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Sustainability Standard Tops Natural Stone Council 2014 Accomplishment List / 2015 Officers and Committee Chairs Named



HOLLIS, NH, March 17, 2015 – The release of the ANSI/NSC 373 Sustainability Standard was clearly the highlight of the Natural Stone Council (NSC) 2014 accomplishment list according to NSC chairman Moe Bohrer, as he addressed a number of stone industry leaders at StonExpo West / Marmomacc Americas 2015 in Las Vegas, NV.

Bohrer commented, “the NSC’s commitment to sustainability goes far beyond producing the ANSI approved standard (a three-year effort), assisting the first company (TexaStone Quarries) to achieve the new standard, and producing tools to educate the design community about the standard.” He announced that Kathy Spanier of Coldspring will be chairing an effort to pursue acceptance of the standard by various sustainability market drivers, such as the USGBC and the Living Building Challenge, in the upcoming months.

**Additional 2014 NSC accomplishments included:**

Joining the Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) to insure the natural stone industry’s voice is heard specific to proposed changes to the allowable silica exposure levels by the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA).

Monitoring and keeping member associations informed about a variety of regulatory agencies impacting the stone industry.

·Establishing an associate membership category for stone associations outside of the U.S. to become active with NSC initiatives.

Assembling a new NSC member association annual dues structure to help provide a more regular base of ongoing financial support.

Joining together with several stone associations to provide continuing education on the show floor at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) annual convention in Chicago.

While at StonExpo West, the NSC also hosted the 2nd annual Stone Pavilion Block Party which brought together hundreds of natural stone industry professionals on the exhibit floor.