged in the endeavor. The NAC Membership Committee met following last year's NAC annual meeting in Denver to discuss the membership process and begin soliciting nominations for the members who will be inducted this year.

Process

With guidance from Richard Tucker, the committee successfully followed the process described in the NAC Member Handbook. John Mihm launched the process with a letter to the membership in early January requesting nominations. The committee began its work in February via conference call reviewing a list of potential nominees and assigning volunteers to serve as "mentors" for identified nominees.

A request for member input was sent in late April with comments due in May. The comments were compiled and sent to the committee for review. Committee members developed a "straw and unbinding" ballot via e-mail for the group's June conference call. This process proved efficient and via two calls the committee selected 10 official nominees.

The individuals who nominated the 10 official nominees were contacted and asked to call their nominees to ask permission for their names to be placed on the ballot. All 10 agreed.

Ballots were received in July wherein all of the official nominees were elected into membership. Subsequently, John Mihm sent formal invitation letters to the new electees.

Participation

The committee and membership participation was outstanding in the election process. However, membership participation in identifying qualified candidates for nomination needs significant improvement. The number of new nominations received during the 2008 cycle was very low, and the future candidate pool has shrunk to an unacceptable level. I am sure we all agree we collectively know many industry leaders who are deserving of consideration for NAC membership.

So, I am asking everyone who is coming to the annual meeting to bring a minimum of two names for the nomination and membership committee to consider. I am making the same request of those who cannot attend the meeting to send the two names to me at the e-mail address listed below. Thanks in advance to everyone for your help.

With the exception of the nominee identification issue, the process worked quite well. The Class of 2008 carries excellent credentials, and the committee is confident these outstanding individuals will make a positive impact on the organization for years to come. The electees will be inducted into membership at the NAC Annual Meeting dinner Oct. 9 in Bartlesville.

Class of 2008

Please extend a hand of friendship and welcome to these new members at the induction dinner:

- David Ashley, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- Richard Little, Keston Institute
- Robert Nichol, Moffatt & Nichol
- Dennis Schroeder, BE&K
- Dominick Servedio, STV Group
- Marilyn Jordan Taylor, SOM
- Charles Thomsen, Parsons (retired)
- Thomas Traylor, Traylor Bros.
- Peter Vigue, Cianbro
- Norbert Young, McGraw-Hill



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KUDOS!

Ku • dos [koo-dohz, kyoo- dōs, -dos,], n. [Gr. Kydos, glory, fame], [Colloq.], credit for an achievement; glory; fame; praise or accolades, prestige.

★ **The Smithsonian Institute** was honored by the Construction Industry Institute (CII) with the 2008 Professional Development Award in the “Owner” category. This award is given annually to CII member organizations that show exceptional commitment to the development of construction industry professionals. NAC members **Bru Brubaker** and **Clair Gill** are with the Smithsonian.

★ **Ben Gerwick** (1919-2006) was recognized with the Ben C. Gerwick Award for Innovation in Design and Construction of Marine Work. The award is a benefit for the Deep Foundations Institute Educational Trust Scholarship Program.

★ **Hans Van Winkle** was named by President George W. Bush to the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

★ The Carroll Dunn Award is CII’s highest award, and is given for lifetime contributions to the industry. The first award was given to **Carroll Dunn** himself, in 1985, and it is only given if a worthy recipient is determined by the CII Executive Committee. The 2008 recipient is **Ralph Peterson**, an NAC member, who accepted in absentia due to his attendance at the Olympics in China (Ralph’s company is project manager for the 2012 Olympics).

The award has been given for 24 years but, because of its selective nature, there have been only 22 recipients. Only 10 of the recipients have been personally active in CII. Of the 22 recipients, 17 have been elected to the NAC. In addition to **Ralph Peterson**, other NAC members who have received the Dunn Award include **Dan Bennet, Alan Boeckmann, Jim Braus, Charlie Brown, Carroll Dunn, Art Fox, Don Gunther, Dan Halpin, Gary Jones, Ted Kennedy, Ed Merrow, Jack Morris, Dave Nash, Jim Porter, Richard Tucker** and **Jack Turner**.

★ The Richard Tucker Leadership and Service Award is CII’s second highest award and was established in 2004, again to recognize a lifetime of industry leadership. **Jimmy Slaughter**, the fifth award recipient, is the fourth NAC member to receive the honor. Other NAC members who have received the award are **Kent Underwood, Gerry Greene** and **Bill Badger**.

★ **Pat Galloway** was recently elected to the position of Vice Chair of the National Science Board.

