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#### From the Editor

While often times this newsletter is filled with news beyond TMS, this edition brings you news on what TMS is doing... and it's a lot! Check out the links below for information on upcoming meetings, a new publication on sustainable design with masonry, opportunities for papers and presentations, and more! The Masonry Society (TMS) is filled with great people and great ideas. I encourage you to [join us!](#)

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#### TMS NEWS

The Masonry Society (TMS) is busy with lots of activities coming up, many related to sustainable design. Check out the links below for more information. ~Tina

#### TMS Annual Meeting Early Registration Closing Soon!

As a reminder, early registration for TMS's Spring Meetings in Kansas City next month ends on March 24th (less than 2 weeks from now!). Committee meetings including the Sustainability Committee and the TMS 402 Committee are among those that will be meeting. Details on the meetings and a registration form are posted on the [TMS website](#).

#### Sustainability Committee Working to Publish Brochure

The TMS Sustainability Committee is making changes to their brochure, Masonry Is Sustainable, as a result of TAC Comments, will be balloting proposed revisions over the next few weeks. They hope to wrap things up at their meeting in April, with a possible publication in May or June. To learn more about the TMS Sustainability Committee or join, contact Chair, [Jamie Farny](#).

#### Call for Presentations for TMS Annual Meeting

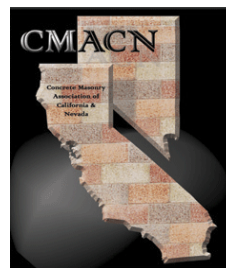
The Masonry Society will hold its 2014 Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ on October 9 -14, 2014. If you have a presentation you would like considered for the

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Meetings, please submit a title, paragraph description, and a one paragraph biography of the presenter to [TMS](#) by May 15th. Any topic related to masonry will be considered but topics must not be commercial or focused exclusively on proprietary products. TMS will consider topics during the summer based on those that are likely of the greatest interest to attendees.

### North American Masonry Conference Calls for Abstracts

TMS is pleased to announce the opening of Call for Abstracts for the 12th North American Masonry Conference to be held at University of Colorado Denver. Preliminary information on the conference, along with a link to submit your abstracts can be accessed [here](#).

### GREEN BUILDING NEWS

Among the interesting news below is an article on the Cradle to Cradle standard. They are forming public advisory groups to provide input into future editions. If you are interested, check out the link below. ~Tina

### Sustainable Construction: Building Stronger Structures to Ride Out Nature's Disasters

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

The cost of damage caused by "Frankenstorms" is often in the billions of dollars. But it's possible that more green building could stem some of those costs. A report by the U.S. Green Buildings Council and the University of Michigan found that green-built structures are sturdier and more capable of withstanding natural disasters. [This article](#) includes details about building materials that can withstand winds and rains.

*Editor's note:* The above article makes reference to concerns over green building fire safety, including an interesting [study](#) by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

### Cradle to Cradle Standard Launches Public Revision Process

#### ECOBUILDING PULSE

In an effort to increase transparency and recruit more stakeholders, the Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute is seeking outside input for the next version of its standard. [Read more](#).

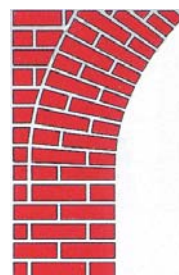
### What's Driving Green Building Between Now and 2020?

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The Hanley Wood Sustainability Council offers up five



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### Alternatives to LEED Help Promote Construction of Green Buildings

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The need to lower the costs associated with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards has led to the creation of alternatives such as Green Globes or the Living Building Challenge, according to [this article](#). For some, such as the city of Santa Monica, Calif., LEED remains the cost-effective option as the city has personnel trained for it, but Green Globes may address that through self-certification. "We're just happy to see people participating, so if having more options allows that, we're all for it," said Dominique Smith, executive director of the U.S. Green Building Council chapter in Los Angeles.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

I recently attended this ASTM webinar on chemical assessment and can recommend it for an overview of the various chemical assessment frameworks (such as GreenScreen). ~Tina

### ASTM Chemical Assessment Webinar Recording Available

If you missed the ASTM webinar on Chemical Alternatives Assessments and the tools used in the Chemical Hazard Assessment process, you can access the recording of the webinar [click here](#). For the presentation slides, [click here](#).

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