With the expansion of RCI’s focus from roofing to the entire building envelope (roofing, waterproofing, and exterior walls), the organization saw the need for the development of an exterior wall observer designation. Quality assurance observers monitor the construction process to ensure that exterior wall systems stay in compliance with approved construction drawings, specifications, and best-practice or warranty-stipulated installation procedures.

The Registered Exterior Wall Observer (REWO®) designation is currently under development to validate that candidates possess the knowledge, skills, and ability to properly install exterior wall systems.

RCI welcomed a record 523 new members in 2015, more than any previous year. This surge in new membership has largely been attributed to the growing number of RCI educational courses, registration programs, and events being offered. We recently asked our new members how they first learned about RCI, their reasons for joining, and what issues are important for them.

The response was overwhelming. New members were eager to share their thoughts and confirmed that “word of mouth” or a referral by a friend or colleague led them to RCI. RCI’s long-standing members are leading the industry by example and introducing a new wave of leaders.

Subject matter experts, left to right: Kyle Silliker, Jim Ripley, Steve Hentz, Patrick Reicher, Dennis Spina, Danielle Czyzewski, Brian O’Donnell, and Scott Croasdale. (Bob Card and Martin Gerskup absent from photo).

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ties required to provide impartial, informed observation and documentation while performing the duties of project observation and quality assurance related to the construction of exterior wall systems.

RCI would like to thank the following dedicated subject matter experts who worked diligently to develop the exam for this new program: Bob Card, Scott Croasdale, Danielle Czyzewski, Martin Gerskup, Steve Hentz, Brian O’Donnell, Patrick Reicher, Jim Ripley, Kyle Silliker, and Dennis Spina.

REQUIREMENTS

The REWO designation will soon be available to individuals who qualify through an application process and online exam. Potential candidates must substantiate a working knowledge of exterior wall systems and establish that they have met the following requirements:

• Have two years of exterior wall systems construction experience, two years of quality assurance observation experience, or four years as an exterior wall systems technical or sales representative.
• Obtain five references, one of which must be from a professional engineer, registered architect, RCI Professional member, Registered Roof Consultant (RRC®), Registered Exterior Wall Consultant (REWC®), or Registered Waterproofing Consultant (RWC®).
• Obtain a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education within the building envelope industry.
• Attain a satisfactory score on the computer-based exam.

EXAM

Skills will be quantified by an online exam offered at conveniently located computer-based testing centers worldwide. The exam will include 75 questions designed to measure the applicant’s knowledge regarding construction documents, ethical standards, communication skills, safety practices, exterior wall systems, field observation practices, and reporting.

The examination will take up to four hours to complete. Results will be conveyed to the candidate immediately upon completion.

It is anticipated that the exam will be available in mid-2016.

FEES

The fees for the REWO candidates are as follows:

• Application fee: $350 for RCI members, $425 for nonmembers
• Examination fee: $250 for RCI members, $325 for nonmembers

Contact Micki Kamszik at mkamszik@rci-online.org with any questions or to request an application.

ATTEND YOUR REGION’S MEETING AT CONVENTION

On Saturday, March 12, during the 31st RCI International Convention and Trade Show at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL, members of RCI’s seven regions will have the opportunity to meet over a boxed lunch. This is a chance for region directors, chapter leaders, and members to share news, learn, and network. Keep an eye out for the director of your region and introduce yourself during the convention. Also be sure to attend your region’s meeting on March 12. The following is a list of the 2015-2016 RCI Region directors and a map of the regions:

• Region I Markian Duma
• Region II Scott M. Hinesley, RRC, PE
• Region III Raymond Makiejus, RRC, RRO
• Region IV Steven C. Drennan
• Region V Michael E. Gardner, RRC, RRO
• Region VI Paul M. Kompauer, PE
• Region VII Edward A. (Ted) Sheridan, PEng, RRC, REWC, RWC, RBEC
to an organization devoted to raising professional standards.

The 22% response rate—a solid reply by survey standards—speaks highly of our new member involvement within the organization. As an individual membership organization, we are delighted that peer recommendation is the number-one reason for new members engaging RCI. Other issues of importance to our new members were diverse, ranging from technical dilemmas, to regulatory matters, to business management issues. A common challenge experienced by respondents was “finding skilled employees,” which reinforces the quality educational programs and ethical standards that RCI strives to provide our members.

