

ACIP Pile Committee

The Augered-Cast-In-Place (ACIP) Pile Committee met last in Charleston, S.C., at SuperPile 2011, and 14 individuals attended. At the meeting, we worked on preparing the draft document, *A Guideline for Interpretation of Non-Destructive Integrity Testing of Augered-Cast-In-Place Piles*, which is on track for publication by year end.

SuperPile 2011 was well attended and numerous presentations focused on the use of ACIP Piles. Mark Petersen of Shaw Power presented the first day on ACIP Piles in the Piedmont Area. The second day included presentations on design, construction, testing and equipment evolution by Alex McGillivray of Berkel on Capacity and Settlement Analysis of Pile Foundations in Liquefiable Soils, Jean Wehbe of Bauer-Pileco on Cased ACIP Pile Construction with Double Rotary Head Systems, and George Piscsalko of PDI on Non-Destructive Testing Methods for Drilled Shafts and ACIP Piles.

As of October, I have served as the chair of the ACIP Pile Committee for three years. I have sincerely enjoyed my interaction with my fellow DFI committee members and members of DFI. DFI provides a unique opportunity for engineers, contractors, material suppliers, equipment manufacturers and owners to participate in an organization with the well-being of the industry as a whole being the goal of the organization. I have worked on projects with many committee members and have always thoroughly enjoyed the professional interaction. I have seen the material, equipment and contractor's specialized installation systems advance, especially as it relates to the use of intermediate or full drilled displacement piling systems, ACIP Piles installed into Intermediate Geo Materials (IGMs) and weak rock, long, high-capacity, ACIP piles (150 ft /45.6 m+), piled rafts, energy piles, AME systems,



NDT techniques and implementation of O-cell load testing technology to ACIP piles, as well as many others. I look forward

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to equipment and installation system advances, which will allow unique and innovative engineering/construction solutions to be implemented throughout the deep foundations industry. I want to welcome the new committee chairman, Mike Moran of Cajun Deep Foundations, LLC., who will take over in 2012.

At press time, a committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, at the 36th Annual Conference on Deep Foundations in Boston. If any DFI members have an interest in participating in the committee's activities, please send a letter to DFI headquarters.