Arizona Masonry Council

Newsletter

October Recap

ARIZONA MASONRY COUNCIL

October
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

OSHA 30-
NOVEMBER 5, 12

PREFABRICATION OF MASONRY STRUCTURES
NOVEMBER 18, 2026
1 PM | CENTRAL TIME

OSHA 10
DECEMBER 3&4

EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY DESIGN
CALL FOR ENTRIES

Building Skills. Strengthening Connections. Celebrating Masonry.

October brought a full calendar of workforce development, industry education, professional partnerships, and one of AMC's biggest events of the year—the Arizona Masonry Expo! From Arizona classrooms to industry conferences and the competition floor, AMC continued advancing the masonry industry through education, collaboration, and hands-on opportunities.

Keeping AMC Moving,
Dawn Rogers
Exective Director

THIS IS VERY SERIOUS

A little masonry, a lot of personality!

Episode 2 features Arizona's own Melonie Leslie alongside Paul Cantarella Jr. of Massachusetts!

Join Jeff for s'mores, Boy Scout basics, and plenty of laughs.

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OSHA 30 TRAINING

AMC continued supporting jobsite safety and professional development through OSHA 30 training, reinforcing the importance of safety education throughout the industry.

AIA ARIZONA STATE CONFERENCE

AMC Executive Director Dawn Rogers attended the AIA State Conference alongside Arizona State University architecture master's students, continuing to strengthen connections with the architectural community and future design professionals.





NAU WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

AMC sponsored and presented at Northern Arizona University's Women in Construction organization meeting, focusing on negotiating and advocating for yourself within the construction industry.

Legislative Update

The blue wave crested in Arizona as it has across the country. While there are still more than 300,000 ballots to count in Maricopa County, democrats will definitely take control of the House, the Senate and the Governor's office for the first time since 1965. The size of the democrat majorities shown below may narrow a bit, but there is no question they will have strong majorities in both chambers.

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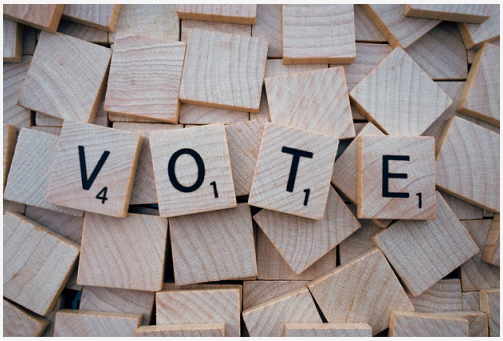
THE MASONRY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The masonry community gathered in Milwaukee for the 2026 TMS Annual Meeting, featuring technical education, committee collaboration, industry recognition, and discussions advancing masonry standards and practices.

SEAOA OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AMC and Block Design Collective sponsored the Structural Engineers Association of Arizona's October membership meeting. Brady Golinski of FORSE Consulting presented on prefabricated masonry, bringing structural engineers and masonry contractors together for technical discussion and networking.





YOUR VOICE MATTERS! AMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Voting for AMC's 2027–2028 Board of Directors opens November 12! Keep an eye on your inbox for the official ballot from AMC, and be sure to cast your vote. Help shape the future of Arizona's masonry industry!

EVIT Foundation Breakfast

AMC sponsored and attended the annual East Valley Institute of Technology Foundation Breakfast, supporting the educational partnerships that help connect students with skilled career pathways.







CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION: MODULE 1 COMPLETE

AMC continued its Contractor Certification program with Module 1, featuring instruction from Donald Harvey of Atkinson-Noland & Associates. The program provides contractors with opportunities to strengthen technical knowledge and industry best practices.

BUILDING PATHWAYS TO THE TRADES

Nearly 2,000 students explore careers in construction!

AMC proudly supported the 2026 Southern Arizona Construction Career Days as an exhibitor and transportation sponsor. Held October 21–22 at the U of A Tech Park at The Bridges, the event introduced high school students to careers in the skilled trades through hands-on demonstrations and interactive experiences.
See the Event Highlights – Arizona Daily Star

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THE MATERIAL OF DESIGN

CALL FOR ENTRIES

35 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

2027 EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY DESIGN AWARDS

Important Dates

- Register by **January 8, 2027**
- Final Submittals Due **January 15, 2027**
- Entry Fee: **$150** per project
- Purchase one entry per project.