As RCI rolls out a new website and online updates in 2016, members will find our services easier to navigate and will experience a user-friendly platform to help connect participants.

For more information about RCI membership programs and services, please contact Alec Jeffries at ajeffries@rci-online.org or 800-828-1902.

### Region VII Claims Most Member Growth by Region

With 12% annual membership growth, Region VII (comprised of Newfoundland/Labrador, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario) provided tremendous leadership, service, and organizational strength by expanding RCI membership in 2015—the most of any region. Kudos to the Region VII leaders, the RCI Ontario Chapter, and the chapter branches for making 2015 a successful year for membership growth. Overall, RCI membership grew a solid 4% in 2015, and member retention remained strong at 87%.

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**Seeking Interesting Member News**

Do you know an RCI member whose story should be told in RCI’s member newsletter? Write or call RCItems Editor Catherine Moon at cmoon@rci-online.org or 800-828-1902.

*We want to hear all about it!*

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**It’s Not Too Late to Register for the RCI Convention**

Register online for the 31st RCI International Convention and Trade Show at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL, March 10-15, 2016. Earn up to 21 RCI continuing educational hours (CEHs) and 18 AIA learning units (LUs), with 22 concurrent sessions to choose from and including, Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) credits where applicable. Plus, you may earn up to three additional RCI CEHs for trade show attendance.

Visit www.rci-online.org/international-convention.html or call 800-828-1902 for more information. On-site registration is also available at the RCI registration desk.
Be sure to attend the RCI Foundations’ Auction 2016 during the 31st RCI International Convention and Trade Show at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL, on Sunday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m., where “The Sky Is the Limit.” The event features live and silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes. All donations benefit the RCI Foundation (U.S.) and RCI Foundation Canada. Admission is $10, for which you receive three tickets to participate in the tricky-tray drawings of your choice. Additional tickets for the tricky-tray drawings are available for purchase at the door.

Some items donated for the auction thus far include a week’s vacation at “Georgia’s Hideaway” on Cape Cod, MA; an Indy Racing Experience; a black pearl jewelry set; Canadian ice wine; Seagrove pottery; and an Apple watch.

For those last-minute donations that you may be bringing to the convention, please leave them at the RCI registration desk, addressed to the attention of Rick Gardner, and include a completed auction donation form with the item. Download the form online at www.rci-foundation.org, or call Rick Gardner at 919-859-0742.

By Rick Gardner
Foundation Development Officer

The Macallen 18-year-old Scotch donated by Dedicated Roof and Hydro-Solutions.

Go Pro Hero 4 donated by Carlisle Construction.

Authentic Doobie Brothers’ signed guitar.

Silent & Live Auctions
Door Prizes • Raffle

Sunday, March 13
5:30pm to 7:00pm
Sebastian J, Level 1
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort • Orlando, FL
The North Texas Chapter of RCI (NTC RCI) would like to announce the following board of directors for 2016:

- **President:** David Leslie, RWC; dleslie@henry.com
- **Vice president:** John Aleksic, RRC, RRO; jaleksic@amtechbuildingsciences.com
- **Treasurer:** Bill Hobgood, RRC, RWC, REWC, RBEC, RRO; bhobgood@elarnoldandassociates.com
- **Secretary:** Bryan Staffel, bstaffel@wje.com
- **Immediate past president:** Jeremy Bridwell, PE, RRC, REWC; jbridwell@wje.com
- **Codirector of education:** Cristal Green, cristal.green@ccw.carlisle.com
- **Codirector of education:** Paul Walden, pwalden@csil-materials.com
- **Director of membership:** Luke Legrand, luke@conner-legrand.com
- **Industry Committee cochairman:** Mark DeFreitas, mdefreitas@soprema.us
- **Industry Committee cochairman:** David Johnson, deejatlas@aol.com

At the chapter’s sixth annual Christmas event, held at The Ranch in Las Colinas, TX, the new board of directors was elected and announced. Outgoing President Jeremy Bridwell, PE, RRC, REWC, was presented a plaque of appreciation for his efforts and contributions to the North Texas Chapter by 2016 Chapter President David Leslie, RWC.

