

ACI President Spotlight: Scott Anderson

Scott M. Anderson, FACI, began his term as the 103rd President of ACI at the conclusion of the ACI Concrete Convention—Spring 2026, held in Rosemont/Chicago, IL, USA. Anderson is Vice President and General Manager of Keystone Structural Concrete in Houston, TX, USA, where he has overseen elevated concrete construction since 1999. He has worked in the construction industry for more than 35 years, with a focus on concrete structures and complex specialty projects.

Education and Early Career

Growing up outside New York City, NY, USA, Anderson developed an early curiosity about infrastructure—buildings, roads, and bridges—and began asking questions: Why concrete? And, how do these structures last so long? As a young adult, he worked for a small construction company, an experience that reinforced his interest in the built environment and ultimately led him to pursue civil engineering.

Anderson received his BS in civil engineering from the University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, and his master's degree from The University of Texas at Austin (UT), Austin, TX. While at UT, he worked at the Phil Ferguson Structural Engineering Laboratory under the mentorship of ACI Honorary Member Ramón Carrasquillo, who introduced him to ACI and played a

formative role in his professional development.

“At UT, Dr. Carrasquillo ensured that his graduate students understood not only theory, but how concrete research connects to real-world application and the broader industry,” Anderson noted. “He exposed us early to ACI and to leaders across the concrete community.”

Following graduation, Anderson stepped outside the concrete industry for a period, working for Shell Offshore Inc., a subsidiary of Shell Oil Company, Inc., where he spent 5 years designing and constructing offshore structures for oil and gas facilities. While the technical challenges were significant, he recognized that a traditional corporate structure did not align with his entrepreneurial spirit.

He then joined Schnabel Foundation Company in Houston, which specializes in the design and construction of temporary earth retention and excavation support systems. Anderson designed and built deep excavation support systems for Schnabel for 5 years before a neighborhood connection introduced him to a small concrete contractor founded by the Stewart family, Keystone Concrete. What began as a chance encounter became an opportunity for a long-term professional home.

“Twenty-eight years later, I’m still at Keystone,” Anderson said. “It’s a family-run company with generous people who have given me the freedom to grow professionally.”

Keystone Structural Concrete

Anderson remains a key leader at Keystone Structural Concrete, a division of what is now the Stewart Holdings Group. Since joining the company in 1999, he has played a pivotal role in its growth and technical leadership. What is now the Stewart Holdings Group was founded in 1992 as Keystone Concrete Placement by Don Stewart and his sons. Over the last three decades, the company has expanded into a diversified construction organization with operations across Texas, providing services that include concrete, site utilities, landscaping, general contracting, and real estate development.

As a partner at Keystone, Anderson leads the company’s Houston structural concrete division and oversees the execution of large-scale, technically demanding projects. His experience includes high-rise residential and office towers,



Anderson presenting at the 2025 ACI Concrete Conference – From Gray to Green in Dubai, UAE

major healthcare facilities, institutional structures, parking garages, and other concrete structures. His work frequently incorporates challenging constructability requirements, such as mass concrete placements, difficult formwork



The Methodist Hospital System Centennial Tower project in the Texas Medical Center in Houston featured a 45 ft corner cantilever concrete transfer girder



Anderson and Carrasquillo at a UT football game



ACI Past President William Rushing presenting Anderson with the honor of Fellow of the Institute

considerations, and other technical challenges associated with large concrete structures.

A recent signature project completed under Anderson's leadership is the Methodist Hospital System Centennial Tower in the Texas Medical Center in Houston, one of the largest medical complexes in the world.

"This project involved a 30-story hospital tower in a congested downtown environment, featuring a 45 ft (14 m) corner cantilever concrete transfer girder. The girder supports 20 stories of structure above and three stories hanging below. Adding to the technical challenge was a requirement that the ground beneath the cantilever remain continuously accessible for underground utility repairs, which made conventional shoring methods impossible. The solution was to design and fabricate a custom structural steel triangular truss to support the corner, leaving the area open for access. The temporary truss supported the weight of the girder until it could support itself after curing of the concrete," Anderson said. "These are the kinds of complex, constructability-driven challenges that make this work especially rewarding."

Journey with ACI and the Concrete Industry

Beyond his work at Keystone, Anderson has made significant contributions to the concrete industry through long-standing involvement with ACI. Although his early post-graduate work focused on steel construction, he reconnected with ACI after joining Keystone in the early 2000s. He became active in the ACI Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) and ACI Committee E703, Concrete Construction Practices, where he gained a deeper appreciation for the value of industry engagement.

Anderson has also served as Chair of the ACI Financial Advisory Committee, and as a member of ACI Committee 134, Concrete Constructability, and Joint ACI-ASCC Committee 117, Tolerances. He was named a Fellow of the Institute in 2015 and served on the ACI Board of Direction from 2020 to 2023.

In addition, he is involved with the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC), where he has contributed since the early 2000s. He has served on the ASCC Board of Directors since 2007 and served as ASCC President from 2015 to 2017. He remains active and currently serves as President of the ASCC Education, Research & Development Foundation.

Anderson is an advocate for industry excellence, and his contributions to the industry have been widely recognized. *Concrete Construction* named him one of the "Most Influential People in Concrete Construction" in 2018, and he has been inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Alumni of the University of Texas at Austin Maseeh Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering.

Personal Pursuits

Anderson is a devoted husband of 36 years and the father of two daughters. He is also a grandfather to four grandchildren

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and spends as much of his free time as possible enjoying time with his family.

He is an avid fly-fisherman, sportsman, and golfer. His fly-fishing experiences span a wide range of locations, including Alaska, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, the Texas Gulf Coast, the Florida Everglades, Mexico, Belize, the Bahamas, and the Patagonia region of Argentina. He also pheasant- and grouse-hunts in South Dakota and Maine.

Golf has been another long-standing family connection. Anderson’s daughters are accomplished golfers, and over the years he has played rounds with them across the country at many well-known resort courses while they were growing up.

“My family are the reason I am able to work hard professionally and enjoy life personally,” Anderson said. “They keep my life centered, and I am grateful for their love and support.”

Presidential Goals

Anderson emphasized a focused, pragmatic approach to his presidency. As Second Vice President of ACI, he chaired the task group responsible for developing ACI’s current Strategic Plan, which now serves as the foundation for his objectives as President.

“The Strategic Plan serves as our compass,” Anderson said. “It defines our culture, sharpens our priorities, and helps



Anderson is an avid fly-fisherman, which has brought him to many locations around the world



Anderson speaking at his induction into the Academy of Distinguished Alumni of the University of Texas at Austin Maseeh Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering

ensure we remain aligned as an organization.”

During his term, Anderson will focus on three priorities: constructability and practicality, resilience, and people.

“Thank you for electing me to serve as the 103rd President of ACI,” Anderson said. “I am confident that ACI will continue to lead the world in advancing concrete knowledge and practice, and I look forward to contributing to that vision.”

If you have questions, please email askthepresident@concrete.org.