



2019 Summary of TMS's Major Accomplishments

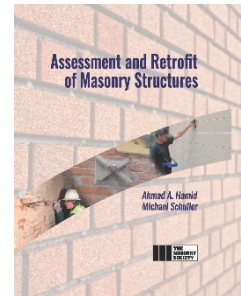
The Masonry Society (TMS) wishes you the warmest Holidays Greetings, and all the best in the New Year! It has been quite a year for the Society, with great growth and new resources produced. Many thanks to our Members, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers for their help and support.

Below is a short summary of some of the many things accomplished this year.

- The Society had its most active year ever financially, and exceeded an aggressive budget thanks to the 13th North American Masonry Conference, strong publication sales, and controlled costs.
- The 13th North American Masonry Conference was TMS's largest event to date, and was both educational and enjoyable. Attendees networked, learned about masonry, contributed to the advancement of knowledge of masonry, and made new friends.



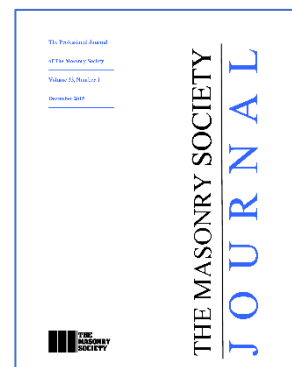
- Through the Independent Author Publication (IAP) program, TMS was able to publish *Assessment and Retrofit of Masonry Structures*, by Dr. Ahmad Hamid and Michael Schuller— an excellent new resource to add to our offerings, and your library, which includes excellent background information, a number of case studies, and hundreds of colorful images and figures.
- TMS continued the successful 2nd Thursday of the Month [webinar series](#) – presenting 2 in the spring before taking a break to prepare for the 13NAMC. In the fall, we presented a series of webinars on 9 Special Inspection topics. We are now preparing for new webinars in 2020. Response to the webinars has been strong and positive.
- TMS completed an online, searchable, [database of over 1600 TMS Journal and NAMC papers](#) that allow members to easily search topics and gain access to the papers. Nonmembers can download the pdf files for a nominal fee.
- TMS sponsored a session at the 2019 Structures Congress, and will be doing likewise at the 2020 Structures Congress in St. Louis, Missouri in April.
- The Society's [website](#) has been expanded and enhanced to remain user-friendly and attractive, and new security measures have been added.



- TMS increased its offerings of secure read-only [downloads](#) of many of its standards and publications in 2019 while furthering agreements with TECHSTREET and MADCAD to offer multiuser subscriptions of many of TMS's publications.
- TMS Committees continued busy schedules working on a number of projects and programs. TMS 402/602 conducted several Main Committee ballots and its Subcommittee initiated and completed dozens. Two new TMS Committees were formed: the Building Performance Committee and the Segmental Retaining Wall (SRW) Committee, both of which are looking for [new members](#).
- TMS liaised with a number of organizations in 2019, continuing as an ANSI approved Standards Developing Organization, working with the American Concrete Institute on a number of joint committees, and assisting and working with many other groups on programs of joint interest. TMS staff also participated in the ICC hearings this spring.
- [Volume 37, No. 1 of TMS Journal](#) was published with 4 Technical Papers and 2 General Interest papers in December 2019. TMS Journal continues being indexed in Emerging Sources Citation Index by Clarivate Analytics.



- A new edition of [TMS Responds](#) was published, and volunteers and staff responded to hundreds of technical inquiries while writing articles and papers on a variety of masonry topics. A new issue is nearly complete, and should be published in early January 2020.



- TMS's Executive Committee and Board of Directors have continued a Long Range Planning process to help plan for and address expected "leaner years" as a result of the 6-year code revision cycle for TMS 402/602.

- The Society continued to recognize its members and supporters with a number of awards that were presented at the 13NAMC and the Annual Meeting.
- A Membership Recruitment Contest began, and nearly 2 dozen individuals have joined as a result of the contest so far. Staff is reaching out to these and other new members to welcome them to the Society.

Many other activities and programs were advanced during 2019, and 2020 looks to be just as productive, with the likely publishing of a new Guide on the Strength Design of Masonry, perhaps a new Guide on Dry-Stack Masonry, and numerous educational sessions. We look forward to working with you to advance the knowledge of masonry and hope to see you at our 2020 meetings in Charlotte on April 30-May 2 and in Denver on October 14-17!