The chapter celebrated the Christmas holiday season by donating toys and gifts to the local charity Genesis (which supports abused/battered women). Past President Bridwell delivered the gifts to Genesis.

Bridwell noted that the chapter had contributed $5,000 to the University of Texas (UTA) School of Architecture Student Endowment Program. This was the third contribution to the chapter’s $25,000 pledge over five years. Michael Cogburn, AIA, will continue to be the point of contact for the university.

The NTC RCI had a busy year with a number of different activities. On July 16, 2015, the chapter sponsored an industry panel discussion on collaboration held at Top Golf in The Colony, TX. The panel was represented by members/consultants from RCI, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA), the Building Enclosure Council (BEC), the International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI), and TEXO (combined North Texas Chapters of the Associated General Contractors [AGC] and the Associated Builders and Contractors [ABC]). After a lively panel discussion, everyone enjoyed food and beverages and a driving range target golf game.

This event was the culmination of Jeremy Bridwell and David Leslie’s vision to collaborate with the local chapters of other industry organizations, to introduce RCI and all the knowledge that building envelope consultants can bring to the table for these organizations, as well as to introduce these organizations to the chapter’s membership. They believe changing the culture of building design and construction to better address the issues associated with the building envelope can begin with a collaborative effort between these groups in North Texas.

On September 14, 2015, the NTC RCI hosted its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament at the Lantana Golf Club in Lantana, TX, a new venue for the chapter. Over 120 golfers, sponsors, and volunteers participated on a beautiful fall day in North Texas. The chapter raised over $12,000 from the tournament, which was the chapter’s largest fundraising event of the year. Thanks to Golf Committee Cochairs David Johnson and Nathan Rockwell for another great event.

We are planning to have another great year in 2016. Come and join us.

— Bill Hobgood, RRC, RWC, REWC, RBEC, RRO
NTC RCI Treasurer

Incoming President David Leslie lays out his vision for the chapter in 2016.
CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER ANNOUNCES 2016 BOARD

The 2016 RCI Central Texas Chapter board members are as follows:

- **President**: Kyle Sargent, 940-782-3938, kyle@southreps.com
- **Vice president**: Nathaniel Gallagher, AIA, 512-767-9380, nathanielg@austechrci.com
- **Treasurer**: Orlando Barrera, RRO, CDT, 512-443-7255, orlando@austechrci.com
- **Secretary**: Tom Pope, AIA, 512-300-0452, tpope@hollon-cannon.com
- **Director**: Gary Johnson, RRC, RWC, RRO, 512-257-4800, gjohnson@wje.com
- **Immediate past president**: Alonso Caro, Jr., RRC, RRO, CDT, 512-257-4800, acarojr@wje.com

For more information, contact the Central Texas Chapter at rci.centraltx@gmail.com.

— Alonso Caro, Jr., RRC, RRO, CDT
Central Texas Chapter Past President

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER INTRODUCES 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is with great privilege I will be serving as president of the 2016 Great Lakes Chapter of RCI. My intention is to keep our chapter on the well-groomed path paved by our previous board of directors and our members. Please allow me to officially introduce the 2016 Great Lakes Chapter board of directors:

- **President**: Ron Kinne, RRC, RRO
- **Vice president**: Joe Sobas, RRC, RRO
- **Treasurer**: Rick Bresso, RRC, PE
- **Secretary**: Jim Markiewicz
- **Professional director**: Paul Majkowski, RRC, PE
- **Professional director**: Jeff Scott, RRC, RRO, CCS
- **Professional director**: Natalie Thompson
- **Industry director**: Sue Baumberger
- **Industry director**: Dave Thompson
- **Immediate past president**: Richard Dumas

For more information about the chapter, visit www.rcigreatlakes.org.

— Ron Kinne, RRC, RRO
Great Lakes Chapter President

CAC-BEF HOSTS RECEPTION FOLLOWING CAC-RCI PROGRAM

Tom Billish, RRC, RRO, CDT, president of the CAC Building Envelope Foundation (CAC-BEF), addresses attendees at its first annual cocktail reception following the CAC-RCI winter meeting.

