CHRYSO Inc. promoted Dan Bentz to Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Concrete Admixtures. Bentz will be responsible for managing all brands and promoting sales growth and customer satisfaction for CHRYSO Inc. throughout North America. Since joining CHRYSO Inc. in 2019, Bentz has made significant contributions to the organization, strengthening sales, marketing, and dispenser teams as well as contributing to overall growth. Bentz will continue as a member of the CHRYSO Inc. Executive Committee, bringing his expertise as a licensed professional engineer and MBA graduate with over 18 years of technical experience in the concrete industry.

Spancrete promoted Erik Varnadoe to Vice President of Precast Operations. Varnadoe joined the company in 2019 and has more than 15 years of experience across the precast industry. Prior to working in precast manufacturing, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Fire Control Technician. Varnadoe will be based at the company’s headquarters in Waukesha, WI, and will manage all precast operations for the organization. He received his MBA in logistics and supply chain management from Clayton State University, Morrow, GA.

Melissa Frierson joined PROSOCO as an Inside Sales Representative, a position in which she will provide customer support with a focus on PROSOCO’s new line of masonry anchors. Frierson brings several years of experience in helical masonry anchors and ties to PROSOCO. In addition to having 20 years of experience in customer service, she also previously worked for 8 years at Halfen (a CRH company), which bought Helifix in 2014.

NACE International appointed David Barnes as Vice Chair of its new Standards Board. Barnes has worked as Technical Manager at Elcometer for over 9 years. At Elcometer, he has worked closely with NACE International, ASTM International, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and other organizations on standardization, writing and presenting technical papers at industry conferences around the world. In addition, he heads up Elcometer’s global technical support and training department. Barnes will serve a 3-year term as the NACE Standards Board Vice Chair, followed by a further 3 years as its Chair.

Lucky Nagarajan, General Manager of Engineering and Business Development for Giken America, was named Chair of the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Women in Deep Foundations (WiDF) Committee. The WiDF Committee comprises a group of people who advocate for retaining women in the deep foundations industry, fostering greater success of professional women in the industry by promoting networking events, endorsing outreach, and building mentoring relationships. With Giken, Nagarajan has managed challenging projects in the United States, Canada, and South America. She has more than 15 years of experience in engineering design and business development. Prior to joining Giken America, she was with Nucor Skyline as a Geotechnical Engineer/Project Manager. Nagarajan has been involved with the WiDF Committee since its inception and is a cofounder of the Metro NYC WiDF Chapter. Nagarajan is also a co-Chair of the DFI of India Support Committee, and she recently launched a WiDF India group.

Randy Wilson joined the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) as Director, Architectural Precast Systems. He was formerly with PCI member Meridian Brick. Wilson will be responsible for all committees overseeing the architectural precast documents in PCI’s Body of Knowledge. He will also play the lead role in the education and outreach efforts around the new architectural precast certification program. Wilson is a long-time member of PCI and has 30 years of experience in the precast industry in the architectural space.

Honors and Awards

Dan M. Frangopol, FACI, was elected to the National Academy of Construction (NAC). Frangopol is the inaugural Fazlur R. Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture at Lehigh University. This is his fifth academy membership; prior memberships include the Royal Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts, Romanian Academy, Academy of Technical Sciences of Romania, and Academy of Europe. Frangopol is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Structure and Infrastructure Engineering, an international peer-reviewed journal, and he is the Founding Editor of the book series Structures and Infrastructures. He is a member of ACI Committees 348, Structural Reliability and Safety, and S803, Faulty Network; and Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 343, Concrete Bridge Design.