

## From the President

Thank you for inquiring about membership in the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute. As you read the information in this packet, keep in mind that this association was founded to help all of us in the masonry industry do *together* what none of us can do as efficiently on our own -- namely, to aggressively promote the use and understanding of masonry in all types of construction.

Our “strength in numbers” has made it possible to provide high-quality, low-cost education and technical assistance for both members and design professionals alike. Together, our members also gain a competitive advantage from such money-saving programs as RMMI’s own workers’ compensation group dividend insurance plan. And for some of us, the opportunity to get to know our peers is the greatest association benefit of all.

As a member of RMMI, you will have at your disposal the resources, the programs, and the professional contacts you need to grow your business and stay on top of the issues that are impacting the future of our industry. Join us, get involved, and see for yourself how rewarding membership can be.

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Basalite Concrete Products  
RMMI 2008 President

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## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN MASONRY INSTITUTE (RMMI)**

### **Who We Are**

The Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute (RMMI) is a nonprofit trade association of more than 120 companies throughout Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The organization includes brick and concrete masonry manufacturers, stone producers, masonry contractors, suppliers and associates.

### **Our Mission**

To increase the use and understanding of masonry products and systems throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

### **Founded**

1972 (Colorado Masonry Institute); became RMMI in 1988.

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## **COLORADO BRICK COUNCIL**

### **Who We Are**

The Colorado Brick Council (CBC), a division of the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute, was formed by Colorado's brick manufacturers to educate homebuyers, homebuilders and communities about the benefits of building with brick.

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## **RMMI/CBC PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

### **Masonry Certification Program**

RMMI graduated its first class of certified masonry contractors and suppliers in the spring of 1999. Designed to improve masonry workmanship and business practices, the year-long continuing education program covers all aspects of masonry design, construction, and management. Participants who successfully complete the courses and pass an intensive exam are certified and promoted as such to the Colorado design and development community.

### **Apprentice Training**

RMMI sponsors a two-year fully accredited Associates Degree program in Masonry Arts at Front Range Community College and at Colorado Mountain College. In addition the trade association sponsors high school vocational training programs in Masonry in Adams, Jefferson and Denver public schools.

### **Workers Comp & WorkSafe Program**

This members-only plan offers the lowest available premiums, year-end dividends, and the services of a safety/loss control consultant for participants

### **Masonry Design Seminars**

24 public seminars per year provide the latest information and techniques on masonry design. In addition, RMMI's technical director is available to provide a series of one-hour "box lunch" presentations on technical and aesthetic issues of particular interest to architects, engineers, inspectors and planners.

### **Technical Services & Information**

The Institute's technical consultants are on call to answer engineering, architectural and installation questions of all kinds. In addition, RMMI's library offers a wide array of materials on all aspects of masonry design and construction, including how-to videos, technical notes, building codes, and design guides.

### **Advertising & Promotion**

RMMI actively promotes the use and understanding of masonry through articles, print advertising, public appearances, the Internet, specialty publications, trade show participation, newsletters, and direct mail.

## **RMMI TECHNICAL EXPERTS**

### **Diane Travis, LEED AP**

RMMI Technical Director

Diane's background as a teacher and an architect prepared her well for her role as masonry industry advisor, troubleshooter, and lecturer. In addition to fielding nearly 2,500 technical calls each year from design professionals and contractors, Diane conducts the Institute's outreach services, including: masonry design presentations to architects; informal job site consultations; reviews of conceptual and detail drawings; and development of periodic literature and case studies.

Diane received her Masters degree in Architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago, 1985. In 1989, she became a registered architect in Illinois. Prior to her arrival at RMMI, Diane was a project designer with Denver's Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall. Before that, she spent four years with the local firm of Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois as a job captain on such notable masonry projects as the Denver Central Library. Diane can be reached at 303-893-3838 or [dianet@rmmi.org](mailto:dianet@rmmi.org).

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### **Michael Schuller, PE and David Woodham, PE**

Atkinson-Noland & Associates, Inc. (ANA)

As technical consultants to the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute, ANA provides advice, quality control services, and educational programs on all structural issues involved in masonry design and construction. The firm's specialties include: evaluation and assessment of existing masonry structures; structural repair and rehabilitation; forensic studies; and research. Michael, David and the ANA staff are on-call to perform quality control inspections of masonry projects, provide answers to a wide array of technical questions, and review plans and drawings. In addition, ANA is preparing a number of RMMI technical publications, including a Masonry Sound Barrier Wall Design Guide. Mike, Dave, and the rest of the professional staff at Atkinson-Noland & Associates can be reached at 303-444-3620 or [info@ana-usa.com](mailto:info@ana-usa.com).

### **Shahnaz Jaffari, LEED AP**

Technical Assistant

Shahnaz Jaffari, LEED AP, holds a master's degree in Construction Management, is a UCD graduate student of architecture and is a former owner of an architectural firm in Iran. She serves on the US Green Building West Region Council and chairs the Regional LEED Credit Task Force. She is in charge of the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute's members-only technical section of the Web site and also handles technical questions from architects, engineers and masons. She can be reached at [tech@rmmi.org](mailto:tech@rmmi.org) or 303-893-3838