The Chicago Area Chapter Building Envelope Foundation (CAC-BEF) hosted a cocktail reception on Wednesday evening, January 20, 2016, following the day-long CAC-RCI winter meeting on the McDonald’s Campus in Oak Brook, IL. CAC-BEF President Tom Billish welcomed attendees and presented fellow CAC-BEF officers Kami Farahmandpour, treasurer; Dennis McNeil, secretary; and trustees John Dashner, Rolf Snobeck, and Tom Varga.

Dennis McNeil reminded attendees of the CAC-BEF mission statement—“to create opportunities for the advancement of the building envelope professions, by means of providing financial assistance to individuals, groups, and organizations”—and provided the history of the CAC-BEF development in 2013.

Kami Farahmandpour honored individuals and organizations who have contributed to CAC-BEF for both the general scholarship program and for sponsorship of the reception. The CAC-BEF website is www.cac-bef.org.

— Dennis McNeil, FRCI, RRC, CCS, RRO
CAC-BEF Secretary

Central Texas Chapter Past President

Great Lakes Chapter President
The Outstanding RCI Affiliated Chapter Awards Program has been a valuable tool for RCI chapters for many years now—not only providing guidance on meeting minimum requirements, but also identifying recommended actions and ideas that can take a chapter to the next level. As with all things, tools evolve and grow to better suit ever-changing needs and incorporate new technologies. RCI and the RCI Chapter Development Committee would like to announce one such step in our mission to better serve our members and chapter leaders. The updated 2016 Outstanding RCI Affiliated Chapter Awards Program application is officially online and ready for incorporation into your chapter’s planning and operations.

Throughout 2015, the Chapter Development Committee redesigned and updated the program application to make it a more user-friendly and streamlined process. Following a sneak peek at the 2015 RCI Affiliated Chapter/Region Leadership Development Workshop, three RCI chapters volunteered to beta test the application. The tests were successful, with valuable feedback incorporated into a completely redesigned application interface and updated scoring procedure.

The core purpose of the program application has not changed. The application still serves as a method of recognition, a road map for successful operations and record-keeping, and—most valuably—a tool to aid in leadership transitioning from year to year.

At first glance, you will notice the application is now 100% digital, utilizing an Excel® format to save and calculate total point accumulation, as well as individual points per section. This update allows the user to concentrate on content rather than restating/summarizing previously entered information from page to page.

The application has a concise page of instructions that outlines the easy-to-use, step-by-step process for completing the application. A more formal structure has also been included to provide a uniform and consistent submission from chapter to chapter. Included in the revised structure is a list of required attachments (board meeting minutes, seminar announcements, etc.). Each required attachment has a designated location for ease of use and to accommodate the review process better.

As you dig a little deeper, you will notice the scoring rules and designations have changed. Previously, the scoring was all-encompassing. There was one running total, and once your chapter surpassed the threshold of required points, you received a “pass.” The new scoring method grades each section individually so you can know how separate aspects of your chapter are performing. For instance, the Chapter Administration section is graded separately from the Education section. This allows chapter leaders to identify strengths as well as areas for growth. Basic sections such as Administration, Finance, Membership, and Education are required, with additional sections organized to help chapters become more well-rounded. A total point accumulation is still kept, but rather than utilizing the total to determine pass or fail ratings, it is used to classify the chapter as a whole. For example, a total of 122 points earns your chapter a “Bronze Level” classification, and 901 points earns your chapter a “Platinum Level” classification. A total of four classifications have been created: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum.

The 2016 Outstanding RCI Affiliated Chapter Awards Program application has been sent to region directors and chapter leaders, but it is also available for download from the RCI website at http://www.rci-online.org/downloads/Resources/Chapter-Awards-Program-Application-V2016-1.xlsx. We are excited to provide this updated tool, and are eager for chapters to experience how it will help achieve present and future goals. Chapters can always contact RCI with any questions or comments they may have regarding the Chapter Awards Application. Please e-mail Catherine Moon (cmoon@rci-online.org) with any questions.
Puget Sound Chapter Update

Under the leadership of outgoing President André Coppin, RRC, RRO, 2015 was a successful year for the Puget Sound Chapter of RCI. The chapter achieved its goals of increasing its membership, spreading awareness of RCI’s benefits, keeping the chapter financially sound, and attaining generous sponsors whose contributions attributed to the chapter’s growth.

