

ABCD Changes Web Address

The board of directors has voted to change ABCD's web address. The new address will be www.abcdneoh.org. The new web address offers several advantages. The name is much easier to remember than the old one (<http://www.crtechnologies.com/presents/abcd/>). The new name follows the same format used by our sister chapter in Pittsburgh (www.abcdpittsburgh.org). Content on the new website will be directly controlled by ABCD, rather than through a third party as was done previously.

The old website is still currently in operation. The new one is available now but some sections are still under construction.

ABCD Newsletter To Go Online

This will be the last edition of the ABCD Newsletter to be published "the old fashioned way". Future editions will be published online at ABCD's new website. Members will be notified by email when they are available. ABCD is currently in the process of updating its member information. Hardcopies will be mailed to those members for whom ABCD does not have an email address.

Monthly Meeting Announcements

ABCD meeting announcements are sent out via email every month in which there is a meeting scheduled. If you have not been receiving these monthly

announcements, please contact Bill Vermes at 216-522-1140 or bvermes@hntb.com.

2003-2004 Officer Elections

Ballots have been sent out for the 2003-2004 officer elections. The following Nominations were made by the board of Directors at the April 24, 2003 board meeting. Write-in votes will be accepted.

Vice-President:

Chuck Cvitkovich

Write-in _____

Secretary:

Youssef Seif

Write-in _____

Treasurer:

Richard Walters

Write-in _____

3-year Directors (Choose 2)

Greg Kronstain

Joanne Shaner

Write-in _____

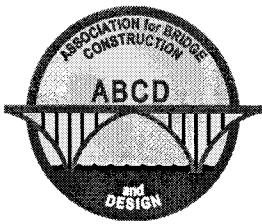
Write-in _____

If you did not receive a ballot, you can fill out this page, and mail to Nabil Farah, 55 Public Square, Suite 1650, Cleveland, OH 44113, or fax to him at 216-861-1028, or email to nffarah@transystems.com.

Ballots are due by June 1, 2003.

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ABCD Adopts New Logo

The Pittsburgh chapter of ABCD recently hired a firm to design a new logo for their chapter. Although that chapter holds the copyright to the new logo, they have graciously offered to allow ABCD Northeast Ohio to use it as well. The board has voted to adopt the new logo. It is shown below:



ABCD Awards Program

The Awards Committee, chaired by Matt Lawler of HNTB Ohio, Inc., has received several submissions for this year's awards. The committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to put together a submission.

The committee has established a set of criteria for the awards. Although the deadline has passed for this year's awards, it is printed here for use in future submissions. This is also available on the new website.

1. Bridges must be located in the following Ohio counties (ODOT Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, and 12) in order to be eligible for the ABCD Northeast Ohio chapter awards:

Allen	Harrison	Putnam
Ashland	Henry	Richland
Ashtabula	Holmes	Sandusky
Belmont	Huron	Seneca
Carroll	Jefferson	Stark
Columbiana	Lake	Summit
Crawford	Lorain	Trumbull

Cuyahoga	Lucas	Tuscarawas
Defiance	Mahoning	Van Wert
Erie	Medina	Wayne
Fulton	Ottawa	Williams
Geauga	Paulding	Wood
Hancock	Portage	Wyandot
Hardin		

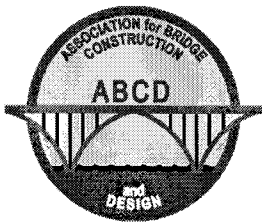
2. Awards will be presented to the Owner, Designer, and Prime Contractor but nominations may be submitted by anyone.
3. The bridge must have been completed and opened to traffic at the time of the award nomination. Bridges completed and opened to traffic for more than 3 years prior to the time of the award nomination will not be considered for the award.
4. The following categories have been selected in order to recognize the most deserving projects within the local bridge industry. There is no need for the entrant to specify the category for which the project is nominated, as the Committee will place each nominee in the most appropriate one. Awards to each of the four (4) categories listed will not necessarily be selected in the given nomination time period:

- Outstanding New Short Span Bridge
 - bridges with maximum spans less than or equal to 325 feet and a total length less than or equal to 800 feet
 - new superstructure
 - new or substantially reconstructed substructure units
- Outstanding New Major Bridge
 - bridges with main span greater than 325 feet or total length greater than 800 feet
 - new superstructure
 - new or substantially reconstructed substructure units

Bridge Related WEBSITES

ABCD Northeast Ohio
 ABCD Pittsburgh
 Ohio Department of Transportation
 The Bridgesite Page
 The Bridge Engineering Home Page
 Bridge Builder Magazine

<http://www.abchneoh.org>
<http://www.abcdpittsburgh.org>
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/>
<http://www.bridgesite.com/>
<http://www.best.com/~solvers/bridge.html>
<http://www.bridgebuildermagazine.com/>



- Outstanding Rehabilitated Short Span Bridge
 - bridges with maximum spans less than or equal to 325 feet and a total length less than or equal to 800 feet
 - main load carrying members must be retained but can be retrofitted or replaced
 - substructure units should be retained but can have minor modifications
 - Outstanding Rehabilitated Major Bridge
 - bridges with main span greater than 325 feet or total length greater than 800 feet
 - main load carrying members must be retained but can be retrofitted or replaced
 - substructure units should be retained but can have minor modifications
5. Each submittal shall include the following:
- A summary of the bridge project, in 100 words or less on why the bridge project should receive an award.
 - A listing of significant project features.
 - Two or more 3 ½" x 5" color photographs of the project.
 - One or more 11" x 17" drawing or sketch of the project.
6. An ABCD awards committee (which shall be made up of at least five (5) persons) will judge entries on the following criteria with each entry rated from 1 to 10 for each criterion (with 10 being the best):
- A. Importance of the bridge to the travelling public
 - If taken out of service, what impact would it have on the travelling public?
 - *Multiply this rating by a factor of 2.0*
 - B. Innovation
 - In what parts of this project did the owner, designer, and/or contractor show innovation with the use of new materials, new use of common materials, construction methods, design, scheduling, etc.
 - *Multiply this rating by a factor of 2.0*
 - C. Complexity of design/construction/management
 - *Multiply this rating by a factor of 1.0*
 - D. Overall value of aesthetics of the bridge
 - Consider structure shapes, lines, form, proportions, colors, textures, order, rhythm, harmony, balance, contrast, scale, illusion, unity, simplicity, etc.
 - *Multiply this rating by a factor of 1.0*
7. ABCD reserves the right to publish copies of any submitted images for use in a newsletter, website, or other publications. Other than this limited right, the owner of the images maintains all rights to the images.
8. All entries must be submitted by the deadline to:
Matthew J. Lawler, P.E.
c/o HNTB Ohio, Inc.
55 Erieview Plaza, Suite 500
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1816

Please email any questions to mlawler@hntb.com.

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