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From the Editor

As I write this today, sleet and freezing rain are coming down outside my window. In the southern climate where I live, this means schools and many businesses are closed. But with my home office, I am able to continue to work. The experience brought to mind the wide range of how one might define resilience. Being able to continue work despite the weather or other impacts is one facet, and hardly challenging in my case today, but certainly continuing business as usual after a major storm can present more difficulties. How do you define resilience? What challenges should our buildings today be designed to meet? These are some of the questions addressed in several of the links featured below, from LEED Pilot Credits on resilience to a survey on healthier buildings.

I'm grateful to be staying warm and working!

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CODES and STANDARDS NEWS

As you know, LEED is constantly evolving, and that includes addressing errata and interpretations. The first article below provides links to the latest addenda. Note that none are directly related to masonry. ~Tina

LEED Addenda Update: January 2016

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The January 2016 quarterly LEED rating system and reference guide addenda is now available. Five new LEED interpretations, several corrections, and form and calculator updates were published. Read more about the update [here](#). Note also in the last quarter, USGBC released three new [pilot credits focused on resilience](#).

Top 10 States for LEED Green Building Per Capita in the U.S.

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USGBC announced its annual [Top 10 States for LEED](#) for 2015. The per capita list highlights states throughout the country that are making significant strides in sustainable building design, construction and transformation.

USGBC Certifying Green Parking Garages

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

Last month the U.S. Green Building Council announced that its certification body, the Green Business Certification Inc. will now administer the Green Garage Certification Program with its acquisition of the Green Parking Council. The Green Parking Council provides "leadership and oversight for the green conversion of parking facilities to sustainable, environmentally responsible assets." The Green Garage Certification program launched in June, 2014 is the parking industry equivalent of LEED certification. It includes credits on regional materials, life cycle assessment and design for durability. [Read more.](#)

City of Rockville Implementing the IgCC

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

The City of Rockville, Maryland has adopted the International Green Construction Code 2012 as mandatory for all commercial and multi-family building. [Continue reading.](#)

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

How one person defines sustainable design may be different from another person. Each may have different priorities and features to include. This is the topic of both links below. The second is a survey that seeks input from architects and other designers. ~Tina

How do You Define Sustainable Design?

SOURCEABLE (AUSTRALIA)

Sustainability is a heavily used word in the design and construction industry, but clients do not always have a full grasp of the subject. [This article](#) discusses the goals of sustainable design and some of the ways to implement it.

What Does It Take to Create a Healthier Building?

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USGBC has partnered with Dodge Data & Analytics on a new study examining the impact of building design and construction on the health and well-being of building occupants. Your input is important to ensure that the study provides an accurate understanding of the ways architects and other professionals contribute to the goal of creating a healthier building. [Take the survey.](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

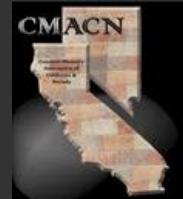
Call for Papers: International Conference on Durability of Building Materials and Components

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The 14th International Conference on the Durability of Building Materials and Components (DBMC) being held from 29th to 31st May, 2017, in Ghent, Belgium has issued a [call for papers](#). This International Conference is the 14th Meeting of the well-known and prestigious DBMC Conferences that take place every 3 years. The intent of hosting these conferences is to bring together those concerned about durability of building materials and components and thus provide a forum for discussion of the most recent research and practice in this domain.

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Faculty/Professor's Workshop Scheduled at UCSD

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The Masonry Society will present the 2016 University Professors Masonry Workshop at the University of California, San Diego, March 20 - 22, 2016. This is an ideal opportunity to bring together university educators with masonry industry leaders. For more information on the workshop click [here](#).

Call for Abstracts: Conference on Detection Limits

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The concept of detection limits in environmental measurements can vary in meaning dependent on technology, application or stakeholder community. Stakeholders in volatile organic compound (VOC) measurement will define detection in a very different way than those interested in asbestos or mold determinations. This conference aims to bring together diverse stakeholders on this issue. The conference will be held August 29-31, 2016, in Raleigh, NC. For more information contact conference chairman Mike Brisson, email: mike.brisson@srs.gov, tel: 803-952-440, or visit <http://www.astm.org/D22ConferenceAug2016>.

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