The chapter’s signature event in 2015 was the Doug Jason Memorial Golf Tournament, held in August at the beautiful Hawks Prairie Golf Course in Olympia, WA. The golf committee began planning in April, lining up sponsors for each of the holes, logoed golf balls, and swag bags. The tournament included the Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, and Hole-in-One events, along with raffle prizes. Each participant received a Puget Sound RCI-logoed polo shirt.

An end-of-year holiday party was held at the spacious and well-decorated Doubletree Inn at Southcenter in Tukwila, WA. The event recognized and thanked our many sponsors for their contributions to the year’s success. Partiers brought canned goods for donations to a local food bank and enjoyed the evening’s fun and revelry.

Other milestones achieved by the Puget Sound Chapter of RCI during the year included:
- Establishment of the Puget Sound Chapter’s Portland, OR, branch, whose liaison, Steven McBride, RRO, will be assisted in 2016 by the mentorship of Past President Coppin
- Delivery of four classes offering attendees continuing educational hours (CEHs)
- Donations made to the RCI Foundation, RCI Auction, Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warrior Foundation, Mobility Builders, and Good Samaritan Hospital

We remember the passing of a great friend, coworker, and past president of the chapter, Eric Weller. He provided leadership, comradery, and a can-do attitude to his many friends. His presence is missed.

Puget Sound Chapter activities for 2016 are shaping up as follows:
- The chapter elected its new board members. They are:
  - **President:** Bryce Given, RWC, REWC, RRO
  - **Vice president:** Will Williams
  - **Treasurer:** Darbi Krumpos
  - **Secretary:** Pravat Sripranaratanakul, RRC, RRO
  - **Immediate past president:** André Coppin, RRC, RRO
  - **Director:** Kenji Kumai
  - **Portland, OR, Branch liaison:** Steven McBride, RRO

  • Three educational meetings and a two-day class are planned for delivery by the chapter.
  • Four educational meetings and a two-day class are planned for delivery by the Portland, OR, branch.
  • The golf tournament is being planned.
  • The holiday party is in the planning stage.

For more information about the Puget Sound Chapter, visit www.rcipugetsound.org.
— Bryce Given, RWC, REWC, RRO
Puget Sound Chapter President

Delaware Valley Chapter Board Elected

The following members were elected to the 2016 RCI Delaware Valley Chapter Board:
- **President:** Mike Frech
- **Vice president:** Bill Reisinger, RRO
- **Treasurer:** Brian O’Donnell, REWC
- **Secretary:** Greg Florio, RRC
- **Trustee:** Brian Sullivan, PE
- **Trustee:** Adam McManus
- **Immediate past president:** Dana Cole

For more information about the Delaware Valley Chapter, visit www.rcidelawarevalley.org.
— Greg Florio, RRC
Delaware Valley Chapter Secretary

Ohio Valley Chapter Elects 2016 Board of Directors

The following members were elected to serve on the RCI Ohio Valley Chapter board in 2016:
- **President:** Doug Bender
- **Vice president:** Michael Snyder, RRC
- **Treasurer:** Patrick Dowling, RRO
- **Secretary:** Mike Smith, RRC, RA
- **Immediate past president:** Bill Spencer, RRO
- **Director:** Jerry Bartels, RRC
- **Director:** Gregg Nichols, RRC, RRO
- **East Ohio/West Penn Branch liaison:** Scott Snyder, RRO

For more information about the chapter, visit www.rciohiovalley.org.
— Bryce Given, RWC, REWC, RRO
Ohio Valley Chapter President
The Chicago Area Chapter of RCI (CAC-RCI) hosted its annual winter meeting for the 13th consecutive year on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Although an early-morning snow resulted in longer travel times and a delayed start, 86 consultants, roofing contractors, architects, engineers, facility managers, and manufacturers attended the program. Five technical presentations totaling 6.0 CEHs and three informational presentations were featured. Ten tabletop exhibitors included Carlisle, International Leak Detection, Intertek-ATI, OMG (Hickman Metal), Norman Spencer (insurance), SJ Mallein (Firestone), Sheet Metal Supply, Soprema North America, Tecta America, and Versico. All displayed their respective materials and systems.

As with previous years’ programs, CAC-RCI coordinated its efforts with the Chicago Roofing Contractors Association (CRCA), which was holding its 33rd Annual Trade Show at the nearby Drury Lane Conference Center over the following two days. A number of CRCA members attended the RCI program, and CAC-RCI members attended the CRCA’s Architects/Engineers/Consultants Breakfast Seminar the next morning, followed by the CRCA Trade Show.

