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2019 ASA Officer and Board of Directors Appointments

Cathy Burkert to serve as 2019 President

Farmington Hills, Mich., Feb. 5, 2019 – The American Shotcrete Association (ASA) is proud to announce its new officers and board members that were elected by membership. **Cathy Burkert**, American Concrete Restorations Inc., will serve a one-year term. Burkert succeeds **Lihe “John” Zhang**, LZhang Consulting & Testing Ltd. As stipulated by the ASA bylaws Zhang will assume the position of Past President of the Board of Directors.

“I am deeply honored, and I thank each and every one of you that have supported, guided and placed their faith in me. I am truly grateful for this opportunity—to represent our incredible organization as your next President. To have the privilege to serve this organization, that is comprised of professionals who are dedicated to the shotcrete industry is truly what makes this honor so meaningful to me. It is the mission of the ASA to provide knowledge resources, qualification, certification, education and leadership to increase acceptance, quality and safe practices of the shotcrete process. The ASA keeps us up to date, informed and allows us to have one of the most powerful collective voices in the shotcrete community. We achieve all of this through the work of our small army of volunteers, and with the help of Charles Hanskat, ASA Executive Director, and Alice McComas, ASA Senior Program Coordinator. The ASA has over 800 members and we’re grateful to have so many active members that have stepped up to fill a vast array of committee and representative positions. Because I am grateful for all that I have received from the ASA, I want to serve our organization and do what I can to ensure these same opportunities are available now and for generations to come. Thank you for the privilege to serve as your President in the 21st year of the ASA. I welcome your thoughts, suggestions and opinions. I will do my best for you, our profession and the legacy and future of the ASA,” said Burkert.

To support Burkert, the ASA membership also elected the following for one-year terms: **Ryan Poole**, Consultant, as Vice-President; **Lars Balck**, Consultant, as Secretary and **Axel Nitschke**, WSP USA, as Treasurer. Newly elected ASA Directors to serve three-year terms include: **Frank Townsend**, Superior Gunite; **Mike Reeves**, Gunite Specialists, Inc. and **Jason Myers**, Dees-Hennessey Inc. Returning ASA Directors include: **Jonathan Dongell**, Pebble Technologies; **Oscar Duckworth**, Valley Concrete Services; **William Geers**, Bekaert-Maccferri Underground Solutions; **Mason Guarino**, South Shore Gunite Pools & Spas, Inc.; **Marcus von der Hofen**, Coastal Gunite Construction Company and **Ryan Oakes**, Revolution Gunite.

To support the mission and work of ASA, the following individuals serve as Chairs of ASA Committees: **Marcus von der Hofen**, Coastal Gunite Construction Company, Contractor

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Qualification Committee; **Oscar Duckworth**, Valley Concrete Services, Education Committee; **Tait Pirkle**, Eastco Shotcrete LLC, Marketing Committee; **Cathy Burkert**, American Concrete Restorations Inc., Membership Committee; **Mason Guarino**, South Shore Gunitite Pools & Spas, Inc., Pool and Recreational Committee; **Andrea Scott**, Hydro-Arch, Safety Committee; **Lihe “John” Zhang**, LZhang Consulting & Testing Ltd., Technical Committee and **Axel Nitschke**, WSP USA, Underground Committee. Committee meetings are open to the public and ASA welcomes and encourages the participation of all interested parties in the shotcrete industry. The next committee meetings are scheduled for the ASA Shotcrete Convention & Technology Conference, Feb. 24-26, 2019, Fernandina Beach, FL. For more information, visit www.shotcrete.org.

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The American Shotcrete Association (ASA), headquartered in Farmington Hills, MI, is a non-profit organization of contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, designers, engineers, owners, and others with a common interest in advancing the use of shotcrete. Founded in 1998, ASA advocates for the recognition and safe application of the shotcrete process in concrete construction.