Meet Our Experts

CRSI Members have priority access to these technical experts whenever a situation arises!

Mike Mota, PhD, PE, FACI, FASCE, Vice President of Engineering/Northeast Region Manager

Dr. Mota is the Vice President of Engineering and for the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI). Mike is responsible for the Engineering Department and oversees the development of all technical publications and standards. Mike is an active member of several ACI and ASCE committees; Chair of ACI Committee 314 on Simplified Design of Concrete Buildings, serves on the Board of Directors of the Concrete Industry Board of New York City/NYC ACI Chapter and is a past member of the editorial board of STRUCTURE magazine. Mike was elected a Fellow of ASCE in 2012, ACI in 2013 and SEI in 2015.

David A. Fanella, PhD, PE, SE, FACI, FASCE, FSEI Senior Director of Engineering

Dave’s proficiency and expertise in reinforced concrete design is well regarded in the design community. His role at CRSI is to facilitate the development and output of technical information produced by the Institute as well directing and providing assistance to our technical department and member committees.

Dave has authored numerous publications on reinforced concrete design, including his latest titled Reinforced Concrete Structures - Analysis and Design, Second Edition, which is based on the provisions of ACI 318-14. He was the recipient of the Alfred E. Lindau Award from the American Concrete Institute in 2014.

Prior to joining CRSI, Dave was Principal at a consulting structural engineering firm in Chicago, IL. He is a member of a number of ACI Committees and serves as an Associate Member on the ASCE 7 Committee. He is also past president of the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois.

Nathan Westin, PE, Technical Director

Nathan is responsible for providing technical expertise in the design and construction of reinforced concrete structures. Nathan assists in the development of technical publications by the institute and is staff liaison for CRSI committees on Bar Supports and Reinforcement Anchorages and Splices as well as a member of several ACI and ASTM code committees.

Prior to joining CRSI, Nathan worked as an engineering consultant where he oversaw multiple projects regarding the performance of structural products, systems and materials. Nathan also worked in manufacturing on R&D projects for anchor systems and designed structural anchor connections. Additionally, Nathan has experience as a project engineer on a multi-billion-dollar mixed use project where he supervised the construction of engineering works. Nathan has a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from University of Illinois at Chicago.

Amy Trygestad, PE, FACI, Director of Codes and Standards

Amy’s responsibilities as Director of Codes and Standards includes identifying opportunities, developing strategies, and creating code change proposals and revisions to current standards. She will also assist in developing new CRSI standards documents to advance building requirements that are favorable to the steel reinforced concrete industry.

Amy was the president and principal engineer of Chase Engineering as well as a consulting principal engineer with CTLGroup before joining the Institute. She participated in the Portland Cement Association Program dealing with Buildings and Special Structures for the Central US. Amy served as the concrete industry representative on the Editorial Board for STRUCTURE, the official magazine of the three national structural engineering organizations in the United States—NCSEA, CASE (ACEC), and SEI (ASCE).
Kevin Bott, Western Region Manager

Kevin Bott joined CRSI as Western Region Manager after 13 years of experience as a structural engineer in Tampa, Fla. His design experience includes an assortment of structures, which include football stadiums, hospitals, theme park and entertainment structures, and parking garages. He recently worked as a forensic engineer for litigated claims, which mainly involved water intrusion and the building envelope. Kevin also executed storm damage assessments and repair protocols for buildings damaged by hurricanes.

He will utilize his expertise in his promotion of reinforced concrete and CRSI in the Southwestern United States. Kevin will also work closely with Pacific Northwest Manager, Paul Dye, in promoting CRSI to the entire Western Region of the US.

Rob Kinchler, PE, Greater Southwestern Region Manager

Rob Kinchler joined CRSI in early 2016 and promotes the benefits of reinforced concrete construction to the marketplace. Rob is a structural engineer with years of experience designing industrial and commercial projects. He is available to deliver educational presentations on reinforced concrete systems, technologies, and industry related topics. Rob’s background includes developing conceptual budgets and utilizing subcontractor relationships to more accurately determine up front project costs. He is a graduate of Auburn University and received his M.S. in structural engineering in 1991. Prior to working with CRSI, Rob worked with AISC as a regional engineer. He was responsible for putting together conceptual budgets for projects using steel, developing design fabricate build teams, giving technical presentations, and promoting the use of steel. Before that he worked with Raytheon Engineers and Constructors and Burns & McDonnell EAC designing concrete and steel structures for power plants, paper mills, and other industrial facilities.

Brett Lord, Southeast Region Manager

Brett brings extensive knowledge of concrete and the concrete construction industries. In his role as Region Manager, Brett will promote the use of steel reinforced concrete construction in the Southeast and serve as an industry resource on both regional and national levels. Prior to joining CRSI, he was the Director of Technical Services-Project Management/Estimating at McCarthy Improvement Company. In addition to the ready-mix concrete industry, he has also worked in the autoclaved aerated concrete and lightweight aggregate industries. In the late 1980s Brett served in the United States Army as a Sergeant (E-5) Infantryman. Brett is a graduate of the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Sciences.

David Shepherd, AIA, Midwest Region Manager

David joined the CRSI team as Midwest Region Manager to promote the benefits of reinforced concrete to design professionals, contractors, governmental agency staff and academic institutions. David is a licensed architect with over 35 years in the construction industry. He spent the past 18 years at the Portland Cement Association, most recently as Director of Sustainable Development, and previously as Residential Technology Program Manager. Additionally, he worked for a commercial general contractor, was a construction manager for a major real estate investment / management company and a principal of a residential design/build business.

Paul Dye, Pacific Northwest Manager

Paul joins CRSI as the Pacific Northwest Manager with over 37 years of combined roles in the reinforcing steel industry. He provides a working devotion and understanding to promoting, sustaining and enhancing the reinforcing steel industry. With almost his entire career located in the Pacific Northwest, he maintains an extensive working knowledge of operations, sales, estimating, detailing, and fabrication within the industry. The last 15 years Paul was Vice President and COO of (CRSI member company) Precision Rebar & Accessories, Inc., Vancouver, WA. Previously he was Regional Manager for Graham Steel in Vancouver, and worked as a project manager for Western Coating in Ogden, UT. He started his Reinforcing Steel career with Graham Steel in Kirkland, WA, where he advanced his experiences and extensive working knowledge of the many aspects the industry provides.