The first technical presentation of the day was “Roof/Wall Considerations for Heat, Air, and Moisture Control,” by Carol Ceja and Sarah Flock of Raths, Raths, & Johnson. It covered four main topics:

- Understanding potential impact of uncontrolled air, vapor, and thermal transfer through roof and wall assemblies
- Identification of available methods of testing and analyzing air, vapor, and thermal transfer
- Development of understanding relevant codes
- Identifying the difference between code compliance and good practice

In summary, the presentation noted that good design anticipates air, vapor, and thermal flow. The design needs to consider the impact of code changes and construction practices, as simply meeting the code may not result in optimum performance, and upfront review can forestall potential problems.

The second presentation, “The Great Debate: Nonreflective Vs. Reflective Roof Membranes,” by Robert Anderson of Firestone Building Products, began his discussion with a definition of terms and the various methods of measurement, energy usage, and environmental impact—the variables that affect roof surface reflectivity, and code requirements. In summary, he opined that reflective roofing can lower energy requirements on minimally insulated buildings in the South, and that color of the surface can impact its reflectivity.

After the first two technical presentations, CRCA Executive Director Bill McHugh described the activities planned for the CRCA Trade Show over the course of the next two days, including the technical seminars, and he provided an update on the current status of the Chicago Energy Code.

RCI Region III Director Ray Makiejus reviewed recent RCI board actions, Region III activities, and promoted the upcoming 31st RCI International Convention and Trade Show in Orlando, FL, March 10-15, 2016.

A third technical presentation, “Common Public School Building Envelope Deficiencies,” by RCI Past President Tom Gernetzke reviewed a two-year building envelope assessment on 60 sites in Wisconsin, which focused on defining deferred maintenance needs, energy conservation, and budgets. Several components of the building exterior walls were noted as problematic: poor sealant design and installation, brick and CMU joint deficiencies, lack of or improper masonry flashing details, poor EIFS detailing, and a general lack of maintenance. Recommendations include: third-party peer review during the project design, quality assurance observation during construction, and inclusion of maintenance in the post-construction budget.

Education Committee Chair Patrick Reicher provided an update on the Registered Exterior Wall Observer (REWO) program, which will debut in mid-2016.

The fourth presentation of the day, “The China Roofing and Waterproofing Industry: Developing Business, Systems, and Workforce,” by John Schehl of NRCA discussed the history of roofing in China, from exclusive use of tile on sloped roofs to more contemporary applications of built-up, modified-bitumen, and some single-plies on low-slope buildings. The current market for roofing and waterproofing products was discussed, along with the method of delivery. Many companies are vertically integrated and include both manufacture of the material as well as the actual installation. Recent training activities provided to China in roofing and waterproofing by NRCA staff were discussed, followed by a question and answer session about possible opportunities for consultants to offer services in China.

The final technical presentation, “Why Curtainwalls Leak and How They Are Repaired,” by Kami Farahmandpour explained the components of water-managed wall systems and nonwater-managed walls. The typical modes of failure were discussed for such items as glazing gaskets, wet sealants, thermal breaks, and weeps. Conventional repair strategies include: replacing gaskets, wet-sealing the exterior face, reglazing and repairing internal seals, or complete replacement. The final selection should be based upon cause of the water leak, aesthetics, and the building owner’s expectations for durability and reliability. A case study was presented for a multistory curtainwall investigation, repair design, and remedial construction.

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At the conclusion of the technical portion of the program, outgoing President Jeff Valentine convened the CAC-RCI Annual General Meeting before turning over the president’s gavel to incoming President Jeff Button. Steve Schwab was presented a certificate of appreciation for his term as treasurer and chair of the Awards Committee. After the meeting adjourned, participants attended the CAC Building Envelope Foundation cocktail reception.

The next CAC-RCI program is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2016, in Oak Brook, IL, with two technical presentations totaling 2.0 CEHs. Presentation topics are to be determined.