Editor’s Note: We intend to include this item in all future editions of the *NAC Bulletin* to recognize NAC members who receive distinguished awards, appointments, etc. If you or a member known to you has received such an honor from a university, professional organization or similar entity, please send the information via e-mail to the group listed below for vetting and inclusion in a future edition.

John Mihm, 2008 NAC President, Richard Tucker, NAC Secretariat, Vince Kontny, NAC Bulletin Editor

Send Kudos!



NAC Endowment Update

The NAC Endowment activities are on schedule, in accordance with actions of the membership at the 2006 and 2007 Annual Meetings, and with Executive Committee and Trustee Guidance during the interim. Four significant things have occurred since October 2007, and are described below.

Life Membership Contributions

Several members have opted to contribute to the endowment. Those contributing \$5,000 or more have been granted Silver Life Memberships and those contributing \$25,000 or more have been granted Gold Life Memberships. Although some of the contributions have been directed by the donors to the Operating Fund, there is now a total of almost \$180,000 in the Endowment Fund. Gold and Silver Members are listed on the next page.

Management of Endowment Funds

The Endowment Fund Trustees have selected two financial management vehicles to manage the endowment funds. Woodway Financial Advisors, a trust company in Houston, was selected in October 2007, and has handled some of the initial donations. A second agency, the Austin Community Foundation, was selected in early 2008. The selection of two different agencies was determined to be prudent by the Trustees, since the two offer different services. The Trustees will continue to review the benefits of each.

Receipt of “Charitable” Status by the IRS

The NAC was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Texas in 2001, but

had not applied for designation by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) “charitable” organization. After consulting with several experts, the Trustees decided to engage an attorney, who specializes in such applications, to assist in developing an application to the IRS. The “charitable” designation is important to receive tax-exempt donations. The application process has been arduous, as the IRS is understandably cautious in potential abuse of the designation, particularly after 9/11 investigations. Even so, our attorney felt that NAC should qualify for the “charitable” status, because of the NAC educational activities dedicated to improving the industry.

We were notified by our attorney in early August, and subsequently formally by the IRS, of approval of the NAC as a 501(c)(3) “charitable” organization and, even better, made the designation retroactive to 2001, when the NAC was first incorporated in Texas.

Development Board Creation

The actions of the 2006 and 2007 Annual Meetings allowed the establishment of a Development Board to guide fund raising for the Endowment. The Development Board, chaired by John Lamberson, met in January to develop initial thoughts and strategies in anticipation of IRS approval. The Development Board will meet again in September and will bring a report to the membership in Bartlesville.

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Liaison with Government Agencies Update

At our annual meeting and at other opportunities, we have asked NAC members if they would be willing to volunteer for study groups initiated from various sources such as the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), the National Research Council (NRC) through the Board on Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment (BICE), the Federal Facilities Council (FFC), the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and associated agencies. Roughly 30% of our members have responded they would be available. We have recommended several in the past year for various studies, and some have volunteered directly to different agencies on their own.

NAC has volunteered no one without prior contact with the member and will continue to respect this approach. Volunteer sheets will be available to fill out at our annual meeting in Bartlesville. You can also sign up to be a volunteer by contacting Jack Buffington directly, 479-575-7957 or jebuffi@uark.edu. Thank you for your support.

Jack Buffington
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NAC Life Members

Gold Members (\$25,000 minimum)

- Bud Ahearn
- Jim Braus
- John Lamberson
- Ralph Peterson
- Jimmy Slaughter
- Richard Tucker

Silver Members (\$5,000 minimum)

- Richard Anderson
- Bill Badger
- Doy Cole
- Art Fort
- Mike Goodrich
- Vince Kontny
- Dave Nash
- Jim Porter
- Chris Reseigh
- Bob Rubin



From the Secretariat



Richard Tucker

The year 2008 has been eventful; it seems as though every year offers new experiences for NAC. In the organization's first 10 years, we have continued to develop on the path envisioned at the organization's creation.

Our initial intention was to develop a group of selected elite individuals of our nation's largest, and most complex, industry. Our assumption was that an organization of highly proven individuals would result in significant opportunities for industry advancement, as well as provide opportunities for collegial fellowship of peers. That assumption has proven valid. Some examples are discussed briefly below, and in more depth, in other articles in this *Bulletin*.

First and foremost, the selection process for new members continues to work well. In addition to selecting industry leaders who have contributed to its advancement outside of their own organizations, the NAC approach has been to develop an eclectic membership representative of the industry sectors and the myriad of contributors to projects. A glance at the *NAC Directory* will show the effectiveness of that approach. Although NAC understandably has many committees, the heart of the organization is the Membership Committee, which oversees the election process.

