

**Charter of Organization-Construction Materials Research Center
Effective January 1, 2016**

The Construction Materials Research Center (CMRC) aims to advance the state of the materials industry with particular focus on highways and transportation systems. CMRC aims to be impactful through research, development and education/training. CMRC's primary area of interest is Mississippi and surrounding states, though materials issues outside of this region are also of interest. CMRC aims to simultaneously serve applicable industries, agencies, undergraduate students, and graduate students. Effectively, CMRC aims to be an "industry, agency, and university partnership," and a "sound program at all levels that couples discovery and education."

CMRC is located at Mississippi State University (MSU) within the Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) department, and is led by the Director who is also referred to as the Materials and Construction Industries (MCI) Chair. The MCI Chair is endowed by gifts made by members of the construction and materials industries. The Dean of the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering (BCoE) and the CEE Department Head serve CMRC in an ex officio capacity.

CMRC has a Board of Advisors (the Board) that serves in an advisory role to provide advice and direction with regard to priorities and other relevant matters. A key purpose of the Board is to serve as a conduit for industry, agency, and government input, while also helping to secure funding for CMRC activities. In addition to the Board, CMRC has a group of contributing entities (the Contributors) that consists of every group who has contributed to the endowment. A minimum of \$1,000 must be pledged and received prior to receiving Contributor status. Note that most Board members are also Contributors. In addition to the Board and Contributors, anyone who is interested in CMRC's activities is welcome to attend meetings and be a part of most activities.

Board members are listed below; some are elected by Contributors, some aren't. There is no limit to the number of consecutive terms an elected member may serve. Terms are 3-year, begin January 1, and end December 31. Term durations are 2016 to 2018, 2019 to 2021, and so forth. In the event an elected member is not able to fulfill their 3-year term, a within-term election is held and the individual elected completes the remainder of the term (less than 3 years). A company or entity can have no more than one Board member, so in the event the Elected Member slot is occupied by a company or entity representative during a time where the company transitions to a Contributing Member, a new election is held for the Elected Member. The MCI chair will provide 1 or more suggested names for consideration for elected positions, though anyone can be elected irrespective of whether their name was suggested for consideration.

Board Chair: An agency representative serves as chair of the Board. This representative is to come from the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) or the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) unless conditions warrant otherwise. The Board Chair is elected to a 3-year term. James Williams of MDOT was elected in October of 2015 to serve as the Board Chair from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

Contributing Members: Every company or entity that has contributed \$75,000 or more gets one seat on the board. Contributing board members can be changed by the company or entity with no vote. As of the date of this charter revision, there are five contributing member seats: APAC Mississippi (Dwayne Boyd), Ergon, Inc. (Baxter Burns), ACPA (Tim Cost), Mississippi Lime (Eustace Conway), and Vulcan Materials (Brett VanderMeeden).

Elected Member: One member of the Board is voted in from Contributors who have not contributed \$75,000 to the endowment. This member is elected to a 3-year term. Jason Henry of Key Constructors, Inc. was elected in October of 2015 to serve as the Elected Member from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

Voting: Every Contributor has one vote, and all votes are weighted equally. A simple majority of the votes cast at a regular meeting called by the MCI Chair where the date and time were distributed ahead of time to the group is required for making changes to the charter, board member elections, or other CMRC business. Votes can also be cast by mail so long as they occur after the announcement of an upcoming vote by the MCI Chair and they are received by the date and time of the vote that occurs at the regular meeting.