



**2017/2018 Division & Class Report  
to the  
ACerS Board of Directors**

Division/Class: Structural Clay Products Division

Current Division/Class Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

**Chair: John Dowdle**  
**Chair-Elect: Luke Odenthal**  
**Vice-chair: Mike Walker**  
**Secretary: Jed Lee**  
**ACerS Board Liaison: Martha Mecartney**  
**PCSA Representative: Arjak Bhattacharjee**

Incoming Division Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

**Note:** most Divisions change officers at the ACerS Annual Meeting in October (MS&T). If your Division changes officers at another time, please indicate when incoming officers will begin their terms: March 2018

**Chair: Luke Odenthal**  
**Chair-Elect: Mike Walker**  
**Vice-chair: Jed Lee**  
**Secretary: Holly Rohrer**  
**Trustee: John Dowdle**

Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2017 through Oct. 2018):

In June 2018, the Structural Clay Products Division (SCPD) held a joint meeting with the Southwest ACerS Section (SWACerS) and National Brick Research Center (NBRC) in Columbia, SC. The meeting was very well attended with about 100 attendees. The meeting included a full day of technical presentations and a full day of plant tours. Tours included visiting Carolina Ceramic Brick Company and they sponsored luncheon for the group. The day concluded with a visit to Meridian Brick and their plant in Columbia, SC.

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2018 – Oct. 2019):

The SCPD is planning a June 2019 meeting in conjunction with the SWACerS and NBRC in Indianapolis, IN. This meeting will include both a technical session and plant tours of area brick plants.

New Initiatives/Opportunities:

Letters were sent out to attendees, who became members of ACerS and the SCP Division as a result of attending the meeting in Columbia to welcome them and to explain the vision of the Structural Clay Products Division.

Beginning in 2019, the SCP created and received Board approval to create a new award to recognize the Best Presentation given at the prior year's Annual Meeting.

The SCPD was able to successfully combine a joint meeting with the SWACerS and NBRC, again this year. This resulted in increased attendance and participation. Attendance at the 2018 meeting in Columbia was about 100 people.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 13, 2018 meeting:

Issues/Concerns:  
N/A

Additional Items of Note:  
N/A

Financial Statement: (Including year-end summary of expenditures from the Division's Funds)  
Attached.

Submitted By: Luke Odenthal, SCPD Chair 2018/2019