



ASA Today

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A BUSY START TO THE YEAR

AWARDS

For the 21st time, we have selected the winning submissions to our ASA Outstanding Shotcrete Project Awards. This issue of *Shotcrete* magazine highlights these winners, each of which exemplifies the quality,

creativity, and breadth of applications that shotcrete placement gives to modern concrete construction.

It's never too early to think about which project you would like to submit for the next round of the Awards program, opening in May. Pictures of both in-process and the finished work help to tell the full story: We would love to see your work featured next year and brag about your accomplishments!

WORLD OF CONCRETE

On top of that, already this year we've been a co-sponsor and exhibitor at the January World of Concrete in Las Vegas for the 26th time. It was great to see and chat with our members who came to the booth.

We enjoyed great attendance at our usual full-day educational programs for shotcreters and shotcrete inspectors, and this year we presented a 1.5-hour seminar titled "Shotcrete for Repair", drawing nearly 100 attendees. We also held our annual general membership meeting, with all attendees enjoying the reception that followed.

ASA CONVENTION

Our 2026 annual ASA Convention just wrapped up at El Dorado Hotel and Spa in charming Santa Fe, NM. Be sure to check out the next issue of *Shotcrete* (Q2-2026), where we will feature a recap of the sessions, meetings, and most importantly, images of the camaraderie we enjoyed.

Our Board has approved Nashville, TN, as the host city for our 2027 convention (March 7 – 9, 2027), and we are investigating locations for our 2028 convention, celebrating our 30th ASA Anniversary.

WHAT DID ASA DO IN 2025?

We continued increasing our exposure and acceptance in the pool market. With the input and support of our Pool & Recreational and Contractor Qualification Committees, we rolled out an ASA Qualified Pool Shotcrete Contractor

ASA Outstanding Shotcrete Project Award Winners

Outstanding Architecture Project

Fresno Chaffee Zoo: Kingdoms of Asia

Outstanding New Construction Project

Point Grey Shoreline Stability

Outstanding Infrastructure Project

Humber College Station

Outstanding International Project

National Route N2 Slope Stabilization

Outstanding Pool & Recreational Project

Southern Living Pools - Yates Project

Outstanding Rehabilitation & Repair Project

Abitibi Canyon Z7 Dam Rehabilitation

Outstanding Underground Project

NYC Grand Central Station New Passageway

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Honorable Mention Project

Pompeys Pillar National Monument Stabilization

Honorable Mention Project

Business in the Front, Party in the Back

Honorable Mention Project

North America's Tallest Retained Façade

(QPSC) program. The program is similar to our Structural ASA Contractor Qualification, but because most pools are smaller and less complex than most commercial structural projects, this application is tailored directly to the pool market. With this addition, we've modified the ASA's Qualified Contractor seal to reflect the program, Structural or Pool, the contractor has achieved.

Both Contractor Qualification programs recognize shotcrete contractors who have proven their ability to consistently execute quality shotcrete placement with close attention to the fundamentals of proper materials, equipment, and shotcreting technique. Our hope is that, with the credibility of an ASA qualification program closely

targeting quality in the pool shotcrete market, we can get rapid acceptance by owners and pool contractors. With a demand from owners and pool builders for quality shotcreted pool shells, we trust that the pool shotcrete contractors who want to positively confirm their commitment to quality shotcrete will pursue qualification through our ASA QPSC program.

We also continue to work with pool industry groups with broad industry exposure to present our full-day “Quality Pool Shotcrete — Know It, Demand It” seminar. This seminar is a tailored version of our Shotcrete Inspector education, geared toward pool builders who subcontract shotcrete placement and pool shotcrete contractors. This is often the seminar presented at the International Pool Spa and Patio Show and other pool shows throughout the year. We worked with Watershape University, a premier pool educational group, which has recognized that ASA is the industry expert in shotcrete education. They have selected ASA to present shotcrete education for their programs. They also offer formalized certifications for pool shotcrete specialists and pool shotcrete inspectors.

Other shotcrete education outreach in 2025 included presentations at:

- ACI and ICRI local chapters
- ACI Resource Centers
- ACI Conventions
- ACI Austin Chapter for a full-day shotcrete inspector class
- Webinars to several engineering firms
- Regional and national pool shows

We’ve had very strong turnout for shotcreter sessions, with over 100 conducted last year — our thanks go out to Alice McComas for her tireless work in coordinating them, and to our team of 16 ASA/ACI examiners who travel all over the US and Canada to conduct these sessions.

WRAPPING UP

Please take some time to review the Outstanding

Shotcrete Project Award winners highlighted in this issue. The creativity, commitment to quality, and wide variety of shotcrete applications continues to impress me every year. 2025 was a great year for the ASA, primarily due to the commitment of our members, officers, board, and staff. We expect 2026 will be just as exciting and make further progress on advancing shotcrete acceptance around the world.