

## **Summary**

**of**

**Robert D. Thomas**

### **NOMINATION FOR FELLOW OF THE MASONRY SOCIETY**

It is clear from Bob Thomas's nomination documentation that he is one of only a few outstanding leaders and consensus builders in the masonry industry. Bob's excellent technical background and leadership skills have served The Masonry Society and the masonry industry in an exemplary manner for twenty years. His service to TMS has been outstanding. He has chaired ACT for the past 5 years. Prior to that he chaired the Education committee for 3 years. In addition to these significant leadership roles, he has served on numerous other TMS committees (I count 14) dating back to 1999. As chair of ACT he is also a highly valued member of TMS's Executive Committee, an activity that involves numerous additional meetings and correspondence/conference calls throughout the year. Bob was recognized for his outstanding service to TMS by receipt of the TMS President's Award for Service in 2009. In spite of being selected for the position of President of NCMA, a largely administrative position, Bob continues his substantial participation in the activities of TMS.

Bob has served the industry in several other technical societies, especially ASTM. He has served as chair of Committee C15.04 on Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units for many years. He was recently elected to the ASTM Board of Directors. In addition to ASTM, Bob also is a member of the Building Seismic Safety Council Board of Directors and a member of the American Concrete Institute.

Bob has been technically active throughout his career at NCMA, and has published the results of his work in numerous journals and conference proceedings. The topics of his research are always timely, and the results have provided critical information to the state of the art.

Bob has been recognized by his peers with numerous awards over his career. In addition to the previously mentioned TMS President's Award, he is also recipient of the Alan Yorkdale Award (ASTM), the Gil Robinson Award (ASTM), Award of Appreciation from ASTM Committee C12, Award of Appreciation from ASTM C15, and ASTM's Award of Merit, the highest award given by ASTM.

Bob's letters of recommendation are truly exceptional. Each has given John his or her strongest endorsement for the elevation to the status of Fellow of the Society.

Based on the strength of the nomination package the Award Committee voted unanimously to support his nomination to Fellow of The Masonry Society.