

## TMS Spring Meeting Report

Throughout the Spring, most TMS Committees met at least once. The Board of Directors met on June 7, where they approved an aggressive budget based on recommendations from the Committees. The following summarizes some of the work underway, completed, and planned. For additional information, contact the office. [To apply to join a Committee, click here.](#)

- Based on recommendations from TMS's Committees and Task Groups, the Board of Directors recently approved an **aggressive deficit budget to undertake a number of new programs while furthering the Society's mission to advance the knowledge of masonry**. The deficit will be funded through Society's savings, without the use of emergency reserve funds. Priority Tasks created in support of the Budget are posted [here](#). Some of the projects and programs that will be undertaken include:
  - Continued Member services including 25% or more discounts on all TMS publications, events, educational offerings, and more
  - Regular and routine e-mail communications and electronic offerings through TMS E-Newsletter, TMS E-News Briefs, TMS Sustainability Enews, TMS Responds, and TMS Journal
  - Continued Society web offerings including the basic website itself, the Member area, Member Dashboard offerings (such as sales histories, Certificates of Attendance, and more), the Ballot Portal, new BIM-M (Building Information Modelling for Masonry) pages, the Masonry Consultant/Speaker Database, a database of all past TMS Journal and NAMC Papers, and the E-Store.
  - Continued standards and publications development to advance the knowledge of masonry, which over the next year will include:
    - The probable completion of a 2022 TMS 402/602 Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures
    - Revisions to TMS 404, 504, and 604 which form the Cast Stone Standards
    - Continued development and possible publishing of 3 new standards related to the energy efficiency of concrete and masonry structures (joint activity with ACI under ACI/TMS Committee 122)
    - Revisions to the ACI/TMS 216.1 standard related to the fire resistance of concrete and masonry structures
    - Likely completion in 2022 of a new Guide for Dry Stack Masonry
    - Initiation of a new edition of the Masonry Designer's Guide once TMS 402/602-22 is complete
    - Initiation of the creation of an Online Platform for an Enhanced TMS 402/602 Commentary
  - Hosting a number of new educational offerings including a Virtual Professor's Workshop, an Existing Masonry Night School, a Review and Certification Session for Masonry Testing Technicians, plus webinars on Fire Resistance and Resiliency as well as adding additional content to TMS's Masonry Education Hub

- Hosting of an in-person Annual Meeting in Nashville Tennessee this October 13-16, a Spring Meeting in Dallas Fort Worth from April 7-9, 2022, plus an Executive Committee Planning session in September.
  - Initiation of the 14<sup>th</sup> North American Masonry Conference with a creation of an abstract/paper collector
  - Continued and expanded liaison activities with groups including ACI, SEI/ASCE, and ICC while also partnering with industry groups to assist at the World of Concrete and other important venues
- Based on recommendations from the Membership and Outreach Committee, the Administrative Committee Team, and then the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors approved a modest increase in 2022 for most membership categories. The Committees believed a small increase was in order related to the value of membership, and increasing costs. They noted that dues were last increased in 2019 for individuals, not for about 4 years for Affiliate and Sustaining Members, and much longer for Student and Junior Members.

Membership Category	2021 Dues Rate	Increase in 2022	2022 Dues
Individual	\$225	\$10	\$235
Affiliate	\$700	\$50	\$750
Sustaining	\$2000	\$100	\$2100
Retired	\$95	\$10	\$105
Junior	\$75	\$10	\$85
Student	\$35	\$5	\$40

- **The Technical Activities Committee (TAC)** has been extremely busy with a variety of reviews including completing the review of 3 proposed Energy Standard by the joint ACI/TMS 122 Committee. A Task Group of TAC has been hosting meetings regularly to work on possible revisions to the Technical Committee Operations Manual (TCOM) and to assist with other business. **TAC** has appointed Eric Peterson as the new Chair of the Construction Practices Committee and they reappointed James Mwangi for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the Disaster Investigation Team Leader. In May, they officially approved TMS 402/602 responses to TAC Comments, allowing the Public Comment Period to begin. Also, in April, they officially approved a response to the second public comment period for TMS 402/602-16.
- TMS 402/602 completed responses to comments from the Technical Activities Committee at their April meetings, requesting permission to offer the revisions to the standards for Public Comment. As noted above, TAC approved the responses, and the Public Comment Period opened on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will close on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Once complete, the public comments will be considered over the summer, fall, and, if needed, winter. Considerable work by the Committee will be needed over the next year related to public comment consideration.
- The **Existing Masonry Committee** has formed a Task Group to help staff develop and present fall Night School sessions. They are preparing to ballot a Maintenance Guide.
- The leadership of the **Scholarship Committee** and staff met virtually to discuss fund balances for the scholarships, investment options, and possible options for increasing the size or frequency of awards. Recommendations are being drafted for consideration by the Committee.

- A newly formed **Bylaws Committee** met to discuss electronic balloting and virtual meetings based on concerns with a new Robert's Rules of Order. They agreed to work on internal policies and procedures, and based on their eventual approval, to then propose revision to simplify the Bylaws.
- The **Meetings Committee** met virtually at the end of February to discuss options for the Spring Meetings, Annual Meeting and future meetings. They discussed registration fees for virtual meetings and agreed to charge a nominal registration fee for the Spring 2021 Virtual Meetings, though students could request a coupon for a complimentary registration.
- Based on approval by the Board of Directors this winter, a new **Gravity Retaining Wall (GRW) Committee** has been formed to replace the **Segmental Retaining Walls (SRW) Committee**. A Member solicitation was sent out and the new committee is meeting virtually.
- The **Design Practices Committee (DPC)** is considering TAC comments on Dry-stack masonry guide. The Haller Award Subcommittee will consider nominations over the summer. The Committee has also been monitoring and guiding discussions on the proposed Enhanced Commentary on TMS 402/602. The Committee continues to discuss the future of TMS 403, Direct Design of Masonry and whether it should be revised, recrafted, or abandoned.
- The **Cast Stone Committee (CSC)** met virtually in February and balloted revisions to its standards. They are holding on completion as they want to review proposed 2022 TMS 402/602 to see if additional revisions might be needed to their standards.
- The **Awards Committee** communicated by email related to Fellow nominations in the Spring, but no Fellow Nominations were received in 2021. The Committee will consider Service Awards nominations over the summer.
- The **Research Committee** agreed with the suggested move of TMS Journal under their Committee direction. This summer they will consider re-appointing or replacing the Editor. The Committee also hosted a Masonry Giants session in honor of Bob Drysdale at the Canadian Masonry Symposium. This summer the Committee will consider 2021 Thesis and Dissertation Awards this summer, along with nominations for the Scalzi Research Award. Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- The **Building Information Modeling for Masonry Committee** had significant discussions related to recommended drawings and detailing tips. They are working with staff to transition the old BIMM website to TMS as the former website could not be edited and was hacked.
- **ACI/TMS 216 on Fire Resistance of Concrete and Masonry Assemblies** met with ACI in March. They are beginning revisions to standard. Work is also underway on a possible guide on performance-based fire resistance, which to date, is exclusively for concrete.
- The **Construction Practices Committee** met under the new leadership of Eric Peterson. They had considerable discussion on adhered veneers and may request hosting a forum to discuss to developing or pointing to recommendations for these systems.

- The **Building Performance Committee** is proposing several sessions related to energy code compliance for the Annual Meeting.
- **ACI/TMS 122 Joint Committee on Energy Efficiency** continues to work virtually on three proposed standards.