The following members will serve on the Chicago Area Chapter board in 2016:

- **President:** Jeffery L. Button, RRC, RWC, AIA; 312-533-8858, jlb@dbi-cc.com
- **Vice president:** John Dashner, 630-668-1551, john@roofdealer.com
- **Treasurer:** Patrick Reicher, SE, REWC, CCS, CCCA; 847-454-8880, preicher@btc.expert
- **Secretary:** Charles Sietmann, RRO, CCCA, CIT; 847-454-8880, csietmann@btc.expert
- **Director:** Chris Shields, RRO, 847-652-6115, cshields@str-seg.com
- **Director:** Rolf Snobeck, RRC, 630-514-1867, rsnobeck@tectaamerica.com
- **Director:** Jeff Valentine, 630-743-3462, jvalentine@soprema.us
- **Immediate past president:** Jeff Valentine, 630-743-3462, jvalentine@soprema.us

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**Kami Farahmandpour, FRCI, FNAFE, PE, RBEC, CCS, CCCA, of Building Technology Consultants, Inc., presents curtainwall leaks and how they are repaired.**

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**Canadian Prairies Chapter Installs Officers**

The following members will serve on the 2016 RCI Canadian Prairies Chapter executive board:

- **President:** David Taguchi, RRO
- **Vice president:** Jon Peat, RRC, RRO
- **Treasurer:** Shawn Frayn, RRO, CTR
- **Secretary:** Porter Temple
- **Professional director:** Percy Crossman, RRC, RRO, PE, PMP

For more information about the Canadian Prairies Chapter, visit www.rcicpc.org.

— David Taguchi, RRO, PTech (Eng)
Canadian Prairies Chapter President

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**Mid Atlantic Chapter Holds Dinner Meeting in Virginia**

The RCI Mid Atlantic Chapter (RCI MAC) held its annual dinner meeting on January 14, 2016, at Wildfire Grill in Tysons Corner, VA. This was the same venue as last year’s event, where the food, wine, atmosphere, and attendance were all fantastic. Thirty-four members and guests were in attendance to meet the new chapter board, thank the outgoing President Rick Scruggs, introduce Derek Cundiff (liaison for the newly formed Blue Ridge Branch of RCI MAC) and discuss the chapter’s 2016 slate of events and educational seminars. Also in attendance were RCI Director of Technical Services and RCI Foundation Board member Walter Rossiter and RCI Second Vice President Michael Williams, to discuss the upcoming RCI Foundations’ Silent Auction and RCI news, respectively.

Our first-quarter educational seminar and meeting for 2016 will be held on March 17 (rescheduled from February 18). Venue information, speakers, and registration will be posted to the RCI Mid Atlantic Chapter website. We are currently accepting submissions for presentations for seminars throughout the 2016 calendar year.

For more information about these events or other chapter information, visit the MAC website at www.rcimidatlantic.org or contact RCI MAC Secretary Mike Hebert at secretary@rcimidatlantic.org or MAC President Steven Bentz at president@rcimidatlantic.org.

— Mike Hebert, RRC
RCI MAC Secretary

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— Dennis McNeil, FRCI, RRC, CCS, RRO
CAC-RCI Program Committee
The Ontario Chapter held its annual general meeting (AGM) on January 29, 2016, at the Brampton Golf Club in Brampton, ON. Outgoing Chapter President Katharine Spavins chaired the meeting for 48 attending members. The 2015 financial reports were presented by Secretary/Treasurer Don Marks, and the following 2015 committee reports were presented and discussed:

- Region VII director’s report by Edward “Ted” Sheridan
- Communications report by Denis Theriault
- Education report by Jennifer Hogan
- Membership report by David McMillan
- Social report by Kathiravel Karunananthan
- National Capital Branch report by Katharine Spavins (on behalf of Robert Venasse)
- Maritime Branch report by Gary Hamilton
- Technical Committee report by Gary Hamilton
- Advocacy Committee report by Ted Sheridan
- Industry report by Katharine Spavins (on behalf of Peter Serino)
- Strategic plan by Allan Bigelow

Katharine Spavins thanked the 2015 board for its volunteer time and support and thanked chapter staff members Betty Quan and Hermia Wang for their hard work in 2015. The Ontario Chapter welcomed the 2016 chapter board. Service Recognition Awards were presented to Robert Venasse (2014-2015) and Don Marks (2011-2015) for their chapter service. The President Recognition Award was presented to Katharine Spavins for her service in 2015. The Katharine Spavins Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service was presented to Peter Serino for his service in 2015.

