

ACI Concrete Flatwork Essentials

Meet the Speakers

Joshua J. Kankovsky, P.E, Vice President, Thiele Geotech, Inc.

Topic: Flatness, FF/FL

Joshua Kankovsky, P.E. is a Vice President at Thiele Geotech, Inc. with nearly 19 years of experience in the engineering and construction industry. In his role, he leads and manages the construction materials testing and inspections department, providing supervision of engineers, geologists, and field and laboratory technicians involved in all phases of construction materials testing. Additionally, he serves as the materials testing project manager for a broad range of construction projects and has managed more than 1,500 independent project phases over the course of his career, with a significant concentration in airfield construction.



Steve Wobken, Sales Director, Ash Grove Cement Co.

Topics: Fresh Concrete Acceptance Testing & Placement & Finishing Practices

Steve Wobken has nearly 30 years in the cement and concrete industry. He has worked as a concrete contractor, an entrepreneur, technical service representative for both ready mix and cement, and cement sales. Steve is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with degrees in Architecture and Construction Management. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and is involved as an active member and speaker in many national and local concrete industry organizations.



Jereme Montgomery, Business Development Manager, Stephens & Smith Construction

Topics: Planning for Placement & Troubleshooting

Jereme has a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management from the University of Nebraska. He has nearly 30 years of construction experience with the past 25 years working specifically in the concrete industry. He started his concrete career working for the Nebraska Department of Roads in the Material & Testing Laboratory.

His main expertise in concrete was working as a concrete operations manager for a design build firm, managing & constructing quality concrete



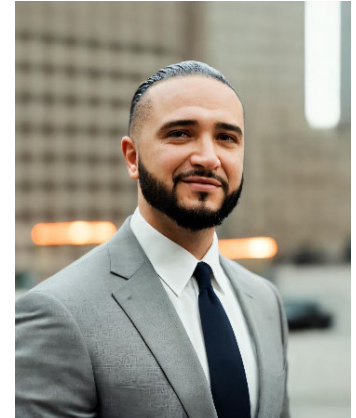
flatwork. From 2006-2017, he promoted concrete and aggregate products as the Executive Director for the Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association. Since then, Jereme has worked for Stephens & Smith Construction Co., Inc. as their Business Development Manager, focusing on workforce development, workforce recruitment, marketing, and sales.

Jonny Alexander, Senior Dispatch Manager, Ready Mixed Concrete Co./Nebco Inc.

Topics: Concrete Properties & Concrete Mix Design

With nearly 20 years of experience in the concrete industry, Jonny Alexander has built a diverse and well-rounded career spanning production, quality control, sales, and operations. He began his career in precast/pre-stressed concrete production before transitioning into ready mixed concrete, where he developed expertise in quality control, sales, and dispatch management.

Jonny is a NRMCA Level 3 Concrete Technologist, demonstrating a strong commitment to technical excellence and industry best practices. Throughout his career, he has combined operational knowledge with technical expertise to support customers, improve processes, and promote high-quality concrete solutions.



An active leader within the industry, Jonny previously served as President of the Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association and continues to contribute as a current Board Member. His dedication to advancing the concrete industry, developing professional relationships, and supporting industry initiatives has earned him the respect of peers across Nebraska and the surrounding region.

Bob Matlock, P.E., Senior Vice President, Thiele Geotech

Topic: Curing and Protection

Bob Matlock, P.E., is a Senior Consultant with Thiele Geotech, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska, where he supports the firm's Materials Testing department. A principal and former Senior Vice President, Bob brings more than 30 years of experience in civil construction, geotechnical engineering, and construction materials engineering.

His work has supported complex projects across the Midwest, including airfields, highways, bridges, public works, major sewers, commercial structures, schools, multi-story office buildings, land developments, recreation and sports facilities, and levees. Bob holds bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Wyoming and Kansas State University, respectively, and completed Cornell University's Executive Leadership Program. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, and Nevada.

