

# ACIA UPDATE



## WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION



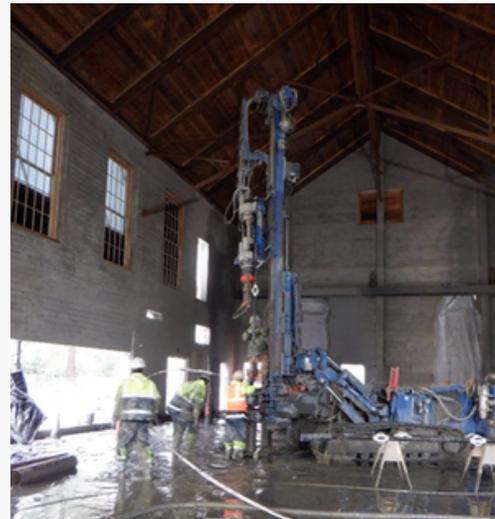
This month is Women's History Month and for the week of March 5th - March 11th, it is Women in Construction week. For this month, we wanted to highlight one of our own ACIA board members who is a woman and has worked her way up through the industry - conquering one project at a time, Cindy Weidner.

"I have been working in the Inspection / Construction Industry for several years. When I started, there were few females working on projects in roles of responsibility. Many females at the time were Secretaries, Bookkeepers and Girl Fridays; however now, women are growing in the industry. When I first started, my mentors said that I lived by the old mantra "I am woman, hear me roar". It is hard to admit, but they were right. One of the most important things that I, and other females must learn while working in a heretofore male dominated environment, is to control your emotions. We do not need to lose our femininity, we need to learn to speak with authority without being controlling. We do this by using the tools that we are give - Building Codes, Project Specifications and Drawings. My mantra has evolved to "I AM THE INSPECTOR OF RECORD - SEE ME WORK".

I am proud of the work I do. I started as a Project Administrator for a \$160 million High/Jr High complex. I have now grown to be an Inspector of Record for plethora of projects. A few of them include: Courthouses, \$20 million worth of Roof/HVAC/FA upgrades in one summer to over \$80+ million CSU campus upgrades. Some of these CSU upgrades included cutting back 2-hillsides, installing 4 modular moment frame classrooms, repairing a marine baffle wall and recently modernizing an 80 year old concrete brick Gym and Natatorium (indoor swimming pool). The Gym had 60-foot micro piles installed within the building and an erected free standing steel moment framed mezzanine. This mezzanine dose not attach to the existing Historic Building. The swimming pool was infilled with structural Styrofoam. Then a concrete slab was placed on top for more offices and student area. A new Student Health Center was also erected as part of this upgrade. This center was built on top of 60+ foot augur cast piles and another 4,000 sq ft Moment Frame structure. I am proud to be an IOR and hope to see our industry grow." Cindy is a wonderful example of strong females in the construction industry and we are thrilled that she, and all other women in this industry continue to grow and thrive.

Cindy Weidner

RCI Inspector / DSA Inspector / Project Administrator / Construction Management / Energy Auditor / Sustainable Building Practice / CEPE / Construction Forensic Specialist / Quality Control & Quality Assurance



### JOB BOARD

Construction Inspector - Arcadia, CA

This is a 2-year, full-time position. You can learn more about this position online at ACIA.com under the "Job Board" tab. All openings have been posted in the previous two weeks; however, ACIA makes no guarantee that the openings are still available as of today.

### NEW ACIA MEMBERS

The ACIA community is pleased to welcoming the following new members to the organization:

Chris Proudfoot  
Thomas Harkrader  
Lorenzo Harris  
& Many More!

Please give these new members a warm ACIA welcome!

### CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Northern California chapter meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Brookfields in Roseville, CA. We meet at 5 pm and our meetings last about one hour. For more chapter meeting dates and times, visit ACIA.com. Our next meeting will be held on 3/23!