Following the annual general meeting, Firas Ayoub, of Heal and Co., LLP presented “The Construction Lien Act” as it pertains to the industry. Brian Kelly and Chris Hunter, of Kemper Systems Canada Inc. presented “Technical Inspections for Liquid Resin Roofing and Waterproofing Membranes.”

The following members will serve on the 2016 Ontario Chapter board of directors:

- **President:** Bryan Fishburn, RRO
- **Vice president and Historical/Awards chair:** Jennifer Hogan, RRO, LEED AP
- **Treasurer:** Naji Hassan
- **Secretary:** David McMillan
- **Communications director:** Brad Fitzpatrick
- **Education director:** Paul Zanetti
- **Membership director:** Russell Ibbotson, PEng
- **Social director:** Denis Theriault, RRO
- **Industry director:** John Mills, RRO, GRP
- **Immediate past president/Nominating Committee chair:** Katharine Spavins

Building Technology Consultants, Inc. (BTC), an employee-owned consulting firm specializing in building envelope components, structural systems, and architectural elements, announces the addition of Patricia M. Aguirre, REWC, PE, and David T. Wojcik to its professional staff.

Patricia Aguirre has accepted the position of a senior engineer of BTC in the Washington, DC, area. She has over ten years of experience and has been published in several technical journals. Tricia has expertise in investigations of various exterior wall cladding systems, including brick, concrete masonry units, stucco, EIFS, adhered veneer, glass fiber reinforced panels, dimension stone, and fiber cement siding, as well as low-slope and steep-slope roofing projects, including standing-seam metal roofing, clay tile, slate, and asphalt shingles. Aguirre is a Professional Affiliate member of RCI and can be reached by phone at 540-270-0469 and e-mail at paguirre@btc.expert.

David T. Wojcik, AIA, LEED AP O+M, BEC-2, of Wojcik + Associates Architects, Inc., Elk Grove Village, IL, is now affiliated with BTC as an architectural consultant. Wojcik has been a licensed architect for 15 years, specializing in sustainable design, technical detailing, existing building evaluation, repair/renovation projects, and construction administration services. David became affiliated with BTC in late 2015 and continues to operate his own architectural consulting practice, Wojcik + Associates Architects, Inc., which he established in 2002. He is a Professional member of RCI, and can be reached by phone at 847-439-0815 and by e-mail at d.wojcik@wojcikarchitects.com.

Kentucky Professionals, Inc., has moved its offices to 3400 Westport Road, Suite 205, Louisville, KY 40205. Kentucky Professionals is a provider of commercial property insurance and risk management services.

Sidney I. Hankins, III, FRCI, RRC, AIA, president and owner of Roof Design and Consulting Services Inc., has moved his firm to 4610 Papermill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Other contact information for Sidney Hankins, Josh Hankins, RRO, and Jim Ferri, RRO, remains the same.
**Paroli Heads ASTM Board**

Ralph M. Paroli, PhD, has started his term as 2016 chairman of the ASTM International Board of Directors. ASTM’s board is made up of 25 leaders from an array of companies, associations, and government bodies worldwide. Since 2013, Paroli has served as a research and development director in Measurement Science and Standards at the National Research Council (NRC) of Canada. Prior to that, he was director of Building Envelope and Structure at NRC’s Institute for Research in Construction. He is a past chair of the D08 Committee on Roofing and Waterproofing, immediate past chair of the CIB/RILEM Joint Committee on Roofing Membrane Systems, and serves on the board of the RCI Foundation, among various other industry involvements.

**Ron McKaskel Joins REI Engineers**

RCI Professional member Ronald G. McKaskel, RRO, has accepted the position of Business Development Director with REI Engineers in its Raleigh, NC, branch.

McKaskel has over 28 years of experience in the roofing and building envelope industry as a contractor and distribution and business development manager for engineering services. REI Engineers’ President Scott Hinesley, RRC, PE, remarks, “Ron brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization. We believe this is a great opportunity for REI Engineers to enhance our ability to deliver professional services to a broader range of potential clients without losing focus on our key business partners.”

McKaskel can be reached by phone at 919-845-1450, ext. 226, and by e-mail at rmckaskel@reiegineers.com.

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