

Newsletter

September Recap



September
2026

General Update

The work is moving, the momentum is real—catch up on what's happening across AMC.

— A letter from Executive Director,
Dawn Rogers

Workforce

Strong craft starts with strong people—see how AMC is investing in the workforce.

— An update from Ryan Gray,
Workforce Development

Legislative

Advocacy isn't abstract—these decisions shape the future of masonry in Arizona.

— A recap from Legislative Representative,
Brian Tassinari



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**WEBINAR: RESILIENT K-12
SCHOOLS**
OCTOBER 14TH

MASONRY EXPO
OCTOBER 24TH

OSHA 30 -
OCTOBER - 22,29
NOVEMBER 5, 12

**OCTOBER 27TH - 2026
ARIZONA PUBLIC WORKS
CONFERENCE. [LEARN
MORE](#)**

**FUNDAMENTALS OF
MASONRY MATERIALS:
MODULE 1**
NOVEMBER 4

OSHA 10
DECEMBER 3&4

Looking Ahead. Building Together September Recap

September was another productive month for the Arizona Masonry Council, filled with opportunities to connect, collaborate, and continue moving our industry forward. From workforce outreach and member visits to industry conferences and educational initiatives, it's encouraging to see the continued engagement and commitment across our masonry community.

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, our focus remains on strengthening relationships, creating opportunities for our members, and preparing the next generation of masonry professionals. With the Masonry Expo just around the corner and several training and leadership opportunities ahead, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to our members, sponsors, and industry partners who continue to support AMC's mission. Your involvement makes everything we do possible, and I look forward to finishing the year strong together!

Keeping AMC Moving,
Dawn Rogers
Executive Director

Register Today.

Join TMS members and industry professionals October 27–30 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the [2026 TMS Annual Meeting](#).

Registration Includes:

- Technical presentations on current masonry research and practice
- Committee meetings that shape future of TMS
- NEW! Interactive Workshop: From Design to Construction – Practical Lessons from the Field
- Networking events



DESIGN SUMMIT | TEXAS | 2026



CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION: MODULE 5 COMPLETE

AMC recently completed Module 5: Mastering Masonry Details, focusing on the technical knowledge and best practices that support quality masonry construction. Thank you to Kitchell Contractors for hosting, LAST Architects for sharing their expertise, and all participants for their continued commitment to professional development.

Bringing Masonry to the Forefront of Design

AMC Executive Director Dawn Rogers attended the Concrete Masonry Architecture of the Americas Symposium, hosted by Texas Masonry Council and RAC 4 at the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture.

The two-day event brought together approximately 100 architects, designers, and industry professionals to explore the performance, versatility, and possibilities of concrete masonry. Events like this are essential to strengthening relationships with the architectural community, influencing material selection, and creating greater opportunities for masonry in future projects.

BLOCKWORK

Concrete Masonry Architecture of the Americas



RAC 4





HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ARIZONA MASONRY!

AMC is seeking interested contractor members to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2027-2029 term. This is an opportunity to represent your fellow contractors, provide industry insight, and help guide the future of AMC.

Interested members should contact Dawn Rogers **by October 31** to have their names considered for the ballot.



AMC ATTENDS MCAA MIDYEAR MEETING

AMC's Dawn Rogers and Ryan Gray attended the MCAA Midyear Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, connecting with masonry professionals and industry leaders from across the country. The conference provided valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, discuss industry challenges, and strengthen relationships that support the continued growth and advancement of the masonry industry.

Legislative Update

Governor Hobbs has issued an executive order regarding the misclassification of workers as 1099 independent contractors when they should be employees. She has directed the Department of Economic Security (DES), the Department of Revenue (DOR), the Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA), and the Registrar of Contractors to collaborate on a report to address this problem. Here are the specifics of what she has asked... [READ MORE](#)



WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

RYAN
GRAY

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September was another busy month for AMC's workforce development efforts! Ryan continued connecting with students and future tradespeople through visits to Pima JTED, Centennial High School, and the City of Scottsdale Career Fair.

A highlight was Masonry Day in Payson, bringing together students from VACTE, Snowflake, Payson, and Winslow high schools for hands-on exposure to the masonry trade.

[SEE PHOTOS HERE](#)

Outreach continues in October with upcoming visits to Mesa High School, Peoria High School, EVIT, and San Luis High School.

Help build the next generation of masons! Applications for AMC's 2027 Apprenticeship

Program are now open. Encourage interested students and future apprentices to apply!_

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS
OCTOBER 15**



ARIZONA MASONRY COUNCIL

**REGISTER TO COMPETE
TODAY!**

 **SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2026**

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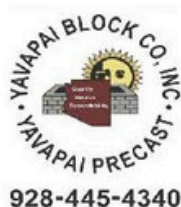
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 **OCTOBER 29, 2026**
THURSDAY
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

 **HILTON NORTH SCOTTSDALE**
AT CAVASSON
7965 E Cavasson Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

TICKETS ON SALE NOW >

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Contractor Growth Summit Opportunity

The Southwest Hardscapes Association is inviting Arizona Masonry Council members to attend the 2026 Contractor Growth Summit on Thursday, October 29, at the Hilton North Scottsdale at Cavasson.

The event will focus on practical business topics for contractors, including protecting margins, improving sales, building stronger teams, and attracting the right customers. AMC members can receive \$100 off the regular nonmember ticket by using code AMC100 at checkout.

Register here:

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

This is a great opportunity for contractors to gain practical ideas, connect with other industry professionals, and continue building stronger businesses that support a stronger construction industry.

INDUSTRY NEWS

STAY INFORMED

AUGUST UPDATE | 2026

THE BEAUTY OF BLOCK

Discover the enduring beauty and versatility of concrete blocks for your construction needs. Durable, aesthetic, and eco-friendly.

THE MASONRY SOCIETY

We bring together researchers, engineers, architects, contractors, educators, and industry leaders to share knowledge and improve the design, construction, manufacture, use and maintenance of masonry.

CMHA CONCRETE MASONRY & HARDSCAPES ASSOCIATION

Represents concrete masonry producers of the US and represents hardscape and MSV producers, suppliers, and contractors of interlocking concrete pavement and segmental retaining walls in both the US and Canada

MCAA

The MCAA is committed to preserving and promoting the masonry industry by providing continuing education, advocating fair codes and standards, fostering a safe work environment, recruiting future manpower, and marketing the benefits of masonry materials.



EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY
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DOE LAUNCHES SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

ENGINEERS PROPOSE CODE CHANGES TO CUT EMBODIED CARBON

ANALYSIS SHOWS HOW MUCH RECLAIMED BRICKS SLASH EMBODIED CARBON

INSIDE CONSTRUCTION'S CIRCULARITY CHALLENGE

STRUCTURE AND FAÇADE COORDINATION