The Endowment Fund has begun, in accordance with membership instructions in 2006 and 2007. A major step toward its development occurred with receipt of IRS 501(c)(3) status as a "charitable" organization because of the NAC education activities. A separate article on page 6 describes its progress.

Parallel to establishment of the endowment fund has been the work of the Development Board. The Board has recommended several initiatives, some of which are described in a separate article. The Board will bring recommendations for path forward actions to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Among our initial initiatives has been the offering of Life Member classes: silver, gold, platinum, diamond, etc. To date, although the opportunities were announced only last October, 10 members have subscribed to Silver Life Memberships and another six members have subscribed to Gold Life Memberships.

A major and developing thrust of the NAC has been the structure and develop of strategies for an NAC Forum. That committee, chaired by Jimmy Slaughter and including representatives of eight other industry organizations, has worked diligently to develop a workable format, and will report at the Annual Meeting. A glimpse of its efforts related to the Construction Work Force will be the centerpiece of the Annual Business Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is, in itself, a seminal event and the 2008 meeting in Bartlesville will be particularly memorable. John Mihm, in addition to his role as NAC President, has also taken on the role of Annual Meeting Chair. John has, in addition to utilizing the services of the staff of his legal counsel, has exploited his contacts at Conoco-Phillips to provide an optimum level of activities for the NAC membership to further its collegial atmosphere. Enjoy it.

And last, Vince Kontny has again excelled at providing the *Bulletin*. Vince and Barbara Parker, his assistant, have given us visual material as a written communications medium.

It's been a good year.

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Oil Patch history area, and 1840s trader's camp. Guests will enjoy private or self-guided tours of the art and cultural museum, which showcase some of the finest western art in the country and the largest Colt gun collection in the world. A cocktail hour will also allow guests to explore the arts and catch up with friends. When dinner is served, you will enjoy the exquisite delicacy of buffalo steak, garlic potatoes, and native green beans followed by a native chocolate raspberry cake. The highlight of the evening will be welcoming 10 new members to NAC

The following day, members will head back to Woolaroc for their annual meeting. Members will rise early for an Oklahoma breakfast out at the ranch. The next tour stop on Friday, Oct. 10, will take guests to the famous Keepsake Candle Factory, affectionately known as the "Cadillac of Wax." During this tour, guests will be exposed to the unique style in which Keepsake designs and creates its antiques candles. This popular destination is definitely a must see.

For both guests and members, we have arranged a luncheon at the historical Woolaroc Lodge. Here members and guests will be given a tour of Uncle Frank's summer home and will enjoy many great stories about the famous guests who have visited over the years. You will also enjoy a wonderful traditional Native American lunch. During lunch, the Osage tribe will also put on a Native American fashion show and share a few stories about their traditional customs.

The tour does not stop here. After lunch, guests will continue on to the Red Dirt Soap factory. Red Dirt Soap takes pride in its heritage. Folks around this part love the unusual fragrances that Red Dirt Soap offers and its unique presentation. For those of you who are wondering, there is no red dirt in the soap.

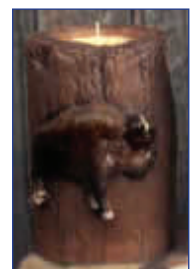
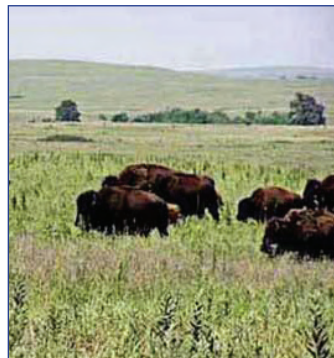
The next stop is the Frank Phillip's Mansion, home to Jane and Frank Phillips. This wonderful home is a Greek revival-style structure, built in 1909. The home depicts the lives, tastes, fashions and values of the Phillips and their world during the first half of the 20th

century. As an example of the personal home of an Oklahoma oil millionaire, it is a window through which you can step back to those times, and experience the home life of one of America's most fascinating oil men.

If you have not experienced enough of the oil industry and its heritage, we will also be visiting the Philips Petroleum Museum. This museum is a tribute to the history of oil exploration and the oil industry. The final tour stop includes a relaxing afternoon tea back at Hotel Phillips. Delicious pastries, small sandwiches and an assortment of teas will be offered for your pleasure. All tours are included in your registration fee.

Finally, the day will end with a farewell dinner at Hillcrest Country Club. This dinner is optional for members and guests and is at your own expense. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting!

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Woolaroc Museum, Wonderland of Lights



Tall Prairie Grass



Train Depot: Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce

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