Eligibility

- Projects must be located in Arizona.
- Residential, commercial, monuments/entry ways, or architectural perimeter walls are eligible.
- Masonry products (concrete masonry units, brick, and stone) must be the predominant components.
- Masonry veneer projects are eligible if masonry veneer is the prominent system shown.
- Projects must be completed between May 1, 2022 and December 31, 2026.
- There is no limit to the number of projects entered per company.

Register and pay in advance to receive your submittal package instructions and forms.

REGISTER TODAY

azmasonry.org/excellencesubmittals

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

RYAN GRAY

ARIZONA MASONRY COUNCIL



BRINGING MASONRY TO THE NEXT GENERATION

OCTOBER KEPT AMC'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS MOVING THROUGHOUT ARIZONA, CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS THROUGH SCHOOL VISITS AND CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES.
THE TEAM REACHED 438 STUDENTS THROUGH VISITS TO CANYON DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL, MESA HIGH SCHOOL, AND PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL, INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO MASONRY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE SKILLED TRADES.

AMC ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE PEORIA DISTRICT ADVISORY CONFERENCE AND SUPPORTED SOUTHERN ARIZONA CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAYS AS A BOOTH AND TRANSPORTATION SPONSOR, CONTINUING EFFORTS TO CONNECT EDUCATION WITH INDUSTRY.

MUCH OF THE REMAINDER OF THE MONTH WAS DEDICATED TO PREPARING FOR AND DELIVERING THE MASONRY EXPO, WHERE STUDENTS AND APPRENTICES PUT THEIR DEVELOPING SKILLS TO THE TEST. **SEE PHOTOS HERE**

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OCTOBER 2026

MASONRY EXPO RECAP

Celebration of Craftsmanship

The Arizona Masonry Council's 2026 Masonry Expo brought together 400+ attendees for a day of competition, camaraderie, and industry pride. From aspiring tradespeople to seasoned professionals, the event showcased the skill, dedication, and craftsmanship that continue to strengthen Arizona's masonry industry. Thank you to our members, sponsors, contractors, volunteers, and industry partners whose support made this event possible!



400+ ATTENDEES | **45** APPRENTICES | **30** HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS | **15** FASTEST TROWEL COMPETITORS

THE TROWELS HAVE SPOKEN

Celebrating the skill, determination, and craftsmanship of this year's top competitors.

FASTEST TROWEL ON THE BLOCK

Seasoned Masons

Fast Hands. Sharp Skills. Serious Bragging Rights!



FIRST PLACE	**Mason: Robert Cimental**	JG Block Co Tender: Jose Cimental
SECOND PLACE	**Mason: Ludvin Sandoval**	Sargon Masonry Construction Tender: Mark Diaz Martinez
THIRD PLACE	**Mason: Jose Rodriguez**	Tera's Masonry LLC Tender: Luis Angel Cardenas

SKILLS CHALLENGE — AMC APPRENTICES WINNERS

Rising Stars, Mastering the Craft!

THIRD LEVEL APPRENTICES		
FIRST PLACE	**Eliceo Carpio**	*Sutter Masonry*
SECOND PLACE	**Steven Scurlock**	*Sun Valley Masonry*
THIRD PLACE	**Alejandro Yolimea**	*Fyffe Masonry*

SECOND LEVEL APPRENTICES		
FIRST PLACE	**Isaac Jasso**	*Keystone Masonry*
SECOND PLACE	**Adrian Lopez**	*Sun Valley Masonry*
THIRD PLACE	**Marc Canez**	*Sargon Masonry*

FIRST LEVEL APPRENTICES		
FIRST PLACE	**Alejandro Flores**	*Sutter Masonry*
SECOND PLACE	**Leo Max Montano**	*Sun Valley Masonry*
THIRD PLACE	**Fermin Martinez**	*Sun Valley Masonry*

SKILLS CHALLENGE — HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

Young Talent, Big Skills!



FIRST PLACE
Brayden Byrd
Centennial High School

SECOND PLACE
Alexandra Lougheed
Canyon del Oro

THIRD PLACE
Cody Potter
Snowflake High School

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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What a Day for Arizona Masonry — Until Next Year!

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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.



HOW CONCRETE MASONRY SUPPORTS RESILIENT CONSTRUCTION
CEMEX USA

ASSESSING STRUCTURAL EMBODIED CARBON
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WHAT WE BUILD AFTER THE FIRE
ARCHITECTURAL RECORD

NEW TOOL AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH LEED RESILIENCE ASSESSMENTS
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