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The past couple of months have been busy with meetings of The Masonry Society and ASTM E60 Committee on Sustainability, and this month is no exception with the Greenbuild Expo next week. All three offer valuable opportunities for education, participation, and networking. Another opportunity to participate is with the development of the standard that forms the basis of the Green Globes rating program. As noted previously in this newsletter, that standard is currently under revision. As part of the process the Green Building Initiative is looking for subcommittee members to participate in the review of public comments. Check out the article below for more information on how you can get involved.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

We sometimes forget that many U.S. codes and standards are used internationally. The article below looks how the National Green Building Standard (ICC 700) is being used to guide the construction of homes in Iraq. ~Tina

Innovation in Brick

ARCHITECTURAL RECORD

Architects find new forms of expression with an ages-old material. Despite all that's been said in brick in the last 9,000 to 10,000 years, each new building has the potential to contribute something fresh, perhaps even astonishing. In awarding a slew of honors last year to the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre at the London School of Economics, for example, jurors for Britain's Brick Awards declared themselves "blown away" by what the architects, O'Donnell + Tuomey, describe as "familiar materials made strange." Read the article, [Pushing the \[Brick\] Envelope](#).

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ICC 700 is Basis of Green Rebuilding Efforts in Iraq

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Years of war have left wide swaths of Iraq with no power, roads or other infrastructure, and it's critical for citizens to have a way to build homes with little to no waste that can operate in a country with a power grid that only works sometimes. Longtime St. Louis green homebuilder Matt Belcher has started implementing a solution: guiding Iraqi engineering professors through the Certified Green Professional educational curriculum that is based on the ICC 700 National Green Building Standard. [Read more.](#)

CODES AND STANDARDS NEWS

The WELL green building program isn't very widespread or well known, but the article below argues it could be the next "big thing". ~Tina

WELL at the Intersection of Human Health and Green Building

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

"This could be bigger than anything in real estate since the invention of the roof," according to Paul Scialla, the founder and CEO of the International WELL Building Institute. This "may be the most marketable proposition in real estate short of a front lawn overlooking the Fountain of Youth." Read [the article.](#)

Green Globes Standard Seeks Subcommittee Review Members

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The Green Building Initiative (GBI) is looking for applicants for Subcommittees as part of the update and review process for the ANSI standard that forms the basis of the Green Globes rating system. Applications will be accepted for all Subcommittees, though applications to Project Management, Water, and Energy are especially desired. If you are interested in applying to a subcommittee please visit <http://www.thegbi.org/ansi> to download the application under the Get Involved heading and submit it with your resume via email to: emily@thegbi.org

GREEN PRODUCT NEWS

MIA Launches New Online Resource Library

MASONRY DESIGN MAGAZINE

The Marble Institute of America (MIA) has launched a new online resource library. For the first time, all MIA technical documents will be available in one easily-accessible location. In addition to all MIA technical bulletins and modules, users will have access to all chapters of MIA's Dimension Stone Design Manual, an industry consensus document compiled by industry experts and MIA staff. Learn more [here.](#)

Permeable Parking Lot Helps Educate Students

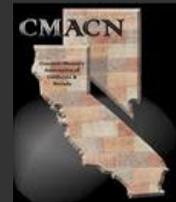
G3 DIGEST

The Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army and USD 475 have partnered to find a way to help Seitz Elementary School solve a parking dilemma and be environmentally friendly while doing so. The solution was the construction of a permeable parking lot, designed so rain water drains to a section of permeable interlocking concrete pavement, which looks like bricks, on the south end of the parking lot. [Read more.](#)

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Wisconsin Masonry Alliance

The Wisconsin Masonry Alliance has announced a call for entries for their Annual Design Competitions. These highly respected competitions recognize design excellence in masonry and hardscape projects, highlighted and promoting the industry and products used. The Excellence in Hardscape Competition includes categories for residential and commercial permeable paver projects. [Click here to submit a hardscape project online](#). Or for more information, [click here](#). Deadline is November 20th, 2015. The Excellence in Masonry Competition includes a category for energy and environmental preservation. The deadline for submission is December 18, 2015.

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